THE EPISTLE TO TILE   
   
   
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 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
 L.. GOD, who at sun- I. } Gop, having in many por-   
 dry times and in divers tions and \*in divers manners spoken \* xenb.xi.6,   
 manners spake in time past   
   
 Cuap. I. 1—II. 18.) Arrer Mani- of the relations between himself, and those   
 FOLD REVELATIONS IN FORMER TIMES, to whom he was writing (see this   
 Gop HAS NOW REVEALED HiMsELr 70, examined in the Introduction). And on   
 vs ix His Son (i, 1—4), wo 18 the idea of superintendence by St. Paul, it   
 GREATER THAN THE ANGELS, THE DIS- wonld obviously admit of the same solu-   
 PENSERS OF THE LAW (i, 4—14; infer- tion. 2. The carefully balanced and rhe-   
 ence, ii, 1—4), THOUGH FoR A TIME HE torical style in whieh the Epistle begins,   
 WAS MADE LOWER THAN THE ANGEIS, characteristic indeed of its whole diction,   
 AND SUBJECTED 10 SUFFERINGS, IN but especially marking this first period   
 ORDER TO BE, AS OUR Hiatt Priest, oon (vv. 1—4), “The clauses are joined bj   
 RECONCILER T0 Gop (fi. 5—18). And close grammatical and rhetorical depend-   
 herein (i. 1—4), and state- ence: there is no breaking off, and no   
 ment of positio: carelessness of construction, but all is   
 We may notice, 1. The opening of this carefully and skilfully disposed.   
 Epistle without any address, or mention of 1.] In many portions (or ‘parts,’ mani-   
 the Author. Various reasons have heen foldly as regards the distribution, For   
 assigned for this, and inferences drawn not all things, nor the same things, were   
 from it (see Introduction). Some have revealed to all the prophets, but the parts   
 said that the matter to be treated was so of great mysteries were distributed among   
 weighty, that the Writer merged altogether them. E,g., Isaiah was inspired to fore-   
 his own personality, and trusted to the tell Christ’s birth from a virgin, and His   
 weight of his subject to gain him a hear- Passion: Daniel, the time of His Advent:   
 in But this would not account for Jonah, His burial: Malachi, the coming of   
 entire omission of the name of the man His Forerunner. And again some had   
 and his standing. Some have therefore more, others less, revealed to them.”   
 imagined that another shorter Ictter of a Estins, «At sundry times? (A.V.) is   
 more private nature must have accom. not an accurate rendering, nor can it he   
 panied this. But we may reply, that this said to. express the meaning: time is a   
 idea derives no countenance from the phx- historical condition of the sequence of   
 nomena of the Epistle itself, as parts,—persons to whom, an anthropo-   
 it does at the end private notices which logical condition,—but it does not follow   
 might well have been dispensed with, if, that ‘at sundry times? or ‘to sundry   
 such a commendatory Epistle had accom- persons) gives the force of ‘in divers   
 panied it. I. must therefore deal with parts? beeanse it might be the same   
 this circumstance without any such hypo- ‘thing which was revealed again and again.   
 thesis to help us. On the supposition of ‘This revelation in portions, by fragments,   
 the authorship by St. Paul, some account in and by various persons, was necessarily   
 may be given of it,—viz. that the name of an imperfect revelation, to which the one   
 the Apostle was concealed, from the nature final manifestation in and by One Person   
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