5—7. 1 PETER. 791   
   
 AUTIIORIZED VERSION, AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 revealed in the last time,   
 ® Wherein ye greatly re-   
 joice, though now for a time ye greatly rejoice, though now   
 season, if need be, ye are| for a season, if need be, 4 ye have p2 cor. tv.17.   
 in heaviness through y mani-|)eon afflicted " in manifold VY tempta- sn   
 fold temptations: 7 that tions: 7 that the proof of your faith,   
 the trial of your faith, ¥ James 1.3,   
 being much more precious |being mueh more precious than gold 12, iys32,   
 than of gold that perisheth, that perisheth, yet \* is tried with fire, »gvznu.20.   
 though it be tried with fire, ‘may be found unto praise and glory Easil A   
 might be found unto praise   
 1 Cor, tRom.tl.7,10. 1Cor.tv. The   
   
 the people of God: see ver. 9; James i. 21, strong word, implying the external e: res   
 Kc.) ready to be (stronger than about to sion and exuberant triumph of joy: ye   
 be, Gal. iii, Rom. viii. 18, ch. v. 1) exult), for a little (as in ch. v. 10) at   
 revealed (sce the two last cited places. present (this would, on the hypothesis of   
 ‘The stress is, as Wiesinger well remarks, ye rejoice being a proper present, be super-   
 not the nearness of the revelation, but the fluous) if it must be so (if it God’s will   
 fact of the salvation being ready to be that it should be so: if is not   
 revealed: not yet to be brought in and affirmative. As (Ecumenius says, “for all   
 accomplished, but already complete, and the saints are not in ailliction”) having   
 only waiting God’s time to be manifested) been afflicted (this past participle, more   
 in the last time (not, as Bengel, Inst, as than any thing, favours the as-if-fature   
 compared to the times of the Old Test., acceptation of the verb, “ye rejoice :”   
 but absolutely, as in the expression, “the looking back from the time of which ex-   
 last day.” It is otherwise in Jude 18, ultation, the grief is regarded as passed   
 which see). away and gone. It carries with it, as in-   
 6—9.] Joy of the Christian at the deed it is rendered in A, V., a slightly ad-   
 realization of this end of his faith. versative sense,—“ though ye were trou-   
 6.] It has been much dispited whether bled,” “troubled as ye were,” or the like)   
 this verse (as also ver. 8, sce there) is to in (not through, but the element and ma-   
 be taken of present joy, or of future. In terial of the affliction) manifold tempta-   
 the latter case the present verb in both tions (temptations, as in James i. 2, 12,   
 places must be a categorical present, used trials, arising from whatever cause ; here,   
 of a future. And this sense seems to be mainly from persecution ; see ch. iv. ff,   
 sanctioned by ver. 8, in which he could on the “fiery infliction which comes for   
 hardly predicate of his readers, that they your trial.” manifold: seo James i. 2):   
 at the present time rejoiced with joy un- 7.] that (end and aim of these tempta-   
 speakable and already glorified. ‘To avoid tions) the proof (see James) of your faith   
 this, those who suppose the whole to allude (equivalent to the fact of your faith being   
 to the time present, and the realization of proved, and so, by an easy transition, the   
 future bliss by faith, imagine the present result of that proof, the and proved   
 verb, “ye rejoice,” to have a slight horta- faith itself), precious than gold which   
 tory force, reminding them of their duty perisheth (more precious is in apposition   
 in the matter. ‘This however again will with proof above. Nosupply before ‘gold,’   
 hardly suit the very strong qualifying such as ‘of? as in A. V., or ‘that of, is   
 terms above quoted from ver. 8. On the legitimate, It is not ‘the proof? which   
 whole, after consideration, I prefer the is precious, though the literal construction   
 former interpretation, and the as-if-future at first sight seems to be this, but the   
 sense of the verb “ rejoice” in both places. faith itself: see above), yet is (usually,   
 In which (i.e. in the time: the habitually) proved by fire (the yet in this   
 in is temporal, bearing the same senée in clause brings out this, that gold though   
 the resumption, as it did at the end of ver. perishable yet needs fire to try it—the   
 5, from which it is resumed. Such is our inference lying in the background, how   
 ‘Apostle’s manner, to resume, in proceeding much more does your faith, which is being   
 fuither, the thing or person just men- proved for eternity, not for mere tempo-   
 tioned, in the same sense as before : com- rary use, need a ficry trial ?), be   
 pare vv. 5, 8, 10) ye rejoice (the verb is a found (finally and once for all, as the