1 PETER. 793   
   
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 ' searching what, or what} 11 searching to what, or what man-   
 manner of time the Spirit | ner of season \*the Spirit of Christ \*sii%.   
 of Christ which was in which was in them did point, when   
 them did signify, when it it testified beforehand °the suffer- » rs.   
 testified beforehand the suf   
 fevings of Christ, and the ings regarding Christ, and the   
 ‘glory that should follow. glories that should follow them.   
 12 Unto whom it was re- whom it revealed:   
 vealed, that not unto them- was   
   
 dividuals were not in their view) : Christ. And it was of these as appointed   
 (the participle takes up again thetwoverbs, for Him as means of bringing in the grace   
 with a view to mark more definitely the ob- which was appointed for you, that the pro-   
 jeetoftheirsearch, now about tobedescribed) phets testified beforehand), and the glories   
 ‘at (towards, with to) what or what after these sufferings] (on these glories,   
 sort of (what, as identifying, what sort of, see ch. iif. 22, ver. 1. © The glory of the   
 as deseribing. “The former means, the very Resurreetion : the glory of the Ascension :   
 date its the latter, the kind of period, the glory of thie judgment and heavenly   
 to be known by various events.” Bengel) kingdom.” Bengel. If it be asked what   
 season was declaring (signifying, reveal- prophets are meant, we may reply, the pro-   
 ing) the Spirit of Christ which was in phets generally. Of one of who did   
 them (the Spirit of Christ, i, e. Christ’s prophesy of the sufferings of Christ, the   
 Spirit: the Spirit which Christ has and glories after them, viz, Daniel, we have it   
 gives, being He who reveals all things re- related, that he “ nnderstood by books the   
 Jating to Christ and the purposes of the mimbor of the years” destined for the deso-   
 Father: see Matt. xi. 27; John xvi. 14, ations of Jerusalem. And our Lord declared   
 15, which passages, though in their normal that many prophets and kings desired to   
 sense they apply to New Test. revelations, see the things which his disciples saw, and   
 yet in their declarative and abstract truth saw them not): to whom (taking np again   
 Tegard the Spirit’s office in all ages. See the prophets . .) it was revealed (how are   
 also Acts xvi. 7) testifying beforchand the these words to he taken? Does it was re~   
 sufferings regarding (spoken of with re- vealed (1) correspond to “searching, dc..””   
 ference to; or, as before, ‘destined for’) so as to signify that the revelation was the   
 Christ (it disputed, whether this be meant result of their search, or the answer to it?   
 of Christ individually, or of Christ mysti- ‘The difficulty in such a would be,   
 cally, including His Church, Our answer that in one instance only would this be   
 may be thus given. ‘The expression is not, true, viz, that of Daniel; and even in that,   
 indeed strictly parallel with that in Col. i, not strictly correspondent: whereas it is   
 24: sce note there: but still the two are here predicated of the prophets generally.   
 so far analogous that they may throw light Most certainly it cannot he in any sense   
 oneon the other, In both,as in ch. ii. said of them, that the exact time of the   
 iii. iv. 1, 13, v. 1, and in many other fulfilment of their prophecies was revealed   
 pluces where sufferings are spoken to them. Or does it (2) signify that just   
 of, Christ is used withont Jesus, not thereby so much was revealed to them, as that their   
 precluding the personal designation of our prophecies were not to be fulfilled in   
 Lord, but still carrying into prominence own time, but in ours? This again woultt   
 the official and mediatorial: and on this be objectionable, seeing @) that there would   
 latter account, if the context seem to re- be nothing corresponding to it in prophetic   
 quite it, including also the wider mystical history, with the sole exception of Daniel,   
 sense in which Christ’s sufferings are those as before: 5) that it would rather indicate   
 of the whole aggregate of His spiritual a stop and discouragement of their search,   
 body, The question for us then is, Does than its legitimate result. Add to this,   
 the context here require this latter ex- that the cases im which St. Peter himself,   
 tended meaning ? And to this we must in the Acts, cites the prophecies, shew how   
 answer decidedly in the negative. The he intended this term “% was revealed”   
 “things which have been now reported tobe taken. E, g. he quotes Joel, Acts ii.   
 unto you by them that preached the gospel 17, speaking of the things prophesied by   
 unto you,” are the contents of the gospel him asto take place “in the last days:” he   
 history, the sufferings and triumphs of says of David, ver. 31, “Seeing before, he