11—14. REVELATION. 957   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 my name, and hast not and didst not deny the faith of me   
 denied my fuith, even in even in the days of Antipas my   
 those days wherein Aati- martyr, my faithful one t, who 1 st00erour   
 pas was my faithful mar-   
 tyr, who was slain among ree oldet   
 you, where Satan dwelleth. was slain among you, where Satan “\*   
 ™ But Ihave a few things; dwelleth. Mt But I have a few   
 ‘against thee, because thou things ag inst thee, beeause thou   
 hast there them that hold hast there them that hold the teach-   
 the doctrine of Balaam, ing of » Balaam, who taught Balak »»   
 who taught Balac to cast to cast a stumblingblock before the wx   
 @ stumblingblock before sons of Israel, °to eat things sacri & xx   
 the children of Israel, to ficed unto idols, “and to commit 2Pet   
 eat things sucrificed unto   
 idols, and to commit for- 20.   
 41 Cor. v1.13,   
 learn by what follows, that he had carried The Greek and Roman martyrologies con-   
 it at Pergamus to the extent of putting tain similar accounts at his day, April 11th.   
 Antipas to death; which seems not to Respecting the childish symbolic meanings   
 have been reached elsewhere at this time. which have been imagined for his name,   
 Whether this may have been owing to in defiance of philology and of sobriety   
 the fact of the residence of the supreme alike, see my Greck Test. On the words   
 magistracy at Pergamus, ortosome fanatical Satan dwelleth, see above).   
 zeal of the inhabitants for the worship 14, 15.] Nevertheless I have against   
 of Esculapins, or to some particular per- thee a few things (used as a term of com-   
 son or persons dwelling there especially parison with the far greater number of   
 hostile to the followers of Christ, must approved things which remained) [that]   
 remain uncer I may remark, that (-e. “namely, that,” introducing the   
 it is plainly of the question to attempt, form of the indictment) : thou hast there   
 ‘as has been done by some, to connect such (in Pergamns: the locality is specitied   
 an expression as this with the prophecies probably on account of the description   
 of the latter portion of the book, and to which has been just given of it as the   
 anticipate for the insignificant Pergamus a place where a faithful martyr had suffered   
 leading place in their fulfilment. The ex- unto death) men holding the teaching of   
 pression is relevant, as the context shews, Balaam (not simply ‘doctrine correspond-   
 merely to the then existing state of the ing to the character of the advice of   
 city, and not to any future part whicl Balam,” but used in strict correspond-   
 should take in the fulfilment of prophecy ence with the words “who taught” fol-   
 ‘and thou holdest fast my name (the pro- lowing: that which a man teaches being   
 fession of thy faith in Me), and didst not his doctrine, And to hold this teaching,   
 deny the faith of mein the days of Antipas is to follow the teaching), who taught   
 ny witness (martyr), my faithful one, Balak (it is not expressly asserted Num.   
 who was slain among you, where Satan xxxi. 16 that it was Balak whom Balaam   
 dwelleth (of Antipas, the shortened form advised to use this agency against Israel :   
 of Antipater,—after the analogy of Her- but the narrative almost implies it: Balak   
 mas for Hermodorus, Lucas aud Silas for was in power, and was the most likely   
 Lucanus andSilvanus,—nothing is known to person to authorize and put in force the   
 us with certainty, except from this passage. scheme, And so Josephus makes Balam   
 Andreas (cent. vi.) that he had read the on departing call to him Balak and the   
 account of hismartyrdom:and Arethas (cent. princes of Midian, and give them the ad-   
 x.) says, that “martyrdom” was still ex- viee) to put a stumblingblock (an occa-   
 tant. Ribera gives an account from Simeon sion of sin) before (in the way, or beforo   
 Metaphrastes, that he was bishop of Per- the face of) the sons of Israel, to eat (i.e.   
 gamus, and lived to extreme old age: and inducing them to eat) things offered to   
 that when a persecution arose, in the time idols (from Num. xxv. 1, 2, it was not   
 of Domitian, after having frequently wit- only participation in things offered to   
 nessed a good confession he suffered death idols, but the actnal offering sacrifices to   
 by being scorched in a hot brazen bull, them, of which the children of Israel were