1014 REVELATION. Ix.   
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 abyss. 2 And he opened the pit of aa 2 And he opened   
 > abyss; © there arose a smoke | S0tomless pits and   
 Jot the abyss; and © there arose a smoke} /)¢ 7 jun ow   
   
 out of the pit, as the smoke of a   
 great furnace ; and the sun and the of the pil, as the smoke   
 were darkened by reason of the of @ great furnace; and   
 the sun and the air   
 smoke of the pit. 3 And out of the were the smoke of by reason   
 smoke came forth ¢ locusts over the 8 And there came out of   
 4 Exod. x4. earth: and unto them was given the smoke locusts upon the   
 Judy. vile power, ®as the scorpions of the earth) given power, unto the scor-   
 it was   
 ever. 10. have power. that they should not pions of the earth have   
 hurt &the grass of the earth, neither) power, not And it was com-   
 neither any tree ;|of te earth, neither any   
 but only those men which have not   
 any green of God upon their fore-| which have not the seal of   
 5 And it was given to them) lgreen in their neither any   
 \tree; but only those men   
   
 heads.   
 {8 And to them it was given   
   
 vision) the key of the pit of the abyss 15), but only (literally, the former   
 (viz, of hell, which in the vision is a vast sentence being regarded as if it had run,   
 profundity opening by a pit or shaft upon “that they should hurt nothing,”—and   
 the surface of the and locked, as abyss then “except” follows naturally) the   
 is in the Apocalypse the habitation of the men, the which (so literally: it   
 devil and his angels: compare ver. eh. the class or kind) have not the seal of   
 xx. 1, 3: see also ch. xi. 7, xvii. 8. See Goa upon their foreheads (this, as before   
 further in note on ch. xx. 10), and he noticed, fixes this fifth trumpet to the   
 opened the pit of the abyss, and there time following the sealing in ch. vii. It   
 went up smoke from the pit as smoke of denotes a plague which falls on the un-   
 a great furnace (sce Gen. xix. 28), the believing inhabitants of the earth after   
 sun was darkened and the air (not mean- the servants of God have been marked   
 ing, the air inasmuch as it receives its out among them, and of which the saints   
 light from the sun: for the sun may be are not partakers. Either theu it denotes   
 obscured, as by a cloud, without the air something purely spiritual, some misery   
 being darkened) by reason of the smoke from which those are cxempt who have   
 of the pit. And out of the smoke (which peace with God,—which can hardly be,   
 therefore was their vehicle or envelope) consistently with vv. 5, 6—or it takes   
 came forth locusts into (towards, over, so place in a state to!   
 as to spread over: it gives more the sense present one, in which the wheat and tares   
 of distribution thau “pon” would) the are mingled together. One or other of   
 earth, and there was given to them these considerations will at once disiniss   
 power as the scorpions of the earth (not. by far the gi   
 as noting any distinction between land tion The   
 and water-seorpions, as ld, but be- heing avowedly ag   
 cause the scorpions are n: and of the timity as idolatry, does not in the re-   
 earth, whereas these locusts are infernal motest degree answer the conditions, In   
 und not of nature) have power the very midst of this corrupt Christianity   
 sting, as below explained): and it was were at that God’s elect seattered np   
 commanded them thst they shall not and do nd it is surely too much to   
 hurt the grass of the earth, nor yet say that every snch person eseaped scath-   
 every (i.e. any) green thing, nor yet less from the Turkish sword). And it was   
 every (any) tree (the usnal objects on given to them (allotted to them by God   
 which locusts prey: compare Exod. x. 13, as the limit of their appointed work and   
 office: here the statement expresses rather