REVEL: ATION. 1015   
   
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 that they should not kill that they should not kill them, Teh. 31.7.   
 them, but that they should that they should be tormented five 1en.st7,   
 be tormented five months: months: and their torment is as the   
 and their torment was as torment of a scorpion, when it hath   
 the torment of a scorpion,   
 when he striketh a man. stricken a man. 6 And in those   
 © And in those days shall   
 men seek death, and shall days \* shall men seek death, and kyo   
 not find it; and shall de- shall not find it; and shall vehe-   
 sire to die, death shall |mently desire to die, and death shall   
 flee from them, 1 And the flee from them. 7 And ! the shapes 1 Joe tis.   
 shapes of the locusts were of the locusts were like unto horses   
 like unto horses prepared prepared for war; ™ and on their Nahum itt   
 unto battle; and on their   
 heads were as it were heads were as it were erowns like   
 crowns like gold, and their gold, ® and their faces were as the Dan vii.   
   
   
 the limitation than the extension of the and not find any way. For it surely ean-   
 graut) that they should not kill them not be allowed that the killing of men   
 (the unsealed), but that they (the un- should be said of their annihilation as a   
 sealed: the subject is changed) shall be political body in oue verse, and their   
 tormented five months (the reason seems desiring to die in the next should be said   
 to be correct, which several Commeutators of something totally different, and appli-   
 have given for this number being chosen: cable to their individual misery).   
 viz. that five mouths is the ordinary time 7] The Apostle now returns ‘to the de-   
 in the year duriug which locusts commit scription of the locusts themselves. And   
 their ravages. At all events we are thus the shapes of the locusts [were] like   
 in some measure delivered from the end- horses made ready for war (this resem-   
 less\_perplexities of capricious fauey in Dlance,—compare Joel ii. 4, “the appear-   
 which the historical interpreters involve ance of them is as the appearance of   
 us): and their torment (i.e. that of the orses,”—bas been noticed by travellers.   
 sufferers) is as the torment of (arising Ewald remarks that one German name for   
 from) @ scorpion, when it has smitten the grasshopper is Heu-pferd, the grass-   
 (by its bite or sting) a man, And in horse. And especially does the likeness   
 those days men shall seck death (observe hold good when the horse is equipped for   
 the transition of the style from the de- war ; the plates of the horse’s being   
 scriptive to the prophetic, For the first represented by the hard laminw of the   
 time the Apostle ceases to be the exponent, outer shell of the locust: see below, ver.   
 of what he saw, and becomes the direct and on their heads as it were crowns like   
 organ of the Spirit), and shall not find it: unto gold (it is not easy to say what this   
 and they shall vehemently desire (desire part of the description imports. An at-   
 alone is not strong enough) to die, and tempt has been made to apply it to the   
 death fleeth (the pres., of the Aabitual turban: but granting some latitude to the   
 avoidance in those days) from them (the rd crowns, like gold will hardly bear   
 longing to die arises the excruciating this, The appearance of a turban, even   
 pain of the sting. See Jer. viii. 3. when ornamented with gold, is hardly   
 1 cannot forbear noticing as we pass, the golden, Yshould understand the words,   
 caprice of historical interpreters. On the ‘of the head actually ending in a crown-   
 command not to kill the men, &e., in ver. shaped fillet ‘resembled gold in its   
 5, our principal modern historical inter- materi tas the wings of some of the   
 preter suys, “i.e. not to annihilate them beetle tribe might be said to blaze with   
 as x political Christian body.” If then the gold and gems. So we have below, they   
 same rule of inaymealles is to hold, the had breastplates as it were breastplates of   
 present verse must mean that the “poli- iron :” the material not being metallic, but   
 tieal Chi body” will be so sorely only as it were metallic. Some understand   
 beset by these pi iorickary locusts, that these crowns of soldiers’ helmets : but this   
 it will desire to be annihilated, is quite arbitrary and gratuitous): and