4—8, REVELATION. 1031   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 ® These have power to shut 6These "have power to shut the ») Xings «i   
 heaven, that it rain not in heaven, that rain may not fall ™”   
 the days of their prophecy : during the days of their propheey :   
 and have power over toaters and they °have power over the ¢#4.vii.19   
 to turn them to blood, and waters to turn them into blood,   
 to smite the earth with all   
 plagues, as often as they   
 will. 7 And when they and to smite the earth with every   
 shall have finished their plague, as often as they will. 7 And   
 testimony, the beast that when they Phave finished their p tute xiit.s2.   
 ascendeth out of the bot- 9 the wild-beast that ahz2..   
 tomless pit shall make war testimony,   
 against them, and shall cometh up ‘out of the abyss \* shall reh-'x.   
 overcome then, and kill make war against them, and shall 2   
 them. And their dead them,   
 bodies shall lie in the overcome their dead + body [+ is] upon \*   
   
 ‘and of the The Sinaitic bodies: ent.   
 re Below ver, + Not expressed the   
   
 application of the words. Individuality is, “when they shall be about finish-   
 could not be more strongly indicated). ing: “whilst they shall perform :””   
 These have (see on the present tense “when they shall lave completed their   
 above) [the] power to shut the heaven, testimony,” meaning thereby not the   
 that the rain may not rain during the whole course of it, but any one complete   
 days of their prophecy (as did Elijah: the delivery of it, which others might have   
 duration of the time also corresponding : followed) their testimony, the wild-beast   
 sce reff.): and they have power over the that cometh up out of the abyss (this   
 waters to turn them into blood (as had is the first mention of the wild-beast ;   
 Moses, ref.), to smite the earth with and the whole description, as remarked   
 (see 1 Sam. iv. 8, from which, applying to above, is anticipatory. ‘The present tenso   
 the plagues in Egypt, the expression is gives ‘simply designation, as so often: aud   
 taken) every plague as often as they shall is not to be interpreted future, “that is   
 be minded (all this points out the spirit tocomeup.” ‘The character of the beast is   
 and power of Moses, combined with that of that he cometh up out of the abyss.   
 Elias. And undoubtedly, it is in these two This wild-beast is evidently identical with   
 directions that we must look for the two that mentioned in ch, xvii. 8, of which   
 witnesses, or lines of witnesses. The one the same term is used, “which is about   
 impersonates the law, the other the pro- to come up out of the abyss:” and if so,   
 phets. ‘The one reminds us of the prophet with that also which is introduced ch. xii   
 whom God should raise up like unto Moses ; ff, as “a wild-beast coming up out of   
 the the Lori's judgment, before it should the sea,” seeing that the same details,   
 forth before the great antl xviii. 10. But of the seven heads and ten horns, are   
 the Lord; “ Who regurd ordained for re- ascribed to the two. But, though the   
 as to be fulfilled individuals, or by lines appellation is anticipatory as far us this   
 of testimony, must depend entirely on the book is concerned, the beast spoken of was   
 indications here given). And when they already fumiliar to its readers from Dan.   
 have finished (the teuse used in the : See below) shall. make war with   
 implies, as plainly as words can imply it, them (the very expression is from Dan.   
 that the whole period of their testimony vii, 21), and shall conquer them and   
 will be at an end when that which is next shall kill them. And their corpse (“their   
 said shall happen. All attempts of the wreck.” The singular is used, not for   
 allegorical expositors to escape this plain any mystical reason, but simply because   
 meaning of the words are in vain, Such the word in the original does not properly   
 signify a dead body, but that which has   
 fallen, be it of one, or of many. Below,   
 where the context requires the separate   
 corpses to be ~ specified, wo have tho