10—15. REVELATION. 1035   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
 tience of the saints : here patience of the saints, t‘ which keep eer   
 aro they that keep the the commandments of God, and thee eis.   
 commandments of God, faith of Jesus.   
 and the faith of Jesus. voice from heaven And I +, Soe, a or   
 18 And I heard a voice ® Blessed are the dead \* which dic sem   
 from heaven saying unto in the Lord from henceforth :   
 me, Write, Blessed are the ith the Spirit, ‘that they may ni rest “i ites MAS   
 dead which die in the Lord from their labours ; + for their works ' Eccles.   
 Sromhenceforth: Yea,saith do follow with them. Bocas   
 the Spirit, that they may M4 And I saw, and behold a white 88-17.   
 rest from their labours ; cloud, and upon the cloud one sitting +Seallour   
 and their works do follow klike unto the Son of man, ! having \* oldest   
 them. ™ And I looked, on his head a golden crown, and in his ; $4}   
 and behold a white cloud, hand a sharp sickle.   
 and upon the cloud one sat angel ™came out of the temple, crying ™ «2.17.   
 like unto the Son of man,   
 having on his head a.golden   
 crown, and in his hand a 15 And another   
 sharp sickle, 8 And an-   
 other angel came out of   
   
 that all the saints of must refuse to do the garner is filled and the chaff cast out.   
 either) is the endurance of the saints, And that not on account of their deliver-   
 who keep the commandments of God ance from any purgatorial fire, because   
 and the faith of Jesus (the faith, that is, of the completion of this number of their   
 which has Mim for its object). And I brethren, and the full capacities of bliss   
 heard a voice out of heaven (whose, brought in by the resurrection. Nor can   
 is not told us, and it is in vain to spe- it legitimately be objected to this, that   
 culate: certainly not, as Hengstenberg, the deaths implied must follow after the   
 from the spirits of the just The proclamation, For no doubt this would   
 command, write, would rather point to the be so, the proclamation itself being an-   
 angel who reveals the visions to the Evan- ticipatory, and the harvest not yet actually   
 gelist, and compare ch. iv. 4), come). Yea, saith the Spirit (the ut-   
 ‘Write, Blessed are the dead who dic in terance of the voice from heaven still   
 the Lord from henceforth (the connexion continues. The affirmation of the Spirit   
 is not difficult. The mention of the en- ratifies the blessedness proclaimed, and   
 durance of the saints brings with it the cer- assigns a reason for it), that they shall   
 tainty of persecution unto death. ‘The pre- (so literally) rest from their labours: for   
 sent proclamation declares the blessedness their works follow with them (for, which   
 of all who die not only in perseention, bnt has seemed so difficult, and which appa-   
 in any manner, in the Lord, in the faith and rently gave rise to the alteration in the   
 obedience of Chris text, is in fact easily explained. ‘They rest   
 mand to write this, ial. from their labours, beeause the time of   
 fort to those in all ages of the church who working is over, their works accompanying   
 should read it, But it is not so easy to them not in a life activity, but in blessed   
 assign a fit meaning to from henceforth. memory; wherefore not labour, but rest is   
 Being thus joined with the former sentence, their lot).   
 it must express some reason why this 14—20.] Tne vision oF THE maAR-   
 blessedness is to be more completely VEST AND THE VINTAGE. 14—16.   
 realized from this time when it is pro- Tne wanvesr. And I saw, and behol   
 claimed, than it was before. Now this ‘a white cloud, and upon the cloud one   
 reason will quickly appear, if we consider sitting like unto the Son of man (i.e. to   
 the particular time, in connexion with Christ, see ch. i, 13 note. This clearly is   
 which the proclamation is made. The our Lord Himself, as there), having on   
 harvest of the earth is about to be reaped ; his head a golden crown (in token of His   
 the vintage of the earth to be gathered. victory being finally : see ch. xix.12),   
 At this time it is, the complete blessed- and in His hand a sharp sickle. And an-   
 ness of the holy dead commences: when other angel (besides the three angels be-