THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

1. The Second Epistle to the Church of the Thessalonians was, like the First, written from Corinth, and at no long interval after the earlier letter, both Silas and Timothy being still with the apostle. Apparently it was called forth, and sent, in order to repair for its recipients, and for us too, the mischief caused by false teachers. And the new revelation made here by the Holy Spirit through Paul concerning "the things to come", as promised in John 16:13, gives important details connected with the coming of our Lord and "the day of the Lord". Paul reminded the Thessalonians (2:5) that he had told them these things, yet some part at least had taken up the belief that that day had already "set in" (2:2 and Note). Hence the apostle's warning that that day would not come unless the falling away came first, a warning much needed in these days when it is widely taught that the day of the Lord will not come until the world is converted to Christ!

2. The important prophecy regarding the "man of sin" ("lawlessness") has been the subject of many divergent interpretations. With regard to its main features, no interpretation is needed, for we have here a careful statement in plain terms of events that were then in the future, and which, not having yet taken place, are future still. The prophecy is given in such language that the simplest reader may understand. There is yet to appear an individual who will be the very incarnation of all evil, of whom past opposers of God and of His Christ were but faint types. Him will the Lord "destroy with the brightness of His coming". It may be added that all the "early fathers" believed that this great opposer would be an individual.
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**THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESALONIANS.**

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2. **Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3. **We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another increases;**

4. **So that we ourselves glory in you in the church of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:**

5. **Which is a concrete token of the righteous judgment of God, to your being counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye suffer also:**

6. **If so be it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that afflict you;**

7. **And to you who are afflicted have liberty with us, in the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of His power.**

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**THE OBTAINING OF REST AND GLORY.**

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**6 Seeing** = If so be. **Gr. eiper.**

**7 rest**. **Gr. anesis.** See Acts 24, 23.

**Lord.** Ap. 98, VI, i, B, 2, A.

**His, &c.** = the angels of His power (Ap. 172, 1).
In fire of flame giving vengeance to them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus ...

Who shall pay the penalty even with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;

When He shall have come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed and to be admired in all them that). With a view to which we pray also always for you, in order that our God would reckon you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power:

That the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we beseech you, brethren, on behalf of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him,

To the end that ye be not quickly shaken from mind, nor troubled, neither by spirit-communication, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Lord is present.

Let not anyone deceive you by any means: because that day shall not come, if not there come the deflection first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition:

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship: so that he sitteth in the Temple building of God, setting forth himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye understand what holds fast to the end that he might be revealed in his own season.

For the secret of lawlessness doth already work actively: only now there is one who holds Satan fast until he is ejected by Michael out of the midst of the heavens.

And then shall the lawless one be revealed,


taking . . . on = giving . . . to.

v. = view.  

taking . . . on shall = shall.

taking . . . on = we pray (Ap. 134. 1. 2) also.

taking . . . on that = in order that.  

taking . . . on what = the.

9 be punished with = pay (Gr. tino). Only here the penalty (Ap. 177. 4), (even).

everlasting destruction = destruction. Gr. oletheos. See 1 Cor. 5. 5.

glorified = glorified. Gr. endoxazosmos. Only here and v. 12.


11 Wherefore = With a view to (Gr. eis) which.

also we pray = we pray (Ap. 134. 1. 2) also.

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Dooming = doom.  

taking . . . on the Lord = the Lord.

the man of sin = the man of sin.  

taking . . . on the Lord = the Lord.

the character of his acts = the character of his acts.

taking . . . on the Lord = the Lord.
whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth, and shall bring to nought with the light of His coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with every form of deceit of unrighteousness in the perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, to the end that they might be saved.

11 And because of this God shall send them a working of error, to the end that they should believe the lie:

12 In order that they all might be condemned who believed not the truth, but were well pleased in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold fast the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by our word, or ... epistle.

14 Unto which he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. That ye both do and will do the will of Christ, and into the patience of Christ.

15 Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, ... our Father, Which ... loved us, and gave us everlasting comfort and good hope through grace,

16 Comfort your hearts, and strengthen you in every good word and work.

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us, in order that the word of the Lord may triumph gloriously, and be glorified, even as it is with you also:

2 And in order that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you, and guard you from the wicked one.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we charge you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the

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name of our †Lord ‡Jesus Christ, that ye ‡withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh ‡disorderly, and not ‡after the ‡tradition which he received from us. 
7 For yourselves ‡know how ye ought to ‡imitate us: for we ‡behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
8 ‡Neither did we eat ‡bread from any one for nought; but ‡working with labour and ‡painfulness night and day, with a view to our not being a burden to any of you:
9 Not because we have not ‡power, but ‡in order that we may make ourselves an example to you to ‡imitate us.
10 For even when we were with you, this we ‡charged you, that ‡if any ‡is not willing to work, ‡neither should he eat.
11 For we hear that there are ‡some which walk among you ‡disorderly, working in nothing, but ‡are busybodies.
12 Now them that are such we ‡charge and ‡exhort in our ‡Lord ‡Jesus Christ, ‡in order that with silence they work, and eat their own bread.
13 But ye, brethren, be not ‡faint ‡in well doing.
14 And ‡if ‡any one obey not our ‡word by this epistle, ‡note this one, and ‡have not company with him, ‡in order that he may ‡be ashamed.
15 Yet reckon him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.
16 Now the ‡Lord ‡of peace himself give you peace through everything in every way. The ‡Lord be with you all.
17 The ‡salutation by the hand of me Paul, which is the ‡sign in every epistle: so I write.
18 The ‡grace of our ‡Lord ‡Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

that man = this one. have . . . company. Gr. sunanamignumi. See 1 Cor. 5. 9, 11. no = not, v. 6. 
be ashamed. Gr. entrepomai. See 1 Cor. 4. 14.
15 count. Gr. hegeomai. See Phil. 2. 6.
16 of peace. Note the eight statements as to God in Note on Acts 7. 2, and cp. 1 Cor. 1. 3.
by all means = in (Gr. en) every way.
17 salutation, &c. Cp. 1 Cor. 16. 21. Col. 4. 18. Read, "by the hand of me Paul".