

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER.

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NOTES ON THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER.

- 1. AUTHORSHIP.** In spite of much divergence of opinion, we conclude that the apostle who wrote the First Epistle wrote this one also. While there is some difference between the tone of the two, this difference has been exaggerated by those who deny that Peter wrote the second letter. And a comparison of the language used shows close resemblance between the two epistles.
- 2. WRITTEN** to the same readers as was the First Epistle (see **3: 1**).
- 3. SUBJECT.** The apostle continues the practical teaching of the earlier letter, exhorts, and warns, illustrating again from the Old Testament history, while himself foretelling the conditions of “the last days”, “the day of judgment”, “the day of the Lord”, and “the day of God”. The similarity to the teaching in *Jude* should be noticed.
- 4. TIME OF WRITING.** This is generally placed between 61 and 65 A.D., but the year is conjectural, although it may reasonably be presented that this epistle was written within a comparatively short period after the First.

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1 ◊SIMON Peter, a ◊servant and an ◊apostle of ◊Jesus Christ, to them that ... ◊obtained like precious ◊faith with us ◊through the ◊righteousness *of our God and* Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 ◊Grace and peace be ◊multiplied *to you* ¹through the ◊knowledge of ¹God, and of ◊Jesus our ◊Lord,

3 According as His ◊divine ◊power hath *been given* ¹to us *as to all* things *for* ◊life and ◊godliness, ◊through the ²knowledge of Him That ... called us *to His own* ◊glory and ◊virtue:

4 *By which* are ³*been given* ²to us *the exceeding* great and precious ◊promises: *in order that* by these ye might *become* ◊partakers of the ³divine nature, having ◊escaped the ◊corruption that is in the ◊world through lust.

5 ◊And *bringing in by the side of this very thing* all ◊diligence, *supply in* your ¹faith ³virtue; and to virtue ◊knowledge;

6 And ⁵*in* ◊knowledge *self-control*; and ⁵*in self-control* patience; and *in* patience ³godliness;

7 And ⁵*in* ◊godliness ◊brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness *love*.

8 For *these things existing in you, and abounding*, they *render you that ye shall not be* barren nor unfruitful in the ²knowledge of our ²Lord ¹Jesus Christ.

9 But he *to whom these things are not present* is blind, *being short-sighted, having received forgetfulness of the cleansing of his sins of long ago*.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, *be diligent* to make your ◊calling and ◊election ◊sure: *for doing* these things, ye shall *by no means ay any time stumble*:

11 For so an ◊entrance shall be *added* ²to you ◊abundantly into the ◊everlasting ◊kingdom of our ²Lord and Saviour ¹Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be ◊negligent to ◊put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye ◊know *them*, and be ◊established in the *truth which is your possession*.

1.1 Simon. Gr. *Simeon*, as in Acts 15. 14.
servant. Ap. 190. I. 2.

apostle. Ap. 189.

have. Omit.

obtained. Gr. *lanchano*. See Acts 1. 17.

like precious. Gr. *isotimoe*. Only here.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

through. Ap. 104. viii.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3.

of, &c. = of our God and, &c.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

2 Grace. Ap. 184. I. 1.

multiplied. Cp. 1 Pet. 1. 2 and Jude 2.

knowledge. Ap. 132. II. ii.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

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

3 divine. Gr. *theios*. See Acts 17. 29.

given = been given. It is the same perfect passive transl. "are given" in v.

4. Gr. *doreo*. See Mark 15. 45.

that pertain unto = for. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

godliness. See 1 Tim. 2. 2.

hath. Omit.

glory. See p. 1511.

4 Whereby = By (Ap. 104. v. 1) which.

exceeding = the exceeding.

promises. Gr. *epangelma*. Only here and 3. 13.

that = in order that. Gr. *hina*.

be = become.

partakers. See 1 Cor. 10. 18.

escaped. Gr. *apopheugo*. Only here and 2. 18, 20.

corruption. Gr. *phthora*. See Rom. 8. 21.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

unto = to.

power. Ap. 172. 1.

all = (as to) all.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

through. Ap. 104. v. 1.

to = to His own, as the texts.

virtue. See Phil. 4. 8.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

1: 5-11. EXHORTATION.

5-7. Exhortation. Diligence.

8, 9. Reasons. Positive and Negative.

10-. Exhortation. Diligence.

-10, 11. Reasons. Negative and Positive.

5 And. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton*. Seven "ands" in vv. 5-7.

beside this, giving. Lit. bringing in by the side of (Gr. *pareisphero*. Only here) this very thing.

diligence. Gr. *spoude*, as Jude 3.

add = minister, or supply. Gr. *epickoregeo*. See 2 Cor. 9. 10.

to = in. Ap. 104. viii.

knowledge. Ap. 132. II. i.

6 temperance = self-control. Gr. *enkrateia*. See Acts 24. 25.

7 brotherly kindness. See Rom. 12. 10.

charity = love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

make = render. Gr. *kathistemi*. First occ. Matt. 24. 45.

nor. Gr. *oude*.

in. Ap. 104. vi.

and cannot, &c. = being short-sighted. Gr. *muopazo*. Only here.

that he was purged from = of the cleansing (Gr. *katharismos*. See

sins. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

calling. See Rom. 11. 29.

election. See Acts 9. 15.

never = by no means (Ap. 105. III) at any time.

ministered. Same as "add", v. 5.

abundantly. Gr. *plousios*. See

everlasting. Ap. 151. II. B. ii.

kingdom. Ap. 112. 6.

put ... in remembrance. Gr. *hupomimnesko*. See

established. Cp. 1. Pet. 5. 10.

the present truth = the truth which

8 if, &c. = these things existing (Gr. *huparcho*. See Luke 9. 48) in you, and abounding.

neither = not. Ap. 105. I.

barren = useless. Gr. *argos*. See Matt. 12. 36.

9 that lacketh, &c. = to whom these things are not (Ap. 105. II) present.

and hath, &c. = having received forgetfulness (Gr. *lethe*. Only here).

Heb. 1. 3) of.

old sins = sins of long ago (Gr. *palai*).

10 give diligence = be diligent. Gr. *spoudazo*. See noun in v. 5.

sure. Gr. *bebaios*. See Rom. 4. 16.

if ye do = doing.

fall = stumble. Gr. *ptaio*. See Rom. 11. 11.

11 entrance. Same word in Heb. 10. 19.

ministered. Same as "add", v. 5.

abundantly. Gr. *plousios*. See

Col. 3. 16.

into. Ap. 104. vi.

everlasting. Ap. 151. II. B. ii.

kingdom. Ap. 112. 6.

12 not. Ap. 105. 1.

negligent. Gr. *ameleo*. See 1 Tim. 4. 14.

put ... in remembrance. Gr. *hupomimnesko*. See

John 14. 26.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

established. Cp. 1. Pet. 5. 10.

the present truth = the truth which

is present (cp. v. 9), i.e. which is your possession.

13 Yea, I think it *just, for such time as* I am in this *body*, to stir you up *in* remembrance;

14 ¹²Knowing that shortly *is the putting off of* this my ¹³*body*, even as our ²Lord ¹Jesus Christ *also declared to* me.

15 Moreover I will *give diligence* that ye may be able after my decease [death] *to make remembrance of these things at every time*.

16 For we *did not follow* cunningly devised fables, when we made known ²to you the ³power and coming of our ²Lord ¹Jesus Christ, but *became* eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For He received from ¹God the Father honour and ³glory, when there *was borne* such a voice to Him *by* the excellent ³glory, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I *have found delight*".

18 And this voice which ¹⁷*was borne out from* heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount.

19 We have also *the prophetic word more sure; to which* ye do well *taking heed in your hearts*, as ²to a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture *comes of its own* interpretation.

21 For the prophecy ¹⁷*was borne* not *at any time* by the desire of man: but ... men *from* God spake as they were *borne along* by *Divine power*.

2 But there *arose* false prophets also among the people, *as among you also there shall be* false teachers, *such as* privily shall bring in *heresies of destruction, denying even* the Lord That *redeemed* them, *bringing upon* themselves swift destruction.

holy. Because, and while, the Lord was there. 26) word (Ap. 121. 10) more sure.

here. **light.** Ap. 130. 4. **whereunto** = to which. **shineth.** Ap. 106. I. i.

Only here. **day star.** Gr. *phosphoros*. Only here.

20 Knowing. Ap. 132. I. ii. **is** = comes. **any private** = its own. Gr. *idios*.

epiluo is found in Mark 4. 34 (expounded), and Acts 19. 39 (determined). This shows that the meaning is that prophecy is not self-originated by the speaker.

21 in old time = at any time. Gr. *pote*. **by.** No prep. Dat. case. **will.** Ap. 102. 2. **man.** Ap. 123. 1. **holy.** Omit.

of. The texts read *apo*, from. **spake.** Ap. 121. 7. **moved** = borne along. Gr. *phero*, as in v. 17.

the Holy Ghost = Divine power. No art. Ap. 101. II. 14.

13 meet = just. Ap. 191. 1.

as long as = for (Ap. 104. ix. 3) such (time) as.

tabernacle. Gr. *skēnoma*. See Acts 7. 46.

stir ... up. Ap. 178. I. 5.

by putting you in = in.

remembrance. Gr. *hupomnesis*. See 2 Tim. 1. 5.

14 shortly. Gr. *tachinos*. Only here and 2. 1 (swift).

I must put off = is the putting off of. Gr. *apothesis*. See 1 Pet. 3. 21.

hath. Omit, and supply "also".

shewed = declared. Gr. *deloo*. See 1 Cor. 1. 11. Cp. John 21. 18, 19.

15 endeavour. Same as "give diligence", v. 10.

decease. Gr. *exodos*. See Luke 9. 31.

to have, &c. = to make remembrance (Gr. *mneme*. Only here) of these things.

always = at every time. Gr. *hekastote*. Only here.

1: 16-21. APOSTLES AND PROPHETS.

16- What the apostolic witness was not. A myth.

-16. What it was. A vision of the coming Christ.

17, 18. How it came. Voice borne from heaven.

19. What the Prophetic Word is. A light till Christ's coming.

20. What it is not. Not of its own revealing.

21. How it came. Brought by power from on high.

16 have not followed = did not follow.

followed. Gr. *exakoloutheo*. Only here and 2. 2, 15.

cunningly, &c. Gr. *sophizo*. See 2 Tim. 3. 15.

fables. See 1 Tim. 1. 4.

coming. See Matt. 24. 3 (first occ).

were = became.

eyewitnesses. Gr. *epoptes*. Only here. The verb in 1 Pet. 2. 12; 3. 2. Cp. Luke 1. 2.

majesty. Gr. *megaleiotes*. See Acts 19. 27.

17 Father. Ap. 98. III.

came = was borne. Gr. *phero*, as in 1 Pet. 1. 13 (brought).

such. Gr. *toiosde*. Only here. Implying emphasis. The usual word is *toioutos*, which OCC. 61 times. **from** = by. Ap. 104. xviii. 1.

excellent. Gr. *megaloprepes*. Only here. Cp. v. 16.

beloved. Ap. 135. III.

Son. Ap. 108. iii.

well pleased. See Matt. 3. 17; 12. 18; 17. 5.

18 heaven. Sing. See Matt. 6. 9, 10.

19 a more sure, &c. = the prophetic (Gr. *prophetikos*. See Rom. 16.

that ye take heed = taking heed; "in your hearts" should follow

dark. Gr. *auchmeros*. Only here. **dawn.** Gr. *diaugazo*.

interpretation. Gr. *epilusis*. Only here. The verb

will. Ap. 102. 2. **man.** Ap. 123. 1. **holy.** Omit.

moved = borne along. Gr. *phero*, as in v. 17.

2: 1-22. THE WICKED.

1- Character.

-1. Judgment.

2. Followers.

3- Character.

-3-17. Judgment.

18-22. Followers.

2. 1 were = arose.

See Acts 2. 47.

who = such as.

bought. See Matt. 13. 44, 46.

destruction. See "damnable", above.

false prophets. Gr. *pseudoprophetes*. Cp. Matt. 24. 11, 24. Luke 6. 26. Acts 13. 6. 1 John 4. 1.

even as, &c. Read, as among you also, &c.

privily ... in. Gr. *pareisago*. Only here. Cp. Rom. 5. 20 and Gal. 2. 4.

and bring upon = bringing upon. Gr. *epago*. See Acts 5. 28.

even denying = denying even.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. ii. 2.

swift. See 1. 14.

people.

false teachers. Gr. *pseudodidaskalos*. Only here.

damnable heresies = heresies (Acts 5. 17) of

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. ii. 2.

swift. See 1. 14.

2 And many shall follow their *lasciviousnesses* ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be *blasphemed*.
3 And through covetousness shall they with *fabricated* words make merchandise of you: whose judgment from *of old* lingereth not, and their *destruction* slumbereth not.
4 For if God spared not ... angels when they sinned, but *having thrust down to Tartarus*, and delivered them into *pits* of darkness, ... reserved unto judgment;
5 And spared not the *ancient* world, but *preserved* Noah (and seven others), a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, *having made them an example of* those that are about to live ungodly;
7 And rescued just Lot, *oppressed by* the filthy behaviour in lasciviousness of the lawless:
8 (For the just one dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, *torment his just* soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds);
9 The Lord knoweth how to rescue the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto a day of judgment to be *destroyed*:
10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise *dominion*. *Daring are they*, selfwilled, they do not tremble to *blaspheme glories*.

2 follow. See 1. 16.
pernicious ways. Gr. *apoleia*, as v. 1, but the texts read "lasciviousnesses". Gr. *aselgeia*. See Rom. 13. 13.
by reason of. Ap. 104. v. 2.
evil spoken of = blasphemed, as 1 Pet. 4. 4.
3 covetousness. Gr. *pleonexia*. First occ. Mark 7. 22.
feigned = formed, i.e. fabricated. Gr. *plastos*. Only here.
words. Ap. 121. 10.
make merchandise of. Gr. *emporeuomai*. See Jas. 4. 13.

2: -3-17. JUDGMENT.	
-3.	Judgment.
4-8.	Ungodly of old times.
9-.	Deliverance of godly.
-9.	Judgment.
10-17.	Ungodly of latter times.

judgment. Ap. 177. 6.
now, &c. = from (Ap. 104. vii) of old (as in 3. 5).
lingereth. Gr. *argeo*. Only here. Cp. 1. 8.
damnation. Same as "destruction", v. 1.
slumbereth. Gr. *nustazo*. Only here and Matt. 25. 5.

2: 4-8. UNGODLY OF OLD TIME.	
4-.	Angels.
-4.	Cast down to Tartarus.
5-.	The old world.
-5.	The flood.
6-.	Sodom and Gomorrha.
-6-8.	Overthrow.

4 if. Ap. 118. 2. a. **God.** Ap. 98. I. i. 1.
spared. See Acts 20. 29. **the.** Omit.
that = when they. **sinned.** Ap. 128. I. i.
cast . . . down to hell, and = having thrust down to Tartarus.

delivered. See John 19. 30. **chains.** Gr. *seira*, a cord. Only here. The texts read "pits". Gr. *seiros*. **darkness.** Gr. *zophos*. Only here, v. 17, and Jude 6, 13. **to be.** Omit. **judgment.** Ap. 177. 7.
5 And. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton* (Ap. 6) in vv. 5-7. **old** = ancient. See Matt. 5. 21. **world.** Ap. 129. 1.
saved = preserved. Same word John 17. 12. **the eighth.** A Gr. idiom for himself and seven others. **preacher.** Ap. 121. 2.
righteousness. Ap. 191. 3. **ungodly.** Gr. *asebes*. See Ap. 128. IV. **condemned.** Ap. 122. 7. **overthrow.** Gr. *katastrophe*. See 2 Tim. 2. 14.
6 turning ... into ashes. Gr. *tephroo*. Only here. **unto** = of. **that after should.** Lit. about to.
making = having made. **ensample.** Gr. *hupodeigma*. See John 13. 15. **just.** Ap. 191. 1. **Lot.** As believing Jehovah, Lot was justified. We do not know all his life, and we do not know all implied by the rest of this verse and by v. 8. **vexed** = oppressed. See Acts 7. 24. **with** = by.
live ungodly. Gr. *asebeo*. Only here and Jude 15. Cp. v. 5. **Ap. 104. xviii. 1.** **filthy conversation** = behaviour (see Gal. 1. 13) in (Gr. *en*) lasciviousness (Gr. *aselgeia*. See 1 Pet. 4. 3).
7 delivered = rescued. As in 2 Cor. 1. 10. **wicked** = lawless. Gr. *athesmos*. Only here and 3. 17. **dwelling.** Gr. *enkatoikeo*. Only here. **seeing.** Gr. *blemma*. Only here.
8 that righteous man = the just one. Cp. v. 7. **unlawful.** Ap. 128. III. 3. **righteous.** Same as "just", above.
vexed. Gr. *basanizo*. Transl "torment", except Matt. 14. 24. Mark 6. 48 (where see note). Rev. 12. 2. **soul** Ap. 110. IV. 1. **knoweth.** Ap. 132. I. i. **godly.** Gr. *eusebes*. See Acts 10. 2. **out of.** Ap. 104. vii.
9 Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. 1. B. b. **temptations** = temptation. See 1 Pet. 1. 6. **the** = a. **punished.** Cp. Job 21. 30.

2: 10-17. UNGODLY OF LATER TIME.	
10.	Description. Fleshly lusts and presumption.
11.	Contrast. Angels.
12, 13-.	End.
-13, 14.	Description. Lusts and covetousness.
15, 16.	Comparison. Balaam.
17.	End.

10 uncleanness. Gr. *miasmos*. Only here. Cp. v. 20. **Presumptuous** = Daring. Gr. *tolmetes*. Only here. **government** = dominion. Gr. *kuriotes*. See Eph. 1. 21. Jude 8. self willed. Gr. *authades*. See Tit. 1. 7. **are not afraid** = do not tremble.
speaking evil of = blaspheme, as v. 2. **dignities.** Lit. glories. Gr. *doxa*. See p. 1511. Only here and Jude 8 used as a title.

11 Whereas angels, *though being* greater in ^opower and ^omight, bring not ^orailing ^oaccusation against them ^obefore the ⁹Lord.

12 But these, as *instinctive unreasonable living creatures*, made *for capture and destruction*, ¹⁰speak evil *in* the things that they *are ignorant of*; and shall *even perish* in their own ^ocorruption;

13 And shall receive the *wages* of ^ounrighteousness, *reckoning it, as they do*, pleasure *living delicately in a day*. ^oSpots *they are* and ^oblemishes, *living delicately in* their own ^odeceivings [*love feasts*] while they ^ofeast with you;

14 Having eyes full of *an adulteress*, and ^othat cannot cease from ^osin; ^obeguiling ^ounstable ^osouls: *having a heart* they have ^oexercised with *covetousness*; *children of the curse*:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, ²following the way of ^oBalaam *the son of* ^oBosor, who ^oloved the *reward* of ¹³unrighteousness;

16 But *had rebuke for his own* ^oiniquity: the ^odumb ^oass ^ospeaking with ^oman's voice *hindered* the madness of the ^oprophet.

17 These are *fountains* ^owithout water, *mists* that are *driven* with a ^otempest; to whom the *darkness* of darkness is reserved ...

18 For when they ¹⁶speak ^ogreat swelling *words* of ^ovanity, they *beguile* through the lusts of the flesh, *by filthiness*, those that were *indeed, but just escaping* from them who ^olive in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves *being* the ^oservants of ¹²corruption: for of whom ^oa man is ^oovercome, of the same is he *enslaved also*.

20 For ⁴if after they have ¹⁸escaped the ^opollutions of the ⁵world through the ^oknowledge of the ^oLord and Saviour ^oJesus Christ, they are again ^oentangled therein, and ¹⁹overcome, the *last things is become* worse with them than the *first*.

11 which are = though being. **power.** Ap. 172. 3.

might. Ap. 172. 1. Cp. Ps. 103. 20. 2 Thess. 1. 7.

railing. Gr. *blasphemos*, as 1 Tim. 1. 13.

accusation. Ap. 177. 7.

before. Ap. 104. xii. 2. Cp. Jude 9. Zech. 3. 1, 2.

12 natural. Gr. *phusikos*. See Rom. 1. 26.

brute. Gr. *alogos*. See Acts 25. 27.

beasts = living creatures. Gr. *zoon*. Same as Heb. 13. 11.

to be taken, &c. = for (Ap. 104. vi) capture (Gr. *halosis*. Only here) and destruction (Gr. *phthora*. See Rom. 8. 21).

of = in. Ap. 104. viii.

understand not = are ignorant of. Gr. *agnoeo*.

utterly perish. Gr. *kataphtheiro*. See 2 Tim. 3. 8. The texts read "even perish" (*kai phtheiro*).

corruption. Gr. *phthora*, as above.

13 reward = wages. Gr. *misthos*.

unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1. Cp. v. 15 and Acts 1. 18.

as they, &c. = reckoning it (as they do).

to riot = living delicately. Gr. *truphe*. Only here and Luke 7. 25. Cp. Jas. 5. 5. **the day time.** Lit. a day.

Spots. Gr. *spilos*. Here and Eph. 5. 27.

blemishes. Gr. *mosimos*. Only here. Cp. 2 Cor. 6. 3 (blamed).

sporting themselves = living delicately. Gr. *en-truphao*. Only here.

Cp. *trupho*, above.

with = in. Ap. 104. viii.

deceivings. Gr. *apate*. See Eph. 4. 22. Some texts read "love feasts". Gr. *agape*, as in Jude 12. Cp. 1 Cor. 11. 21.

feast with. Gr. *suneuocheomai*. Only here and Jude 12.

14 adultery = an adulteress.

that cannot cease. Gr. *akatapaustos*. Only here.

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

beguiling. See Jas. 1. 14.

unstable. Gr. *asteriktos*. Only here and 3. 16.

souls. Ap. 110. II.

an heart, &c = having a heart.

exercised. See 1 Tim. 4. 7.

covetous practices = covetousness.

cursed children = children (Ap. 108. i) of (the) curse.

15 Balaam. See Num. 22.

Bosor. See Num. 22. 5 (note). Some texts read "Beor".

loved. Ap. 135. I. 1.

wages. Same as reward, v. 13.

16 was rebuked = had rebuke (Gr. *elenxis*. Only here).

his = his own.

iniquity. Ap. 128. VII. 3. Only here.

dumb. See Acts 8. 32.

ass. Gr. *hupozugion*. Only here and Matt. 21. 5.

speaking. See Acts 4. 18.

man's. Ap. 123. 1.

forbad = hindered.

madness. Gr. *paraphronia*. Only here.

Cp. 2 Cor. 11. 23.

prophet. Ap. 189. Balaam delivered Jehovah's messages (Num. 23. 5. 16;

24. 4, 13), however unwillingly. He afterwards became a minister of Satan,

in the counsel he gave Balak (Num. 31. 8, 16).

17 wells. Gr. *pege*. Always transl. "fountain", save here and John 4. 6, 14.

Luke 11. 24 (dry), and Jude 12.

clouds. The texts read "mists" (Gr. *homichle*. Only here)

without water. Gr. *anudros*. Only here; Matt. 12. 43 (dry).

tempest. Gr. *lailaps*. Here and Mark 4. 37. Luke 8. 23.

mist. Same as "darkness", v. 4.

for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a. But the texts omit.

2: 18-22. FOLLOWERS.

18-. Seducers. Their methods.

-18. The seduced. Their past escape.

19. Seducers. Their promise.

20-22. The seduced. Their apostasy.

18 great swelling. Gr. *huperonkos*. Only here and Jude 16.

vanity. Gr. *mataiotes*. See Rom. 8. 20.

allure. Same as "beguile", v. 14.

through, &c. Lit. by (dat. case) lasciviousnesses. See "filthy", v. 7.

clean = indeed. Gr. *ontos*. See 1 Cor. 14. 25.

escaped. See 1. 4. The texts read "scarcely" or "but just (Gr. *oligos*) escaping".

live. Gr. *anastrepho*. See 1 Pet. 1. 17.

19 are = being. Gr. *huparcho*. See Luke 9. 48.

servants. Ap. 190. I. 2.

a man. Ap. 123. 3.

overcome. Gr. *hettaomai*. See 2 Cor. 12. 13.

brought in bondage = enslaved. Ap. 190. III. 3. Add "also".

20 pollutions. Gr. *miasma*. Only here. Cp. v. 10.

knowledge. See 1. 2, 3, 8.

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

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI. Cp. 3. 18.

entangled. Gr. *empleko*. See 2 Tim. 2. 4.

latter end. Lit. last things.

is = is become.

beginning = first.

21 For it had been better for them not to have ^oknown the way of ⁵righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to **turn back** from the holy commandment ⁴delivered *to* them.

22 But *there hath* happened ²¹*to* them *the fulfillment of* the ^otrue ^oproverb, "The dog is **turned back** to his own ^ovomit ...;" and the ^osow that was ^owashed to her ^owallowing in *the* ^omire.

3 This ^osecond epistle, ^obeloved, I now write *to* you; in ... which [*both*] I ^ostir up your *sincere mind in* ^oremembrance:

2 *To* ^obe mindful of the ^owords which were spoken before by the holy ^oprophets, and of the commandment of *your* ^oapostles of the ^oLord and Saviour:

3 ^oKnowing this first, that there shall come in the ^olast days [*days of Messiah*] *mockers*, ^owalking *in mockery* after their own lusts,

4 And saying, "Where is the promise of **His** ^ocoming? for *from the day* the fathers ^ofell asleep, all things ^ocontinue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation."

5 For ^othis they willingly are ignorant of, that by the ^oword of ^oGod the ^oheavens were ^oof old, and the ^oearth *consisting of* ... water and *through* ... water:

6 *By which means* ^othe world that then was, being ^ooverflowed with water, ^operished:

7 But the ⁵heavens and the ⁵earth, which are now, by the same ⁵word are *treasured up*, reserved *for* fire *unto a* day of ^ojudgment and *destruction* of ^oungodly ^omen.

8 But, ¹beloved, *let not this one thing be hidden from you*, that one day *is* with the ^oLord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord *does not delay* ^oconcerning **His** promise, as ^osome men *account* ^oslackness; but is longsuffering *toward you*, not ^owilling [*desiring*] that any should ⁶perish, but that all should come to ^orepentance.

21 not. Ap. 105. II.

known. Ap. 132. I. iii.

turn = turn back.

from. Ap. 104. vii.

unto = to.

22 it is = there hath.

according to = the (fulfillment) of.

true. Ap. 175. 1.

proverb. Gr. *paroimia*. See John 10. 6.

turned = turned back.

to. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

vomit. Gr. *exerama*. Only here.

again. Omit. Quoted from Prov. 26. 11.

sow. Gr. *hus*. Only here.

washed. Ap. 136. iii.

wallowing. Gr. *kulisma*. Only here. Cp. Mark 9. 20.

mire. Gr. *borboros*. Only here.

3. 1. second. This shows that the epistle is addressed to the same readers as is the first.

beloved. Ap. 135. III.

unto = to.

which. Pl. Hence the insertion of *both*.

stir up. Ap. 178. I. 5. See 1. 13.

pure. See Phil. 1. 10 (sincere).

minds = mind.

by way of = in.

remembrance. See 1. 13.

2 That ye may = To.

be mindful. See 2 Tim. 1. 4.

words. Gr. *rhema*. See Mark 9. 32.

by. Ap. 104. xviii. 1.

prophets. Ap. 189.

us the. The texts read "your".

apostles. Ap. 189.

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

3: 3-13. THE WICKED.

3, 4-. The Coming. Scoffed at.

-4. Reason.

5-8. Day of judgment. "The world that then was".

9-. The Coming. Delayed.

-9. Reason.

10-13. Day of the Lord.

3 Knowing. Ap. 132. I. ii.

in. Ap. 104. ix. 1.

last days. See Acts 2. 17. 2 Tim. 3. 1.

scoffers = mockers. Gr. *empaiktes*. Only here and Jude 18.

walking. All the texts add after walking, "in (Ap. 104. viii) mockery".

Gr. *empaigmone*. Only here. Cp. Heb. 11. 36.

after. Ap. 104. x. 2.

fell asleep. Ap. 171. 2.

continue. Gr. *diameno*.

4 coming. See Matt. 24. 3.
See Gal. 2. 5.

since = from (Ap. 104. iv) the (day).

3: 5-8. DAY OF JUDGMENT.

5-. Wilful Ignorance.

-5-7. Past and future judgment.

8-. Warning against ignorance.

-8. Divine periods.

5 this, &c. Lit. this is hid from (Gr. *lanthano*. See Acts 26. 26) them willing (Ap. 102. 1) it.

word. Ap. 121. 10.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

heavens. Pl. See Matt. 6. 9, 10.

of old. Gr. *ekpalai*. See 2. 3.

earth. Ap. 129. 4.

standing = consisting. Gr. *sunistemi*.

See Col. 1. 17.

out of = of. Ap. 104. vii.

the. Omit.

in = through. Ap. 104. v. 1. The reference is to Pss. 24. 2; 136. 5,

6. Cp. Gen. 1. 6, 7.

the world, &c. Lit. the then world (Ap. 129. 1).

overflowed. Gr. *katakluzo*. Only here. Cp. 2. 5.

perished. See John 17. 12.

7 kept in store = treasured up. unto = for.

against = unto. Ap. 104. vi.

the = a. judgment. Ap. 177. 7.

perdition. See

John 17. 12. ungodly. See 1 Pet. 4. 18.

men. Ap. 123. 1.

8 be not, &c. Lit. let not this one thing be hidden (as v. 6) from you.

with. Ap. 104. xii. 2.

LORD. Ap. 98. VI. i. B. 1. B. b.

9 is not slack = does not delay. See 1 Tim. 3. 15.

concerning.

Ap. 17. 5.

some men. Ap. 124. 4.

count = reckon. Same word "account", v. 15.

slackness. Gr. *bradutes*. Only here.

to us-ward = toward (Ap. 104. vi) us, but the texts read "you".

willing. Ap. 102. 3.

any. Ap. 123. 3.

repentance. Ap. 111. II.

10 But the day of the ⁸Lord will come as a thief ...; in the which the ⁵heavens shall pass away *with a rushing sound*, and the *elementary rules* shall *be dissolved being burnt up*, the ⁵earth also and the works that are *in it* shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then *that* all these things shall be ^odissolved, what manner of *persons* ought ye to ^obe in *all* holy *behaviour* and ^ogodliness,

12 *Be in expectation* and *hastening* the ⁴coming of the day of ⁵God, *on account of which* the ⁵heavens *fiery* shall be ¹¹dissolved, and the ¹⁰*elementary rules* shall ^omelt [*liquefy*] ¹⁰*being burnt up* ?

13 Nevertheless we, ^oaccording to His ^opromise, ¹²*are expecting* ^onew ⁵heavens and a new ⁵earth, *in which* ^odwelleth ^orighteousness.

14 Wherefore, ¹beloved, seeing that ye ¹²*be in expectation* for *these* things, ^obe diligent that ye may be found ^oof Him in peace, ^owithout spot, and ^oblameless.

15 And ⁹account *that* the longsuffering of our ²Lord *is* salvation; even as our ¹beloved brother Paul also ¹³according to the wisdom given ¹to him *wrote* ¹to you;

16 As *in all his epistles also*, ^ospeaking in them of these things; in which are ^osome things ^ohard to be understood, which they that are ^ounlearned and ^ounstable *strain*, as *they do* [*in*] *the other Scriptures also*, unto their own ^odestruction.

17 Ye therefore, ¹beloved, seeing ye ^oknow *these things* before, *be on your guard in order that not* ye also, being ^oled away with the error of the *lawless*, ^ofall from your own ^osteadfastness.

18 But grow in ^ograce, and *in* the ^oknowledge of our ²Lord and Saviour ^oJesus Christ. To Him *be* ^oglory both now and ^ofor ever. Amen.

of Dat. case. No prep.

15 *hath written* = wrote. Some think this refers to the Epistle to the Hebrews.

some. Ap. 124. 4 (neut).

1 Cor. 14. 16. 2 Tim. 2. 23.

It means to strain or twist, and so to torture. Occ. in Apocrypha.

17 *know... before.* Gr. *proginosko*. Ap. 132. I. iv.

as in v. 8).

fall. Gr. *ekpipto*. Occ. Gal. 5. 4.

18 *grace.* Ap. 184. I. 1.

for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 5.

without spot. See 1 Tim. 6. 14.

hard, &c. Gr. *dusnoetos*. Only here.

unstable. See 2. 14.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

beware = be on your guard.

led away. Gr. *aunapagomai*. See Rom. 12. 16. Gal. 2. 13.

steadfastness. Gr. *sterigmos*. Only here. The verb in 1. 12.

knowledge. Ap. 132. II. i.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

wicked. See 2. 7.

glory. See p. 1511.

3: 10-13. THE DAY OF THE LORD.

10-	The Day certain though unexpected.
-10.	Heavens and earth destroyed.
11-	Dissolved.
-11.	Holiness.
12-	The Day desired.
-12.	Heavens and earth destroyed.
13-	Re-Creation.
-13.	Righteousness.

10 in the night. The texts omit. Cp. 1 Thess. 5. 2, 4.

with a great noise = with a rushing sound. Gr. *rhoizedon*. Only here.

elements. See Gal. 4. 3.

melt = be dissolved. Gr. *luo*, to loose. Cp. Ap. 174. 11.

with fervent heat = being burnt up. Gr. *kausoo*. Only here and v. 12.

therein = in (Ap. 104. viii) it. **burned up.** See 1 Cor. 3. 15.

11 dissolved. See "melt", v. 10.

be. See Luke 9. 48.

conversation. See 1 Pet. 1. 15.

godliness. See 1 Tim. 2. 2.

12 Looking for. Ap. 133. III. 3. See Luke 3. 15 (be in expectation).

hasting unto = hastening. Gr. *speudo*. Elsewhere intransitive. Luke 19. 5. Acts 22. 18; &c. Man can neither hinder nor advance the kingdom of God. But here the meaning is "Looking for, yes and earnestly looking for, the coming of the day of God".

wherein = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) which (pl.).

being on fire. See Eph. 6. 16 (fiery).

melt. Gr. *tekamai*. Only here.

13 according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

promise. See 1. 4. Is. 65. 17; 66. 22.

new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9. 17.

wherein = in (Ap. 104. viii) which.

dwelleth. See Acts 2. 5.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3.

3: 14-18-. EXHORTATION.

14-	Address.
-14-	Reason.
-14.	Warning to conduct.
15-	The Lord's longsuffering.
-15, 16.	Confirmation by Paul.
17-	Address.
-17.	Warning as to falling away.
18-	Knowledge of the Lord.

14 **such** = these.

be diligent. See 1. 10.

blameless. Gr. *amometos*. See Phil. 2. 15.

16 **also, &c.** = in all *his* epistles also.

speaking. Ap. 121. 7.

unlearned. Gr. *amathes*. Only here. Cp. Acts 4. 13.

wrest. Gr. *strebloo*. Only here and in Sept. of 2 Sam. 22. 27 (m. wrestle).

also, &c. = the other (Ap. 124.3) Scriptures also. Note that St. Paul's

destruction. Same as "perdition", v. 7.

lest = in order that (Gr. *hina*) not (Gr. *me*,

wicked. See 2. 7.