

## The Second Epistle of Peter

1 <sup>1</sup>Symeon Peter, a <sup>2</sup>servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained <sup>3</sup>a like precious faith with us in *the* righteousness of <sup>4</sup>our God and *the* Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us <sup>5</sup>by his own glory and virtue; 4 whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye might become partakers of a divine nature, having escaped <sup>6</sup>from the corruption *that is* in the world by lust. 5 Yes, <sup>7</sup>and for this very cause adding *on your part* all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge; 6 and in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your* self-control <sup>8</sup>patience; and in *your* patience godliness; 7 and in *your* godliness <sup>9</sup>brotherly kindness; and in *your* brotherly kindness love. 8 For *if* these things are yours and abound, they make *you to be* not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he in whom these things are not present is blind, <sup>10</sup>seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Wherefore, brethren, give *the more* diligence<sup>11</sup> to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup> So A<sup>s</sup> 1739 1852 1881\* 2344 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm. p<sup>72</sup>B<sup>Ψ</sup> 1241 1243 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> read Simon

<sup>2</sup> Gk. bondservant

<sup>3</sup> Gk. an equally precious

<sup>4</sup> Or, our God and Saviour Compare vs. 11; ch. 2:20; 3:18; Titus 2:13.

<sup>5</sup> So A<sup>s</sup>NC<sup>Ψ</sup> 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg arm. p<sup>72</sup>B 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read through glory and virtue;

<sup>6</sup> So BA (2344 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. ...in the world...) vg. C<sup>Ψ</sup> 1739 1881 1241 1243 322 arm read from that which is in *the* world by lust and corruption. (p<sup>72</sup>)<sup>s</sup> cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> read from the lust of corruption that is in the world.

<sup>7</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BC\* (A<sup>s</sup>Ψ 1739 [1852] 1881 1241 2344 33 322). A vg read ye also adding on your part

<sup>8</sup> Or, steadfastness (both times)

<sup>9</sup> Gk. love of the brethren (both times)

<sup>10</sup> Or, closing his eyes,

<sup>11</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BC 1739 1881 1241 2344 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. But (A)<sup>s</sup>Ψ 1852 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg arm add by your good works in order

12 <sup>12</sup>Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and are established in <sup>13</sup>the present truth. 13 And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance; 14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear unto me. 15 Yes, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my <sup>14</sup>exodus to call these things to remembrance. 16 For *we* did not follow cunningly devised <sup>15</sup>fables, *when* we made known unto you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we became eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 For he <sup>16</sup>received from God *the* Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I was well pleased: 18 and this voice *we ourselves* heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 And we have the word of prophecy *made* more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a <sup>17</sup>dark place, until the day dawn, and *the* day-star arise in your hearts: 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of <sup>18</sup>private interpretation. 21 For no *such* prophecy ever <sup>19</sup>came by *the* will of man: but <sup>20</sup>men spake from God, being moved by *the* Holy Spirit.

2 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall <sup>21</sup>secretly bring in <sup>22</sup>destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make

<sup>12</sup> So BANC 1739 1241 1243 2344 322 cop<sup>bo</sup>.

1852 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>sa</sup> read Wherefore I shall not be negligent to p<sup>72</sup>Ψ almost alone read Therefore I shall always be ready to

<sup>13</sup> Or possibly, the truth which is present with you.

<sup>14</sup> Or, decease or, departure (Gk. exodus)

<sup>15</sup> Gk. myths,

<sup>16</sup> Gk. having received

<sup>17</sup> Gk. squalid

<sup>18</sup> Or, special

<sup>19</sup> Gk. was brought

<sup>20</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>B 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 322 (cop<sup>bo</sup>) arm.

(A)<sup>s</sup>Ψ 2344 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (cop<sup>sa</sup>) vg read holy men of God spake, C (81) almost alone read holy men spake from God,

<sup>21</sup> Lit. bring in under false pretenses

<sup>22</sup> Or, destructive opinions, or, sects of perdition,

merchandise of you: whose condemnation now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but <sup>23</sup>cast *them* down to <sup>24</sup>Tartarus, and committed *them* to <sup>25</sup>chains of *dark* gloom, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 and spared not *the* ancient world, but preserved Noah <sup>26</sup>with seven others, a <sup>27</sup>preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon *the* world of *the* ungodly; 6 and turning *the* cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes <sup>28</sup>condemned *them* with <sup>29</sup>an overthrow, having made *them* an example <sup>30</sup>unto those that should live ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, <sup>31</sup>put to *the* test *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* lawless deeds): 9 *the* Lord knoweth how to deliver *the* godly out of temptation, and to keep *the* unrighteous under punishment unto *the* day of judgment; 10 but chiefly them that walk after *the* flesh in *the* lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to rail at <sup>32</sup>dignities: 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them <sup>33</sup>before *the* Lord. 12 But these as creatures without reason, born <sup>34</sup>mere animals <sup>35</sup>to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their <sup>36</sup>destroying surely be destroyed,

<sup>23</sup> Or, cast them into dungeons,  
<sup>24</sup> Tartarus: *a dark abyss, ... the prison of the Titans.* So Liddell & Scott, Abridged edition; Oxford, 1871. See Ge 6:2-3, from which the Gk. mythical account may derive, and Jude 6.  
<sup>25</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>bo</sup> vg arm. But BANC almost alone, cop<sup>sa</sup> read pits of darkness,  
<sup>26</sup> Gk. *the eighth person,*  
<sup>27</sup> Or, herald of righteousness,  
<sup>28</sup> So ANΨ 2344 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>sa</sup> vg arm. But p<sup>72</sup>txtBC\* 1739 1881 1241 1243 322 cop<sup>bo</sup> omit with an overthrow 1852 reads overthrew *them,*  
<sup>29</sup> Gk. *a catastrophe,*  
<sup>30</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>B 1852 1243 (cop<sup>sa,bo</sup>) arm. ANCYΨ 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read unto ungodly men;  
<sup>31</sup> Gk. *rubbed on a touchstone* See Rv 20:10 footnote.  
<sup>32</sup> Gk. *glories:*  
<sup>33</sup> So BNC 1739 1852 1243 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. p<sup>72</sup> 1241 read from *the* Lord. AΨ 1881 2344 33 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg omit before *the* Lord.  
<sup>34</sup> Gk. (φυσικος, *physikos*) natural  
<sup>35</sup> Or, to take and to destroy,  
<sup>36</sup> Or, corruption (*Similarly three words later.*) Compare 1Tm 6:9.

13 <sup>37</sup>suffering wrong *as* the hire of wrong-doing; *men* that count it pleasure to revel in *the* daytime, spots and blemishes, revelling in their <sup>38</sup>deceivings while they feast with you; 14 having eyes full of <sup>39</sup>adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing; 15 forsaking *the* right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the *son* of <sup>40</sup>Bosor, who loved *the* hire of wrong-doing; 16 but he was rebuked for *his* own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet. 17 These are springs without water, and <sup>41</sup>mists driven by a storm; for whom the gloom of darkness hath been reserved. 18 For, uttering great swelling *words* of vanity, they entice in *the* lusts of *the* flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are <sup>42</sup>almost escaping from them that live in error; 19 promising them liberty, while they *themselves* are bondservants of corruption; for of <sup>43</sup>whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through *the* knowledge of <sup>44</sup>our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them *than* the first. 21 For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing *it*, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, <sup>45</sup>*The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.*

3 This is now, beloved, *the* second epistle that I write unto you; *and in* both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance; 2 *that ye should* remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and

<sup>37</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BNC\*Ψ 1852 1243 (arm). AC 1739 1881 1241 2344 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg read receiving to themselves the hire  
<sup>38</sup> BΨ 1243 vg read love-feasts 1739 1881 (1241) 322 read ignorances  
<sup>39</sup> Gk. *an adulteress,*  
<sup>40</sup> B arm almost alone read Beor (See Nu 22:5.)  
<sup>41</sup> So (p<sup>72</sup>)BNCΨ 1243 ((AC 1739 1852 1881 1241 2344 33 322 add forever)). 048 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read clouds driven by a storm ... hath been reserved forever.  
<sup>42</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BAΨ (2344) 33 cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg. But N\*C 1739 1852 1243 322 048<sup>vid</sup> and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read indeed escaping from them  
<sup>43</sup> Or, what  
<sup>44</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>ANCYΨ 1739 1852 1243 2344 33 322 048<sup>vid</sup> vg arm. B and 373 lesser Gk. mss. read the Lord and etc. 1881 cop<sup>bo</sup> read our Lord Jesus Christ, cop<sup>sa</sup> reads our Lord Jesus Christ and our Saviour,  
<sup>45</sup> Pr 26:11.

Saviour through your apostles: 3 knowing this first, that <sup>46</sup>in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, 4 and saying, Where is the promise of his presence? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this <sup>47</sup>they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and <sup>48</sup>an earth held together out of water and <sup>49</sup>amidst water vapors, by the word of God; 6 by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 but the <sup>50</sup>heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been <sup>51</sup>stored up for fire, being reserved against a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering <sup>52</sup>toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will have come <sup>53</sup>as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be <sup>54</sup>exposed. 11 <sup>55</sup>Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons <sup>56</sup>ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, 12 looking for and

<sup>57</sup>hastening the presence of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and <sup>58</sup>unto the day of eternity. <sup>59</sup>Amen.

*End of the Second Epistle of Peter*

<sup>46</sup> Gk. at the last of the days

<sup>47</sup> Or, is concealed from them, And in vs. 8 Let not this be concealed from you,

<sup>48</sup> Or possibly, earth having been formed by the word of God up above the water and under cover of mist; Compare Ge 1:6-7; 2:5-6.

<sup>49</sup> Gk. through

<sup>50</sup> Or, heavenly bodies And so in vs. 12.

<sup>51</sup> Or, stored with fire,

<sup>52</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BC 1739 1881 1241 1243 2344 322 048<sup>vid</sup> 0156 cop<sup>bo</sup> arm. ANΨ 1852 33 cop<sup>sa</sup> vg read for your sake, A majority of lesser Gk. mss. read toward us,

<sup>53</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>BANΨ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 048<sup>vid</sup> 0156 and 45 lesser Gk. mss., cop vg. C and 441 lesser Gk. mss. read as a thief in the night,

<sup>54</sup> Or, discovered. So B<sup>N</sup> 1739<sup>txt</sup> 1852 1881 1241 322 0156<sup>vid</sup> and 8 lesser Gk. mss., arm. A (1243) 2344 33 048 and 470 lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>bo</sup> read burned up. C reads shall disappear. [Ψ vg omit this clause.] p<sup>72</sup> alone reads the clause the works that are being dissolved therein shall be exposed.

<sup>55</sup> So p<sup>(72),74</sup>vid B 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 322 arm. ANΨ 2344 33 048 and 431 lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>bo</sup> vg read Seeing then that these things are all to be dissolved, C reads But seeing that ... are thus etc. 81 cop<sup>sa</sup> read Seeing then that ... are thus etc.

<sup>56</sup> p<sup>72\*,74</sup>B almost alone read ought people to be

<sup>57</sup> Or, earnestly desiring the presence

<sup>58</sup> Or, forever. (Cf. Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 18:10.) Lit. unto a day of an age.

<sup>59</sup> So p<sup>72</sup>ANΨ 1852 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop<sup>sa,bo</sup> vg arm. B 1739\* 1881 1241 1243 omit Amen.