

THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

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THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS. INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

1. The church of the Thessalonians was planted by Paul, in association with Silas and Timothy (Acts 17. 1-9). Although some of the Jews believed, it was composed mainly of Gentiles, and their joyful reception of the message as the word of God was the prelude to active missionary operations in all Achaia and Macedonia (1. 8), a territory about as large as Great Britain. In this respect especially they were a model church. From them sounded forth "the word of the Lord", and they became examples to believers, showing the power of that word in their lives. The apostle writes in a joyful spirit, for he had just received from Timothy glad tidings of their faith and love (3. 6).

2. A large part of the Epistle is occupied with the doctrine of the Lord's coming, that coming which He Himself announced, Matt. 24. 36; 25. 31; 26. 64; *et al.*, the same coming of which He spoke in Acts 1. 7, "it is not for you to know the times and the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power". The similarity of Paul's language, concerning "the times and the seasons" (5. 1), bears instruction for us. Indeed throughout the Epistle the nearness of that coming is emphasized (1. 10; 2. 12, 19; 3. 13; 4. 13-18; 5. 1-11, 23). But, as has been well observed, that which draws near may withdraw also, and such we know to be the case, for owing to His people's rejection of the King and kingdom, the latter is in abeyance till the "times of the Gentiles" are ended. 1 and 2 Thessalonians are unique in many respects; e. g. *chronologically*, as well as *canonically* (see App. 180, 192); the use of special terms in relation to the coming (*parousia* and *epiphaneia*) of our Lord; for these see Notes. And they are the only Epistles addressed to a church specifically.

3. This Epistle is the earliest of the writings of Paul, having been sent out from Corinth about the end of 52 or the beginning of 53 A.D. Some hold that, of all the books of the New Testament, it was the first written.

4. Thessalonica, now Salonica, on the bay of the same name, has always been one of the busiest ports of the Ægean. It was the chief city of a division of Macedonia, and is said to have had a population of 200,000 at the beginning of our era. Much smaller now, the city has always had a large proportion of Jews among its inhabitants.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE
TO THE
THESSALONIANS.

A 1 °PAUL, and °Silvanus, and °Timotheus, °unto the °church of the °Thessalonians which is °in °God the °Father and in the °Lord °Jesus Christ: °Grace be °unto you, and peace, °from °God our °Father, and the °Lord °Jesus Christ.

B A C a 2 We °give thanks to 1God °always °for you all, °making mention of you °in our °prayers;

3 Remembering °without ceasing your work °of °faith, and labour °of °love, and patience °of hope °in our °Lord 1 Jesus Christ, in the sight of 1God °and our 1Father;

4 °Knowing, brethren °beloved, your °election °of 1God.

b 5 For our °gospel came °not °unto you 1in °word only, but °also 1in °power, and 1in the °Holy Ghost, and 1in much °assurance; as ye 4know what manner of men we °were °among you °for your sake.

c 6 And we became °followers of us, and of the 3Lord, having received the 5word 1in much °affliction, °with joy of the 5Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye 5were °ensamples to all that °believe 1in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For 1from you °sounded out the 5word of the 3Lord 5not only 1in Macedonia and Achaia, but °also 1in every place your 3faith °to 1Godward °is spread abroad; so that we need °not to °speak any thing.

9 For they themselves °shew °of us what

1. 1 Paul. In all his other Epistles, save Philippians, 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon, *apostolos* is added. He was held in terms of tender regard and affection by the converts at Philippi and Thessalonica, and there was no need to assert his authority.

Silvanus. Same as Silas. A leader of the church at Jerusalem (Acts 15. 22), and a prophet (*v. 32*), he accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey, and took part in the founding of the churches of Macedonia. Acts 15. 40-18. 18.

Timotheus. See 2 Cor. 1. 1. unto=to.

church. Ap. 186.

Thessalonians. This and the Second Epistle are the only ones addressed in this form. Romans, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians are addressed to "saints". The two Epistles to the Corinthians to "the church of God at Corinth", and Galatians to the "churches of Galatia".

in. Ap. 104. viii.

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

Father. Ap. 98. III.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

Grace. Ap. 184. I. 1. Cp. Rom. 1. 7.

from. Ap. 104. iv. This last clause is omitted in most texts.

1. 2-3. 10 [For Structure see below].

2 give thanks. Gr. *eucharisteō*. See Acts 27. 35. always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

making mention. See Rom. 1. 9.

in. Ap. 104. ix. 1.

prayers. Ap. 134. II. 2.

1. 2-3. 10 (A, p. 1787). THANKSGIVING. NARRATION. APPEAL. (*Extended Alternation.*)

B A C				a 1. 2-4. Thanksgiving.
				b 1. 5. Reason. The Gospel received not in word but power.
				c 1. 6-9. Its effect.
				d 1. 10-. Believers wait for God's Son.
				e 1. -10. Deliverance from the wrath to come.
				D 2. 1-12. Paul and the brethren. Their teaching while present.
C				a 2. 13-. Thanksgiving.
				b 2. -13. Reason. The Gospel received as the word of God.
				c 2. 14. Its effect.
				d 2. 15, 16-. Unbelieving Jews killed God's Son.
				e 2. -16. Delivered to the wrath to come.
				D 2. 17-3. 10. Paul and the brethren. Their feelings while absent.

3 without ceasing. Gr. *adiuleiptōs*. Only here, 2. 13; 5. 17. Rom. 1. 9. of=proceeding from. Gen. of origin. Ap. 17. 2; or, it may be Gen. of character. Ap. 17. 1, and would read "faithful work, loving labour, and hopeful patience". faith. Ap. 150. II. 1. love. Ap. 135. II. 1. Cp. 5. 8. Col. 1. 4, 8. Rev. 2. 4. in=of. Ap. 17. 5. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A. and=even. **4** Knowing. Ap. 132. I. i. beloved. Ap. 135. I. 1. election. Gr. *eklogē*. See Acts 9. 15. of. Ap. 104. xviii. 1. **5** gospel. Ap. 140. not. Ap. 105. I. unto. Ap. 104. vi. word. Ap. 121. 10. also, &c.=in power also. power. Ap. 172. 1. Holy Ghost=Divine power. Ap. 101. II. 14. assurance. Gr. *plērōphoria*. See Col. 2. 2. were=became. among. Ap. 104. viii. 2. for your sake=on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) you. **6** followers=imitators. Gr. *mimētēs*. See 1 Cor. 4. 16. affliction. Gr. *thlipsis*. See Acts 7. 10. with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. **7** ensamples. Gr. *tupos*. See Phil. 3. 17, and cp. 1 Tim. 4. 12. Tit. 2. 7. 1 Pet. 5. 3. believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. i. **8** sounded out. Gr. *exēcheomai*. Only here. Cp. Luke 4. 37, and 1 Cor. 13. 1. also. The texts omit. to Godward=towards (Ap. 104. xv. 3) God. **is spread abroad**=has gone forth. not. Ap. 105. II. speak. Ap. 121. 7. **9** shew=report. of. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

manner of ° entering in we had ° unto you, and how ye turned ° to ° God ° from ° idols to ° serve ° the living and ° true ° God ;

d 10 And to ° wait for His ° Son ° from ° heaven, Whom He ° raised ° from the dead, even ° Jesus,
e Which ° delivered ° us ° from the ° wrath to come.

D f 2 For yourselves, brethren, ° know our ° entrance in ° unto you, that it was ° not ° in vain :

2 But even ° after that we had ° suffered before, and ° were shamefully entreated, as ye ° know, ° at Philippi, we ° were bold ° in our ° God to ° speak ° unto you the ° gospel of ° God ° with much ° contention.

g 3 For our ° exhortation was ° not ° of deceit, ° nor ° of uncleanness, ° nor ° in ° guile :

h 4 But as we were ° allowed ° of ° God to ° be put in trust with the ° gospel, even so we ° speak ; ° not as ° pleasing ° men,

i but ° God, Which trieth our hearts.

5 For ° neither at any time ° used we ° flattering ° words, as ye ° know, ° nor a ° cloke of covetousness, ° God ° is witness :

6 ° Nor ° of ° men ° sought we ° glory, ° neither ° of you, ° nor yet ° of ° others, ° when we might have been ° burdensome, as the ° apostles of ° Christ.

k 7 But we were ° gentle ° among you, even as a ° nurse ° cherisheth ° her ° children :

f 8 So being ° affectionately desirous of you, we were ° willing to have imparted ° unto you, ° not the ° gospel of ° God only, but ° also our own souls, because ye were ° dear unto us.

g 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and ° travail : for labouring night and day, ° because we would ° not be chargeable unto ° any of you, we ° preached ° unto you the ° gospel of ° God.

i 10 ¶ *Ye are witnesses, and ° God also, how ° holily and ° justly and ° unblameably we ° behaved ourselves ° among you that ° believe :*

k 11 As ye ° know how we ° exhorted and ° comforted and ° charged ° every one of you, as a father doth his ° children,

12 ° That ye would walk worthy of ° God, Who ° hath ° called you ° unto ° His ° kingdom and ° glory.

entering in. Gr. *eisodos*. See Acts 13. 24.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

to. Same as "unto", above.

idols. This shows that these converts were mainly Gentiles. The Jews were bitterly hostile. Acts 17. 4-6, 13.

serve. Ap. 190. III. 2.

the = a.

true. Ap. 175. 2.

10 wait for. Gr. *anamenō*. Only here in N.T. In Sept. of Job 7. 2. Isa. 59. 11. A much stronger word than *menō*, p. 1511.

Son. Ap. 108. iii. from. Ap. 104. vii.

heaven = the heavens. See Matt. 6. 9, 10.

raised. Ap. 178. I. 4.

from the dead. Ap. 139. 3, but with the texts, 139. 4.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

delivered = rescueth.

us. Paul and the brethren are intended, being Jews. See v. 9.

from. Ap. 104. iv, but texts read 104. vii.

wrath, &c. = the coming wrath. See 2. 16.

2. 1-12 (D, p. 1788). PAUL AND THE BROTHERS. THEIR TEACHING WHILE PRESENT. (Extended Alternation.)

D | f | 1, 2. The Gospel of God imparted.

g | 3. Their exhortation ; not of deceit.

h | 4-. Their preaching.

i | 4-6. God their witness.

k | 7. Comparison ; as a nursing mother.

f | 8. The Gospel of God imparted.

g | 9-. Their labour ; not to be chargeable.

h | 9-. Their preaching.

i | 10. God their witness.

k | 11, 12. Comparison ; as a father.

2. 1 know. Ap. 132. I. i.

entrance in. See 1. 9.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

not. Ap. 105. I. in vain. See 3. 5.

2 after that we had = having.

suffered before. Gr. *propaschō*. Only here. were, &c. = having been treated with contumely.

Gr. *hubrizō*. See Acts 14. 5. Referring to their being scourged, though Romans (Acts 16. 37, 38).

at. Ap. 104. viii.

were bold. Gr. *parrhēsiastomai*. See Acts 9. 27.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

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

speak. Ap. 121. 7. gospel. Ap. 140.

with. Ap. 104. viii. In this one verse the preposition *en* is transl. "at", "in", "with".

contention. Gr. *agōn*. See Phil. 1. 30.

3 exhortation. Gr. *paraklēsis*. See Acts 4. 36, and Ap. 134. I. 6.

of. Ap. 104. vii. nor. Gr. *oude*.

guile. Gr. *dolos*. See Acts 13. 10.

4 allowed = tested, and so approved. Gr. *dokimazō*. Same as "trieth", and as "prove" (5. 21).

of. Ap. 104. xviii. 1. be put in trust with. Ap. 150. I. i. iv. pleasing men. Cp. Gal. 1. 10. men.

Ap. 123. 1. 5 neither, nor. Gr. *oute*. used we. Lit. were (became) we in (Gr. *en*). flattering

words. Lit. a word (Ap. 121. 10) of flattery. cloke = pretence. Gr. *prophasis*. See Acts 27. 30. 6 Nor.

Gr. *oute*. sought we = seeking. glory. See p. 1511. of. Ap. 104. iv. others. Ap. 124. 1.

when, &c. = though able to be. burdensome. Lit. in (Gr. *en*) a burden, i. e. for a burden. Gr. *baros*.

See Acts 15. 28. Cp. v. 9. apostles. Ap. 189. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. 7 gentle. Gr. *ēpios*. Only here

and 2 Tim. 2. 24. among = in (Gr. *en*) the midst of. nurse. Gr. *trophos*. Only here. cherisheth.

Gr. *thalpō*. See Eph. 5. 29. her = her own. This shows that a mother is meant. The image expresses

the intensity of the apostle's love for them. children. Ap. 108. i. 8 affectionately desirous. Gr.

himeitromai, or *homeitromai*. Only here. willing = well pleased. unto = to. also, &c. = our own

lives (Ap. 110. III. 2) also. dear unto. Ap. 135. III. 9 travail = toil. Gr. *mochthos*. See 2 Cor. 11. 27.

because, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) our not (Ap. 105. II) being chargeable unto. Gr. *epibareō*. See

2 Cor. 2. 5. any. Ap. 123. 3. preached. Ap. 121. 1. unto. Ap. 104. vi. 10 holily.

Gr. *hosiōs*. Only here. Cp. the adj. Acts 2. 27. justly. Gr. *dikaiōs*. See 1 Cor. 15. 34, and cp. Ap. 191. 1.

unblameably. Gr. *amemptōs*. Only here and 5. 23. Cp. 3. 13. behaved ourselves. Lit. became.

among = towards. No prep. believe. Ap. 150. I. i. 11 exhorted. Ap. 134. I. 6. comforted.

Gr. *paramutheomai*. See John 11. 19. charged = testified to. Gr. *marturomai*, with texts. See Gal. 5. 3.

every = each. 12 That, &c. = With a view to (Ap. 104. vi) your walking. hath. Omit. called.

Some texts read "calleth". His = His own. kingdom. See App. 112, 114.

C a 13 ° For this cause ° also thank we 2 God ° without ceasing, because,

b when ye received the 5 word of 2 God ° which ye heard ° of us, ye received it 1 not as the 5 word of 4 men, but as it is ° in truth, the 5 word of 2 God, which ° effectually worketh also 2 in you that 10 believe.

c 14 For ye, brethren, became ° followers of the ° churches of 2 God which 2 in Judæa are 2 in ° Christ Jesus: for ye also ° have suffered ° like things 4 of your own ° countrymen, even as ° they have 4 of the Jews;

d 15 Who both killed the ° Lord ° Jesus, and ° their own ° prophets, and ° have persecuted us; and they please 9 not 2 God, and are contrary to all 4 men;

16 Forbidding us to 2 speak to the Gentiles ° that they might be saved, ° to fill up their ° sins ° always:

e for ° the wrath ° is come ° upon them ° to the ° uttermost.

D E l 17 But we, brethren, ° being taken ° from you ° for ° a short time in ° presence, 1 not in heart, ° endeavoured the more abundantly to ° see your ° face 2 with great desire.

18 Wherefore we ° would have come 1 unto you, even ¶ Paul, ° once and again; but Satan ° hindered us.

m 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or ° crown of ° rejoicing? Are ° not even ye in the presence of our 15 Lord ° Jesus Christ 2 at His ° coming? 20 For ye are our ° glory and joy.

F n 3 Wherefore ° when we could ° no longer ° forbear, we ° thought it good to be left ° at ° Athens alone;

o 2 And ° sent Timotheus, our brother, and ° minister of ° God, and our ° fellowlabourer ° in the ° gospel of ° Christ, ° to establish you, and to ° comfort you ° concerning your ° faith:

3 That ° no man should be ° moved ° by these ° afflictions: for yourselves ° know that we ° are appointed ° thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were ° with you, we ° told you before that we ° should ° suffer tribulation; even as it ° came to pass, and ye 3 know.

F n 5 ° For this cause, 1 when ¶ could 1 no longer 1 forbear,

o I 2 sent 2 to ° know your 2 faith, ° lest by some means the tempter ° have tempted you, and our labour be ° in vain.

13 For this cause = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this, also thank we = we also thank. See 1. 2.

without ceasing. See 1. 3. which ye heard. Lit. of hearing. Gr. *akoē*, as in Gal. 3. 2, 5.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

in truth = truly. effectually worketh = is made energetic. See Ap. 172. 4.

14 followers. See 1. 6.

churches. Ap. 186.

Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII. have. Omit.

like = the same.

countrymen. Gr. *sumphuletēs*. Only here.

they = they also.

15 Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus = even Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

their own = the.

prophets. Ap. 189.

have persecuted us = chased us out. Gr. *ekdiōkō*.

Only here and Luke 11. 49.

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

to, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. vi) their filling up

(Gr. *anaplērōō*). See 1 Cor. 14. 16.

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

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

the wrath: the appointed wrath. See Lev. 26.

Deut. 28 and 32.

is come. Gr. *phthanō*. See Luke 11. 20.

upon. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

to. Ap. 104. vi.

uttermost = end. Gr. *telos*.

2. 17—3. 10 (D, p. 1788). PAUL AND THE BRETHREN. THEIR FEELINGS WHILE ABSENT.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

D | E | l | 2. 17, 18. Their departure.

m | 2. 19, 20. Joy in the Thessalonians.

F | n | 3. 1. Their solicitude.

o | 3. 2-4. Mission of Timothy.

F | n | 3. 5-. Their solicitude.

o | 3. 5-. Mission of Timothy.

E | l | 3. 6. Timothy's return.

m | 3. 7-10. Joy in the Thessalonians.

17 being taken = having been bereaved. Gr. *aporphanizomai*. Only here. Cp. John 14. 18.

from. Ap. 104. iv. for. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

a short time. Lit. a season of an hour.

presence, face. Cp. 1 Cor. 5. 3. Col. 2. 5.

endeavoured = were diligent.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

18 would have = wished to. Ap. 102. 1.

once and again. Cp. Phil. 4. 16.

hindered. Gr. *enkoptō*. See Acts 24. 4.

19 crown. Cp. Phil. 4. 1.

rejoicing. Gr. *kauchēsis*. See Rom. 3. 27.

not. Ap. 105. I (a).

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI, but the texts omit "Christ".

coming. Gr. *parousia*. See Matt. 24. 3. The first

of seven occ. in these two Epistles. See 3. 13; 4. 15;

5. 23. 2 Thess. 2. 1, 8, 9.

3. 1 when, &c. = no longer bearing it, i. e. able to

bear it.

thought it good = were well pleased.

at. Ap. 104. viii. Athens. See Acts 17. 15, 16. When Silas and

Timothy joined Paul, he and Silas must have agreed to dispatch Timothy to Thessalonica, and then Silas

must have departed on some other mission. See in v. 5 the change from "we" to "I". 2 sent. Ap.

174. 4. minister. Ap. 190. I. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. fellowlabourer. Gr. *sunergos*. See

1 Cor. 3. 9. The texts vary here. in. Ap. 104. viii. gospel. Ap. 140. Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

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104. xiii. 1, but the texts read *huper* (Ap. 104. xvii. 1). faith. Ap. 150. II. 1. 3 no man. Gr. *mēdeis*.

moved: or, agitated. Gr. *sainō*. Only here. by. Ap. 104. viii. afflictions. Gr. *thlipsis*. See 1. 6.

know. Ap. 182. I. i. are appointed. Lit. lie. Gr. *keimai*. Cp. Luke 2. 34. Phil. 1. 17. thereunto =

unto (Ap. 104. vi) this. 4 with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. told... before = foretold. Gr. *prolegō*. See 2 Cor.

13. 2. should = were about to. suffer, &c. = be afflicted. Gr. *thlibō*. came to pass. Add "also".

5 For this cause = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this. know. Ap. 132. I. ii. lest, &c. Gr. *mē pōs*.

have. Omit. in vain. See 2. 1, and cp. 2 Cor. 6. 1. Gal. 2. 2. Phil. 2. 16.

no longer. Gr. *mēketi*.

forbear = bear. See 1 Cor. 9. 12.

thought it good = were well pleased.

Same as "were willing" (2. 8). at. Ap. 104. viii. Athens. See Acts 17. 15, 16. When Silas and

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E I 6 But now when Timotheus came ° from you ° unto us, and ° brought us good tidings of your ° faith and ° charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us ° always, ° desiring greatly to ° see us, as we also to see you :

m 7 ° Therefore, brethren, we were ° comforted ° over you ° in all our ° affliction and ° distress ° by your ° faith :

8 For now we ° live, ° if ye ° stand fast ° in the ° Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to ° God again ° for you, ° for all the joy wherewith we joy ° for your sakes before our ° God ;

10 Night and day ° praying ° exceedingly ° that we might ° see your face, and might ° perfect ° that which is lacking ° in your ° faith ?

B 11 Now ° God Himself and our ° Father, and our ° Lord ° Jesus Christ, ° direct our way ° unto you.

12 And the ° Lord make you to ° increase and abound in ° love one ° toward another, and ° toward all men, even as ° we do ° toward you :

13 ° To the end He may ° stablish your hearts ° unblameable ° in ° holiness ° before ° God, even our ° Father, ° at the ° coming of our ° Lord ° Jesus Christ ° with all His ° saints.

B A G J 4 Furthermore then we ° beseech you, brethren, and ° exhort you ° by the ° Lord ° Jesus, ° that as ye have received ° of us how ye ought to walk and to please ° God, so ye would abound ° more and more.

K 2 For ye ° know what ° commandments we gave you ° by the ° Lord ° Jesus.

L p 3 For this is the ° will of ° God, even your ° sanctification, that ye should ° abstain ° from fornication :

4 That ° every one of you should ° know how to ° possess ° his ° vessel ° in ° sanctification and honour ;

5 ° Not ° in the ° lust of ° concupiscence, even as the ° Gentiles which ° know ° not ° God :

q 6 That ° no man ° go beyond and ° defraud his brother ° in ° any matter : because that the ° Lord is the ° avenger ° of all ° such, as we ° also have forewarned you and ° testified.

6 from. Ap. 104. iv.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

brought . . . good tidings. Ap. 121. 4. The only place, save Luke 1. 19, where *euangelizō* does not refer to the gospel.

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

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

desiring greatly. Gr. *epipothēō*. See Rom. 1. 11.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

7 Therefore. Same as "For this cause", v. 5.

over. Ap. 104. ix. 2. in. Same as "over".

distress = necessity, as 1 Cor. 7. 26.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

8 live. See Ap. 170. 1.

if. Ap. 118. 1. b.

stand fast. Gr. *stēkō*. See Phil. 4. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

9 for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

for. Ap. 104. ix. 2.

for your sakes = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) you.

10 praying. Ap. 134. I. 5.

exceedingly. Gr. *huper* (Ap. 104. xvii. 1) *ek* (Ap. 104.

vii) *perissou*. Most of the texts read as one word. See Eph. 3. 20.

that we might. Lit. for (Ap. 104. vi) the seeing (Ap. 133. I. 1).

perfect. Ap. 125. 8.

that, &c. = the shortcomings. Gr. *husterēma*. See 1 Cor. 16. 17.

in = of.

11 Father. Ap. 98. III.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI, but the texts omit "Christ" here and v. 13.

direct. Gr. *kateuthunō*. Here; 2 Thess. 3. 5. Luke 1. 79. Cp. *euthunō* in John 1. 23 and Jas. 3. 4.

12 increase. Gr. *pleonazō*. See Rom. 5. 20.

love. Same as "charity", v. 6.

toward. Ap. 104. vi.

we = we also.

13 To the end. Ap. 104. vi.

stablish. Gr. *stērizō*. See Rom. 1. 11.

unblameable. Gr. *amemptos*. See Phil. 2. 15.

holiness. Gr. *hagiōsunē*. See Rom. 1. 4.

before. See John 12. 37.

coming. Gr. *parousia*. Cp. 2. 19.

with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. saints. See Acts 9. 13.

4. 1—5. 22 [For Structures see below].

4. 1 beseech. Ap. 134. I. 3.

exhort. Ap. 134. I. 6.

by. Ap. 104. viii.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

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

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

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

more and more = the more.

2 know. Ap. 132. I. i.

commandments. Gr. *parangelia*. Cp. 1 Tim. 1. 18 (charge).

4. 1—5. 22 (A, p. 1787). EXHORTATION AND INSTRUCTION. (Introversion.)

A | G | 4. 1-12. Exhortation.

H | 4. 13-5. 11. Instruction.

G | 5. 12-22. Exhortation.

4. 1-12 (G, above). EXHORTATION. (Introversion and Alternation.)

G | J | 1. Walk, as before God.

K | 2. Commandments.

L | p | 3-5. God's will : sanctification (positive and negative).

q | 6. Brethren : not to be defrauded (negative).

L | p | 7, 8. God's call : sanctification (negative and positive).

q | 9, 10. Brethren : to be loved (positive).

K | 11. Commandments.

J | 12. Walk, as regards men.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

3 will. Ap. 102. 2.

sanctification. Gr.

hagiasmos. See Rom. 6. 19.

abstain. Gr. *apechomai*. See Acts 15. 20.

from. Ap. 104. iv.

4 every = each.

possess. Gr. *ktaomai*. See Luke 21. 19.

his = his own.

vessel. Gr. *skeuos*.

Cp. 1 Pet. 3. 7.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

5 Not. Ap. 105. II.

lust. Gr. *pathos*. See Rom. 1. 26.

The R.V. renders it "passion".

concupiscence = lust, or desire.

Gentiles = Gentiles also.

6 no

man = that he (should) not (Ap. 105. II).

go beyond. Gr. *huperbainō*. Only here.

defraud. Gr.

pleonekteō. See 2 Cor. 2. 11.

any = the.

avenger. Gr. *ekdikos*. Only here and Rom. 13. 4.

of =

concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

such = such (sins).

also have forewarned = forewarned also. Gr.

proeipō. Only here; Acts 1. 18. Gal. 5. 21.

testified. Gr. *diamarturomai*. See Acts 2. 40.

L p 7 For ¹ God ° hath ° not called us ° unto uncleanliness, but ° unto ° holiness.

8 He therefore that ° despiseth, ° despiseth ⁷ not ° man, but ¹ God, Who ° hath also given ° unto ° us His ° holy Spirit.

q 9 But ° as touching ° brotherly love ye need ⁷ not that I write ° unto you: for ye yourselves are ° taught of God ° to ° love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it ° toward all the brethren which are ⁴ in all Macedonia: but we ° beseech you, brethren, that ye ° increase ¹ more and more;

K 11 And that ye ° study to ° be quiet, and to ° do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we ° commanded you;

J 12 ¹ That ye may walk ° honestly ° toward ° them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of ° nothing.

H r 13 But ° I ° would ⁷ not ° have you to be ignorant, brethren, ° concerning them which are ° asleep, ¹ that ye sorrow ⁵ not, even as ° others which have ° no hope.

s 14 ° For ° if we ° believe that ¹ Jesus died and ° rose again, ° even so them also which ° sleep ° in ¹ Jesus will ¹ God bring ° with Him.

t 15 ¹⁴ For this we say ° unto you ¹ by ° the ° word of the ¹ Lord, that we which are alive and ° remain ⁸ unto the ° coming of the ² Lord, shall ° not ° prevent them which are ° asleep.

u 16 ° For the ² Lord Himself shall descend ³ from ° heaven ° with a ° shout, ° with the voice of the ° archangel, and ° with the ° trump of ¹ God: and ° the dead ⁴ in ° Christ shall ¹⁴ rise first:

17 ° Then we which are alive, and ¹⁵ remain, shall be ° caught up ° together ¹⁴ with them ⁴ in ° the clouds, ° to ° meet the ² Lord ° in the air: and ° so shall we ° ever be ¹⁴ with the ¹ Lord.

v 18 ° Wherefore ° comfort one another ¹⁶ with these ¹⁵ words.

7 hath. Omit. not. Ap. 105. I.

unto. Ap. 104. ix. 2. unto. Ap. 104. viii.

holiness. Same as "sanctification", v. 3.

8 despiseth. Gr. *atheteō*. See John 12. 48.

man. Ap. 123. 1.

hath also given. The texts read "giveth".

unto. Ap. 104. vi.

us. The texts read "you".

holy Spirit. Though there are two articles, the reference is to the gifts of Acts 2. 4, the Spirit being always the Giver. Ap. 101. II. 14.

9 as touching. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

brotherly love. Gr. *philadelphia*. See Rom. 12. 10.

unto=to.

taught of God. Gr. *theodidaktos*. Only here.

to. Ap. 104. vi. love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

10 toward. Ap. 104. vi.

beseech. Same as "exhort", v. 1.

increase. Same as "abound", v. 1.

11 study. Gr. *philotimeomai*. See Rom. 15. 20.

be quiet. Gr. *hēsychazō*. See Luke 23. 56.

do, &c.=attend to your own affairs. Cp. 2 Thess. 3. 11.

commanded. Gr. *parangellō*. See Acts 1. 4.

12 honestly. Gr. *euschēmōnōs*. See Rom. 13. 13.

toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

them that are without. Cp. 1 Cor. 5. 12, 13. Col. 4. 5.

nothing. Gr. *mēdeis*.

4. 13—5. 11 (H, p. 1791). INSTRUCTION.

(Extended Alternation.)

H r | 4. 13. Instruction necessary as to those who are asleep.

s | 4. 14. First reason. For (*gar*) God will bring them from the dead.

t | 4. 15. Second reason. For (*gar*) those who are alive shall not precede them.

u | 4. 16, 17. Third reason. Because (*hoti*) both shall be caught up together (*hama*).

v | 4. 18. Wherefore comfort one another.

r | 5. 1. Instruction not necessary as to times and seasons.

s | 5. 2-6. First reason. For (*gar*) they knew already the character of the day of the Lord.

t | 5. 7, 8. Second reason. For (*gar*) they that sleep sleep in the night.

u | 5. 9, 10. Third reason. Because (*hoti*) we are appointed to live together (*hama*) with Him.

v | 5. 11. Wherefore comfort one another.

13 I. Texts read "we". would. Ap. 102. 1.

have you, &c. See Rom. 1. 13. concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. asleep=falling asleep. Ap. 171. 2.

others=the rest. Ap. 124. 3. Add "also". no=not, as v. 5. 14 For. Gr. *gar*. if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii. rose again. Ap. 178. I. 1. even so them also. Read "so (*we believe*)

also that them". sleep=are fallen asleep. In Jesus=through (Ap. 104. v. 1) Jesus. This stands in

the Gr. between the words "sleep" and "bring". To which does it belong? "Sleep in Jesus" is an

expression not found elsewhere. In v. 16 the "dead in Christ" are spoken of, with which may be

compared 1 Cor. 15. 18. And the proper meaning of *dia* with the Genitive is "through", though it is

wrongly transl. "in" Matt. 26. 61. Mark 14. 58. 1 Tim. 2. 15. Heb. 7. 9; 13. 22, and "among" 2 Tim.

2. 2. The context will show that "through" is the meaning, as the R.V. renders it in margin. "Through"

the Lord Jesus Christ we have peace, reconciliation, sonship, the Holy Spirit's gifts, victory, and many

other blessings; Rom. 5. 1, 10; Rom. 8. 37. 1 Cor. 15. 57. 2 Cor. 5. 18. Eph. 1. 5. Col. 1. 20. Tit. 3. 6.

Death is not a blessing, but an enemy. Inflicted by the Lord (Rev. 2. 23; 19. 21), and permitted by Him,

it is the work of the devil (Heb. 2. 14. Rev. 2. 10), whose works He came to destroy. It is better, therefore,

to take the words "through Jesus" with "bring", and read, "God will through Jesus bring with Him",

in harmony with John 5. 25; 11. 25. Phil. 3. 21. with. Ap. 104. xvi. 15 the. Omit. word. Ap.

121. 10. remain. Gr. *perleipomai*. Only here and v. 17. Is this subsequent to Phil. 3. 11? coming.

Cp. 2. 19. not. Ap. 105. III. prevent=anticipate. Gr. *phthanō*. See Rom. 9. 31. "Prevent" meant

"go or come before". Now it only means "stand in the way of". asleep=fallen asleep. 16 For=Be-

cause. Gr. *hoti*. heaven. Sing. See Matt. 6. 9, 10. with. Ap. 104. viii. shout=word of command.

Gr. *keleusma*. Only here in N.T. In the Sept. in Prov. 30. 27, the rendering of which is, The locust has no king,

yet it marches orderly at one word of command. archangel. Only here and in Jude 9, where he is

called Michael, which connects this event with Dan. 12. 1. trump. Cp. Matt. 24. 31 and 1 Cor. 15. 52.

the dead. Ap. 139. 1. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. 17 Then. Gr. *epeita*, thereupon, thereafter.

caught up. Gr. *harpazō*. See Acts 8. 39. 2 Cor. 12. 2, 4. Rev. 12. 5. together. Gr. *hama*. the. Omit.

meet. Gr. *apantēsis*. See Matt. 25. 1. in. Ap. 104. vi. so. I. e. by resurrection, or translation.

ever. Ap. 151. II. G. ii. 18 Wherefore=So then. comfort. Same as "beseech", v. 10.

5 But ° of the ° times and the ° seasons, brethren, ye have ° no need that I write ° unto you.

2 ° For yourselves ° know ° perfectly that the day of the ° Lord so cometh as a thief ° in the night.

3 ° For when they ° shall say, "Peace and safety;" then ° sudden ° destruction cometh upon them, as ° travail upon a woman with child; and they shall ° not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are ¹not ²in darkness, ° that that day should ° overtake you as a thief.

5 ¶ We are all the ° children of ° light, and the ° children of the day: we are ¹not of the night, ° nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us ° not ° sleep, as do ° others; but let us ° watch and ° be sober.

7 ²For they that ° sleep ° sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, ° be sober, putting on the ° breastplate of ° faith and ° love; and for an ° helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 ° For ° God ° hath ¹not appointed us ° to ° wrath, but ° to ° obtain salvation ° by our ° Lord ° Jesus Christ,

10 Who died ° for us, ° that, whether we ° wake or ° sleep, we should live ° together ° with Him.

11 Wherefore ° comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as ° also ye do.

12 And we ° beseech you, brethren, to ° know them which labour ° among you, and ° are over you ²in the ° Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to ° esteem them ° very highly ²in ° love ° for their work's sake. And ° be at peace ¹²among yourselves.

14 Now we ° exhort you, brethren, ° warn them that are ° unruly, ° comfort the ° feeble-minded, ° support the weak, be patient ° toward all men.

15 ° See ° that none render ° evil ° for ° evil ¹unto ° any man; but ° ever follow that which is good, both ° among yourselves, and ° to all men.

16 Rejoice ° evermore;

17 ° Pray ° without ceasing;

18 ²In every thing ° give thanks: for this is the ° will of ° God ²in ° Christ Jesus ° concerning you.

19 Quench ° not the ° Spirit;

20 ° Despise ° not ° prophesyings;

21 ° Prove all things; ° hold fast that which is good.

22 ° Abstain ° from ° all ° appearance of ° evil.

23 And ° the very ° God of peace ° sanctify you ° wholly; and I pray God your ° whole ° spirit

5. 1 of. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. times, seasons. See Ap. 195.

no = not. Ap. 105. I.

2 For. Gr. *gar*.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

perfectly. Gr. *akribōs*. See Acts 18. 26.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

3 For. The texts omit.

shall. Omit.

sudden. Gr. *aiphnidios*. Only here and Luke 21. 34.

destruction. Gr. *olethros*. See 1 Cor. 5. 5.

travail. Gr. *ōdin*. See Acts 2. 24.

not. Ap. 105. III.

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

overtake. Gr. *katalambanō*. See John 1. 5.

5 children. Ap. 108. iii.

light. Ap. 130. 1.

nor. Gr. *oude*.

6 not. Ap. 105. II.

sleep. Ap. 171. 1.

others. Ap. 124. 3.

watch. See Matt. 24. 42.

be sober. Gr. *nēphō*. Here, v. 8. 2 Tim. 4. 5. 1 Pet. 1. 13; 4. 7; 5. 8.

8 breastplate. Gr. *thōrax*. See Eph. 6. 14.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

helmet. Gr. *perikephalaia*. See Eph. 6. 17.

9 For = Because. Gr. *hoti*.

God. Ap. 93. I. i. 1.

hath. Omit.

to. Ap. 104. vi.

wrath. Cp. 1. 10.

obtain = obtaining. Gr. *peripoiesis*. See Eph. 1. 14.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

10 for. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

wake = watch.

together. Gr. *hama*, as in 4. 17.

with. Ap. 104. xvi.

11 comfort. Ap. 134. I. 6. Same as in 4. 18.

also ye do = ye are doing also.

12 beseech. Ap. 134. I. 3. Not the same as 4. 10.

among. Ap. 104. viii. 2.

are over. Gr. *proistēmi*. See Rom. 12. 8.

13 esteem = reckon.

very highly. Gr. *huper ekperissōs*. See 3. 10 and Eph. 3. 20.

for their work's sake = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2)

their work.

be at peace. Gr. *eirēneūō*. See Rom. 12. 18.

14 exhort. Ap. 134. I. 6.

warn. Same as "admonish", v. 12.

unruly. Gr. *ataktos*. Only here. Cp. 2 Thess. 3.

6, 11 (the adv. transl. "disorderly").

comfort. Gr. *paramutheomai*. See 2. 11.

feble-minded = fainthearted. Gr. *oligopsuchos*. Only here.

support. Gr. *antechomai*. Here; Matt. 6. 24. Luke 16. 13. Tit. 1. 9.

toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

15 See. Ap. 133. I. 8.

that none = lest (Ap. 105. II) any (Ap. 123. 3).

evil. Ap. 128. III. 2.

for. Gr. *anti*. Ap. 104. ii.

any man. Gr. *tis*. Ap. 123. 3.

ever. Ap. 151. II. G. ii.

among yourselves = towards (*eis*) one another.

17 Pray. Gr. *proseuchomai*. Ap.

134. I. 2. without ceasing. See 1. 3. **18** give thanks. Gr. *eucharisteō*. See 1. 2. will. Ap.

102. 2. Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII. concerning = in regard to. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi. **19** Spirit.

Ap. 101. II. 4. **20** Despise. Gr. *exoutheneō*. See Acts 4. 11. prophesyings. Cp. 1 Cor. 12. 10;

13. 2, 8; 14. 6, 22. The reference to these gifts explains v. 19. **21** Prove. Gr. *dokimazō*. See Rom. 12. 2.

Eph. 5. 10. 1 John 4. 1. hold fast. Gr. *katechō*. See Matt. 21. 38. **22** Abstain. See 4. 3.

from. Gr. *apō*. Ap. 104. iv. all = every. appearance = form. Gr. *eidōs*. See John 5. 37.

evil. Ap. 128. III. 1. **23** the very, &c. = may the God of peace Himself. Cp. Acts 7. 2. Heb. 13. 20.

sanctify. See John 17. 17. wholly. Gr. *holotelēs*. Only here. whole, &c. Read, "your spirit

and soul and body be kept entire". whole. Gr. *holoklēros*. Only here and Jas. 1. 4. The noun in

Acts 3. 16. spirit. Ap. 101. II. 6.

to. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi.

16 evermore. Ap. 151. II. G. iii.

17 Pray. Gr. *proseuchomai*. Ap.

134. I. 2.

without ceasing. See 1. 3.

will. Ap.

102. 2.

Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII.

concerning = in regard to. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi.

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13. 2, 8; 14. 6, 22.

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and soul and body be kept entire".

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The noun in

Acts 3. 16. spirit. Ap. 101. II. 6.

and °soul and body be preserved °blameless
 °unto the °coming of our °Lord °Jesus Christ.
 24 °Faithful is He That calleth you, Who
 °also will do it.

25 Brethren, ¹⁷ pray ° for us.

A

26 Greet all the brethren °with an °holy kiss.
 27 I °charge you by the °Lord that °this
 epistle be read ¹ unto all the °holy brethren.

28 The °grace of our °Lord °Jesus Christ be
 °with you. °Amen.

soul. Ap. 110. III. 2.

blameless. See 2. 10.

unto = at. Gr. en. Ap. 104. viii.

coming. See 2. 19. Notice how in every chapter of
 this Epistle the coming of the Lord is presented, and
 in a different aspect: 1. 10; 2. 19; 3. 13; 4. 14-17; 5. 23.
 In this verse there is a beautiful correspondence.

H | The work of the God of peace. Sanctification:
 complete.

J | w | The whole person.

x | One part of it (the *pneuma*).

J | v | The whole person (the living soul).

z | The other part of it (the body).

H | The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Preserva-
 tion: without blemish.

24 Faithful. Gr. *pistos*. Ap. 150. III. Cp. 1 Cor. 1. 9; 10. 13. 2 Thess. 3. 3. 2 Tim. 2. 13. Heb. 10. 23;
 11. 11. 1 Pet. 4. 19. Rev. 3. 14; 19. 11. also, &c. = will do it also. 25 for. Gr. *peri*. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.
 26 with. Gr. en. Ap. 104. viii. holy kiss. See Rom. 16. 16. 27 charge. Gr. *orkizō*. See
 Acts 19. 13, but the texts read *enorkizō*, which occ. only here. this = the. holy. Most texts
 omit. 28 grace. Gr. *charis*. Ap. 184. I. 1. with. Gr. *meta*. Ap. 104. xi. 1. Amen. Omit,
 with texts.

THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

A | 1. 1, 2. EPISTOLARY. INTRODUCTION. GRACE AND PEACE.

B | A | D | 1. 3-. THANKSGIVING.

E | 1. 3-5. REASON. THEIR FAITH AND LOVE AND PATIENCE.

F | 1. 6-10. THE OBTAINING OF REST AND GLORY.

B | G | 1. 11. PRAYER FOR THEM.

H | 1. 12-. THAT THE NAME OF THE LORD MAY BE GLORIFIED.

J | 1. -12. AND THEY GLORIFIED IN HIM.

C | 2. 1-12. ADMONITION.

B | A | D | 2. 13-. THANKSGIVING.

E | 2.-13. REASON. THEIR SALVATION.

F | 2. 14, 15. THE OBTAINING OF GLORY.

B | G | 2. 16-3. 1-. PRAYER FOR PAUL.

H | 3. -1-4. THAT THE WORD MAY BE GLORIFIED.

J | 3. 5. AND THEIR HEARTS MAY BE DIRECTED INTO GOD'S LOVE

C | 3. 6-15. ADMONITION.

A | 3. 16-18. EPISTOLARY. CONCLUSION. PEACE AND GRACE.

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 "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.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

A 1 ° PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, ° unto the ° church of the Thessalonians ° in ° God our ° Father and the ° Lord ° Jesus Christ:
2 ° Grace ° unto you, and peace, ° from ° God our ° Father and the ° Lord ° Jesus Christ.

B A D 3 We are bound to ° thank ° God ° always ° for you, brethren, as it is meet,

E because that your ° faith ° groweth exceedingly, and the ° charity of ° every one of you all ° toward ° each other ° aboundeth;

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

5 Which is a ° manifest token of the ° righteous ° judgment of ° God, ° that ye may be ° counted worthy of the ° kingdom of ° God, ° for which ye ° also suffer :

F K 6 ° Seeing it is a ° righteous thing ° with ° God to recompense ° tribulation to them that ° trouble you ;

L a 7 And to you who are ° troubled ° rest ° with us,

b ° when the ° Lord ° Jesus shall be revealed ° from ° heaven ° with ° His mighty angels,

1. 1 Paul, &c. The opening words of this Epistle are the same as those of the First Epistle as far as "peace" (v. 2). unto = to.

church. Ap. 186.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

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

Father. Ap. 98. III.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

2 Grace. Ap. 184. I. 1.

from. Ap. 104. iv.

3 thank. See 1 Thess. 1. 2.

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

groweth exceedingly. Gr. *hyperauxandō*. Only here.

charity = love. Ap. 135. II. 1. No reference to hope as in 1 Thess. 1. 3.

every = each.

toward. Ap. 104. vi.

each other = one another.

aboundeth. Same as increase, 1 Thess. 3. 12.

4 glory. Gr. *kauchaomai*. See Rom. 2. 17. The texts read *enkauchaomai*. Nowhere else in N.T.

for. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

tribulations. Gr. *thlipsis*. See Acts 7. 10.

5 manifest token. Gr. *endeigma*. Only here.

righteous. Ap. 191. 1.

judgment. Ap. 177. 7. Cp. Phil. 1. 28.

that ye may be = to (Gr. *eis*) your being.

App. 112, 114. also suffer = suffer also.

counted worthy. See Acts 5. 41.

kingdom.

1. 6-10 (F, p. 1794). THE OBTAINING OF REST AND GLORY. (*Alternation and Introversion.*)

F | K | 6. Tribulation to the troublers.

L | a | 7-. Rest to the troubled.

b | -7. When the Lord shall be revealed.

K | 8, 9. Vengeance to the enemies.

L | b | 10-. When He shall come.

a | -10. To be glorified in the saints.

6 Seeing = If so be. Gr. *eiper*. with. Ap. 104. xii. 2. trouble. Gr. *thlibō*, afflict. The noun in v. 7. 7 rest. Gr. *anesis*. See Acts 24. 23. with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. when, &c. = in (Gr. *en*) the revelation (Ap. 106. II. i) of. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A. Jesus. Ap. 98. X. heaven. Sing. See Matt. 6. 9, 10. His, &c. = the angels of His power (Ap. 172. 1).

K 8 ¹In ° flaming fire, ° taking ° vengeance on them that ° know ° not ¹God, and that obey ° not the ° gospel of our ⁷Lord ¹Jesus ° Christ :
9 Who shall ° be punished with ° everlasting ° destruction ²from the presence of the ⁷Lord, and ²from the ° glory of His ° power ;

L b 10 When He ° shall come
a to be ° glorified ¹in His ° saints, and to be admired ¹in all them that ° believe (because our testimony ° among you was ° believed) ¹in that day.

B G 11 ° Wherefore ° also we pray ³always ³for you, ° that our ¹God would ° count you worthy of *this* calling, and ° fulfil all the ° good pleasure of His ° goodness, and the work of ³faith ° with ° power :

H 12 That the name of our ⁷Lord ¹Jesus ⁸Christ may be ¹⁰glorified ¹in you,

J and ^{pe} ¹in Him. ° according to the ²grace of our ¹God and the ¹Lord ¹Jesus Christ.

C M 2 Now we ° beseech you, brethren, ° by the ° coming of our ° Lord ° Jesus Christ, and by our ° gathering together ° unto Him,
2 ° That ye be ° not ° soon shaken ° in mind, ° or ° be troubled, ° neither ° by ° spirit, ° nor ° by ° word, ° nor ° by letter, as ° from us, as that the day of ° Christ is ° at hand.

N c 3 Let ° no man ° deceive you ° by any means : ° for *that day shall not come*, ° except there come ° a ° falling away first,

d and ° that ° man of ° sin ° be revealed, the ° son of ° perdition,

e 4 Who ° opposeth and ° exalteth himself ° above all that is called ° God, or that is ° worshipped ; so that he ° as God sitteth ° in the ° Temple of ° God, ° shewing himself that he is ° God.

M 5 Remember ye ° not, that, when I was yet ° with you, I told you these things ?

6 And now ye ° know what ° withholdeth ²that he might ³be ³revealed ° in ° his time.

N e 7 For the ° mystery of ° iniquity doth already ° work : only he who now ° letteth *will let*, until he be taken ° out of the way.

d 8 And then shall ° that wicked ³be revealed,

8 flaming fire=fire of flame (Gr. *phlox*. Here ; Luke 16. 24. Acts 7. 30. Heb. 1. 7. Rev. 1. 14 ; 2. 18 ; 19. 12).

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

vengeance. Gr. *ekdikēsis*. See Luke 18. 8.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

not. Ap. 105. II.

gospel. Ap. 140.

Christ. The texts omit.

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

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

destruction. Gr. *olethros*. See 1 Cor. 5. 5.

glory. See p. 1511.

power. Ap. 172. 3.

10 shall=shall have.

glorified. Gr. *endoxazomai*. Only here and v. 12.

saints. See Acts 9. 13.

believe, believed. Ap. 150. I. 1. i.

among. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

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

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

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

count . . . worthy. Gr. *axioō*. See Acts 15. 38.

fulfil. Ap. 125. 7.

good pleasure. Gr. *eudokia*. See Rom. 10. 1.

goodness. Gr. *agathōsunē*. See Rom. 15. 14.

with. Ap. 104. viii.

power. Ap. 172. 1, as v. 7.

12 according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

2. 1-12 (C, p. 1794). ADMONITION. (*Alternation*.)

C M | 1-3-. Exhortation : negative.

N | c | -3-. The apostasy : open.

d | -3-. The man of sin.

e | 4. The character of his acts.

M | 5, 6. Exhortation : positive.

N | c | 7. The mystery : secret.

d | 8. The lawless one.

e | 9-12. The character of his acts.

2. 1 beseech. Ap. 134. I. 3.

by=on behalf of. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

coming. See 1 Thess. 2. 19.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

gathering together. Gr. *episunagōgē*. Only here

and Heb. 10. 26. Cp. the verb in Matt. 23. 37 ; 24. 31.

unto. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

2 That=To the end that. Ap. 104. vi.

not. Ap. 105. II.

soon=quickly.

in=from. Ap. 104. iv.

or=nor. Gr. *mēte*. Same as neither and nor,

below.

be troubled. Gr. *throōmai*. Elsewhere, Matt. 24. 6.

Mark 13. 7.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1. spirit=spirit-communication. Ap. 101. II. 12. word. Ap. 121. 10. from.

Ap. 104. v. 1. Christ=the Lord, as the texts. The day of Christ is the day of v. 1. Cp. Phil. 1. 10 ;

2. 16. The day of the Lord is the day of O.T. prophecy. See Isa. 2. 12. at hand=present. Gr. *enistēmi*.

See Rom. 8. 38. 3 no man=not (Ap. 105. II) any one (Ap. 123. 3). deceive. Gr. *exapataō*. See Rom.

7. 11. by any means. Lit. according to (Ap. 104. x. 2) no (Gr. *mēdeis*) way. A double negative for

emphasis. for=because. except=if (Ap. 118. i. b.) . . . not (Ap. 105. II). a=the. falling

away=apostasy. Gr. *apostasia*. Only here and Acts 21. 21. that=the. man. Ap. 123. 1. sin.

Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. Some texts read III. 4, as v. 7. be revealed. Ap. 106. I. ix. son. Ap. 108. iii.

perdition. See John 17. 12. Rev. 17. 8, 11. 4 opposeth. Gr. *antikeimai*. Gen. transl. be an

adversary to. exalteth himself. Gr. *huperairōmai*. See 2 Cor. 12. 7. above. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. worshipped=an object of worship. Gr. *sebasma*. See Acts 17. 23. as God.

The texts omit. in. Ap. 104. vi. Temple. Gr. *naos*. See Matt. 23. 16. shewing. Gr. *apo-*

deiknumi. See Acts 2. 22. 5 not. Ap. 105. I. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. 6 know. Ap. 132. I. i.

withholdeth=holds fast. Gr. *katechō*. See the other occ. of this word, v. 7 ; Matt. 21. 38. Luke 4. 42 ;

8. 15 ; 14. 9. John 5. 4. Acts 27. 40. Rom. 1. 18 ; 7. 6. 1 Cor. 7. 30 ; 11. 2 ; 15. 2. 2 Cor. 6. 10. 1 Thess. 5. 21.

Philem. 13. Heb. 3. 6, 14 ; 10. 23. in. Ap. 104. viii. his time=his own season. That which holds

him fast is neuter. It is a place, the pit of the abyss (Rev. 9. 1 ; 11. 7 ; 13. 1). 7 mystery. Ap. 193.

iniquity=lawlessness. Ap. 128. III. 4. work=work actively, as 1 Thess. 2. 13. letteth=holds fast.

Gr. *katechō*, as v. 6. Supply the Ellipsis by "there is one who holds fast", instead of by repeating the verb

"will let". But *katechō* is a transitive verb, and an object must be supplied too. See all the occ. v. 6.

If the subject be Satan, the object must be his position in the heavenlies (Eph. 6. 12), from which he will be

ejected by Michael (Rev. 12. 7-9). out of the way=out of (Gr. *ek*) the midst. Cp. the same expression in

Acts 17. 33 ; 23. 10. 1 Cor. 5. 2. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Col. 2. 14. 8 that wicked=the lawless one. Ap. 128. III. 3.

whom the ¹Lord shall °consume with the °spirit of His mouth, and shall °destroy with the °brightness of His ¹coming:

⁹ *Even him*, whose ¹coming is °after the °working of Satan °with all °power and °signs and °lying °wonders,

¹⁰ And °with °all °deceivableness of °unrighteousness °in °them that perish; °because they received °not the °love of the truth, °that they might be saved.

¹¹ And °for this cause °God shall °send them °strong delusion, °that they should °believe °a lie:

¹² °That they all might be °damned who ¹¹believed °not the truth, but °had pleasure °in ¹⁰unrighteousness.

B A D ¹³ But we are °bound to give thanks °always to °God °for you, brethren °beloved °of the °Lord,

E because °God °hath °from the beginning °chosen you °to salvation °through °sanctification of the °Spirit and °belief of the truth:

F ¹⁴ Whereunto He called you °by our °gospel, ¹³to the °obtaining of the °glory of our °Lord °Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, °stand fast, and °hold the °traditions which ye have been taught, whether °by °word, or °our epistle.

B G ¹⁶ Now our °Lord °Jesus Christ Himself, and °God °even our °Father, Which °hath ¹³loved us, and °hath given us °everlasting °consolation and good hope ¹³through °grace,

¹⁷ °Comfort your hearts, and °stablish you °in every good °word and work.

H ³ Finally, brethren, °pray °for us, °that the °word of the °Lord may °have free course, and be glorified, even as *it is* °with you:

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

³ But the °Lord is °faithful, Who shall °stablish you, and °keep you °from °evil.

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

J ⁵ And the °Lord °direct your hearts °into the °love of °God, and °into the °patient waiting °for °Christ.

C f ⁶ Now we °command you, brethren, °in the

grace. Ap. 184. I. 1

¹⁷ Comfort. Ap. 134. I. 6.

stablish. Gr. *stērizō*. See Rom. 1. 11.

3. 1 pray. Ap. 134. I. 2. Paul is the only N.T. writer who asks the prayers of those to whom he writes. See Rom. 15. 30. 2 Cor. 1. 11. Eph. 6. 19. Phil. 1. 19. Col. 4. 3. Philem. 22. Heb. 13. 18. for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. that=in order that. Gr. *hina*. word. Ap. 121. 10. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A. have, &c.=run and be glorified. By Fig. *Hendiadys* (Ap. 6)=triumph gloriously. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. Cp. Acts 13. 48. you. Add "also". ² delivered. Gr. *rhuomai*, as in Rom. 15. 31. from. Ap. 104. iv. unreasonable. Gr. *atopos*. See Acts 28. 6. wicked. Ap. 128. III. 1. men. Ap. 123. 1. not. Ap. 105. I. faith. Ap. 150. II. 1. ³ faithful. Ap. 150. III. Cp. 1 Cor. 1. 9 stablish. See 2. 17. keep=guard. evil=the wicked one. Ap. 128. III. 1. Cp. 1 John 5. 18. ⁴ have confidence. Ap. 150. I. 2. in. Ap. 104. viii. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B. touching. Ap. 104. ix. 3. things. I. e. in vv. 6-14. Cp. 1 Thess. 4. 11. command=charge. Gr. *parangellō*. See Acts 1. 4. ⁵ direct. Gr. *kateuthunō*. See 1 Thess. 3. 11. into. Ap. 104. vi. love. Ap. 135. II. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. patient waiting=patience, as 1. 4. for Christ=of Christ (Ap. 98. IX).

3. 6-15 (C, p. 1794). ADMONITION. (*Repeated Alternation.*)

- C | f¹ | 6. Charge to the orderly.
 | g¹ | 7-9. The example of Paul and the brethren.
 f² | 10. Charge to the non-workers.
 | g² | 11. Instance of such.
 f³ | 12, 13. Charge to the disorderly.
 | g³ | 14, 15. The disobedient to be admonished.

consume. Gr. *analiskō*. See Gal. 5. 15. spirit=breath. Ap. 101. II. 8. Cp. Isa. 11. 4; 30. 27, 30, 33.

destroy=bring to nought. Gr. *katargeō*. See Rom. 3. 3.

brightness. Ap. 106. II. ii.

⁹ after. Ap. 104. x. 2.

working. Gr. *energeia*. See v. 7. Ap. 172. 4.

with. Ap. 104. viii.

power... signs... wonders. Ap. 176. 1. 3. 2.

lying. Lit. of a lie. Gr. *pseudos*. See John 8. 44. Rom. 1. 25.

¹⁰ all=every.

deceivableness=(form of) deceit.

unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1.

in. The texts omit. Dat. case.

them that perish=the perishing. See same phrase, 1 Cor. 1. 18. 2 Cor. 2. 15; 4. 3.

because. Gr. *anth' on*, indicating exchange. Cp. Rom. 1. 25 (R V.).

love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

¹¹ for this cause=because of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.

send. Ap. 174. 4.

strong delusion=a working (v. 9) of error (Gr. *planē*, as Rom. 1. 27).

believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

¹² That=In order that. Gr. *hina*.

damned=condemned, or judged. Ap. 122. 1.

had pleasure=were well pleased. See Matt. 3. 17.

¹³ bound, &c. Cp. 1. 3.

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

beloved. Ap. 135. I. 1.

of. Ap. 104. xviii. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B. hath. Omit.

from the beginning. Gr. *ap' archēs*. See John 8. 44.

chosen=chose. Gr. *haireomai*. See Phil. 1. 22.

to. Ap. 104. vi.

through. Ap. 104. viii.

sanctification. Gr. *hagiasmos*. See Rom. 6. 19.

Spirit. The Sanctifier. Ap. 101. II. 3. Cp. 1 Pet. 1. 2.

belief. Gr. *pistis*. Ap. 150. II. 1.

¹⁴ Whereunto=Unto (Gr. *eis*) which.

gospel. Ap. 140.

obtaining. Gr. *peripoiēsis*. See Eph. 1. 14.

glory. See p. 1511.

¹⁵ stand fast. See 1 Thess. 3. 8.

hold=lay hold on, hold fast.

traditions. Gr. *paradosis*, as in 3. 6.

our. Should come after "by".

¹⁶ even. Omit.

Father. Ap. 98. III.

hath. Omit.

hath given=gave.

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

consolation. Gr. *paraklēsis*. See Luke 6. 24. Acts

4. 36. Cp. Ap. 134. I. 6.

name of our ¹Lord ° Jesus Christ, that ye
° withdraw yourselves ²from every brother
that walketh ° disorderly, and ° not ° after the
° tradition which he received ° of us.

^g¹ 7 For yourselves ° know how ye ought to
° follow us: for we ° behaved ²not ourselves
disorderly ° among you;

8 ° Neither did we eat ° any man's bread ° for
nought; but ° wrought ° with labour and
° travail night and day, ° that we might ° not be
° chargeable to ° any of you:

9 ² Not because we have ²not ° power, but ° to
make ourselves an ° ensample ° unto you ° to
⁷follow us.

^f² 10 For even when we were ¹with you, this we
° commanded you, that ° if ⁸any ° would ²not
work, ° neither should he eat.

^g² 11 For we hear that there are ° some which
walk ° among you ° disorderly, working ° not
at all, but ° are busybodies.

^f³ 12 Now them that are such we ° command
and ° exhort ° by our ⁴Lord ⁶Jesus Christ,
¹that ° with ° quietness they work, and eat their
own bread.

13 But ^{ye}, brethren, ° be ° not weary ° in well
doing.

^g³ 14 And ¹⁰if ⁸any man obey ²not our ¹word
° by this epistle, ° note ° that man, and ° have ° no
company with him, ¹that he may ° be ashamed.

15 Yet ° count ^{him} ° not as an enemy, but
admonish ^{him} as a brother.

^A 16 Now the ¹Lord ° of peace Himself give you
peace ° always ° by all means. The ¹Lord be
¹²with you all.

17 The ° salutation of Paul with mine own
hand, which is the ° token ⁴in every epistle: so
I write.

18 The ° grace of our ¹Lord ⁶Jesus Christ be
¹²with you all. ° Amen.

6 Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.
withdraw yourselves. Gr. *stellomai*. See 2 Cor. 8. 20.
disorderly. Gr. *ataktōs*. Only here and v. 11.
not. Ap. 105. II.

after. Ap. 104. x. 2.
tradition. See 2. 15.
of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

7 know. Ap. 132. I. i.
follow = imitate. Gr. *mimeomai*. Occ. also v. 9. Heb.
13. 7. 3 John 11. Cp. 1 Cor. 4. 16.

behaved . . . disorderly. Gr. *atakteō*. Cp. vv. 6, 11.
1 Thess. 5. 14.

among. Ap. 104. viii. 2.

8 Neither. Gr. *oude*.
any man's bread = bread from (Gr. *para*, Ap. 104.
xii. 1) any one (Ap. 123. 3).

for nought. Gr. *dōrean*. See John 15. 25.

wrought = working.

with. Ap. 104. viii.

travail. Gr. *mochthos*. See 2 Cor. 11. 27.

that we, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) our not
being.

chargeable to. Gr. *epibareō*. See 2 Cor. 2. 5. 1 Thess.
2. 9. any. Ap. 123. 3.

9 power. Ap. 172. 5.

to = in order that (as v. 1) we may.

ensample. Gr. *typos*. Cp. Phil. 3. 17. 1 Thess. 1. 7.
1 Tim. 4. 12.

unto = to.

to. Gr. *eis*. Ap. 104. vi.

10 if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

would = is . . . willing. Ap. 102. 1.

neither. Gr. *mēde*.

11 some. Ap. 124. 4.

not at all = (in) nothing. Gr. *mēdeis*.

are busybodies. Gr. *periergazomai*, to be busy about
useless matters.

12 exhort. Ap. 134. I. 6.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1, but the texts read *en*.

with. Ap. 104. xi. 1.

quietness. Gr. *hēsuchia*. See Acts 22. 2.

13 be . . . weary = faint. Gr. *ekkakeō*. See 2 Cor.
4. 1.

in well doing. Gr. *kalopoieō*. Only here. Cp. Gal. 6. 9.

14 by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

note. Gr. *sēmeiomai*. Only here.

have . . . company. Gr. *sunanamignumi*. See 1 Cor. 5. 9, 11.

15 count = reckon. Gr. *hēgeomai*. 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.

17 salutation, &c. Cp. through (Ap. 104. v. 1) everything. by all means = in (Gr. *en*) every way.

18 grace. Ap. 184. I. 1. Amen. Omit. token = sign. Gr. *sēmeion*. Ap. 176. 3.

that man = this one.

be ashamed. Gr. *entrepomai*. See 1 Cor. 4. 14.

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STRUCTURE OF THE PERSONAL EPISTLES.

(CANONICAL ORDER.)

COVERING THE PERIOD OF BOTH THE EARLIER AND
THE LATER EPISTLES TO ASSEMBLIES (Ap. 186).

(Alternation.)

A | **I. TIMOTHY.** Earlier period. Timothy at Ephesus. Organized assemblies.
Instruction as to officers and their duties. Assemblies seen in their order and rule.

B | **II. TIMOTHY.** Later period. Organization ignored. Orderly rule succeeded
by ruin. Officers superseded by "faithful men". Individual.

A | **TITUS.** Earlier period. Organized assemblies as in 1 Timothy.

B | **PHILEMON.** Later period. Practical exhibition of individual walk in the
truth of the later Epistles.