

ΠΕΤΡΟΥ Β΄

To fellow believers

1:1 Συμεών¹ Πέτρος, δοῦλος καὶ ἀπόστολος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῖς ἰσότη-μον ἡμῖν λαχοῦσιν πίστιν ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ Σωτῆρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· **2** Χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη πληθυνθεῖη ἐν ἐπιγνώσει τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν,² **3** ὥς³ πάντα ἡμῖν τῆς θείας δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ τὰ πρὸς ζωὴν καὶ εὐσέβειαν δεδορημένης, διὰ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ καλέσαντος ἡμᾶς διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀρετῆς,⁴ **4** δι' ὧν τὰ τίμια ἡμῖν καὶ μέγιστα ἐπαγγέλματα⁵ δεδωρῆται, ἵνα διὰ τούτων γένησθε θείας κοινωνοὶ φύσεως, ἀποφυγόντες τῆς ἐν κόσμῳ ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳ φθορᾶς.⁶

Take the Truth seriously!

Our 'entrance' depends on us

1:5 Καὶ αὐτὸ δὲ τοῦτο,⁷ σπουδὴν πασαν παρεισενέγκαντες, ἐπιχορηγήσατε ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν τὴν ἀρετὴν, ἐν δὲ τῇ ἀρετῇ τὴν γνῶσιν, **6** ἐν δὲ τῇ γνῶσει τὴν ἐγκράτειαν, ἐν δὲ τῇ ἐγκρατείᾳ τὴν ὑπομονήν, ἐν δὲ τῇ ὑπομονῇ τὴν εὐσέβειαν, **7** ἐν δὲ τῇ εὐσεβείᾳ τὴν φιλαδελφίαν, ἐν δὲ τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ τὴν ἀγάπην. **8** Ταῦτα γὰρ ὑμῖν ὑπάρχοντα καὶ πλεονάζοντα, οὐκ ἀργοὺς οὐδὲ ἀκάρπους καθίστησιν εἰς τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐπιγνώσιν. **9** Ὡ γὰρ μὴ πάρεστιν ταῦτα τυφλὸς ἐστίν, μυωπάζων, λήθην λαβὼν τοῦ καθαρισμοῦ τῶν πάλοι αὐτοῦ ἀμαρτιῶν.⁸

10 Διὸ μᾶλλον, ἀδελφοί, σπουδάσατε⁹ βεβαίαν ὑμῶν τὴν κλῆσιν καὶ ἐκλογὴν ποιῆσθαι,¹⁰ ταῦτα γὰρ ποιούντες οὐ μὴ πταίσητέ ποτε. **11** Οὕτως γὰρ

¹ συμεων f³⁵ NA [75%] RP, HF, OC, TR, NU | σιμων P⁷²B [25%] CP

² ησου του κυριου ημων f³⁵ (P⁷²)B, C [68%] RP, HF, OC, TR, NU | 234 [1.4%] | 1 χριστου 234 NA [15%] (CP) | χριστου 1234 [8%] | σωτηρος 1 χριστου 234 [1.2%] | ~ 2341 χριστου [6%] | one other reading [0.4%]

³ ως rell | 1 τα NA [8%]

⁴ δια δοξης και αρετης f³⁵ P⁷²B [81%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | ιδια δοξη και αρετη NA, C [19%] NU

⁵ τιμια ημιν (υμιν 3.4%) και μεγαιστα επαγγελματα f³⁵ N (81.6%) RP, HF, OC, CP | ~ 13425 B (6.6%) NU | ~ 13452 P⁷² (0.4%) | 1345 (0.6%) | ~ 43125 (A)C (8.6%) | ~ 42315 (1.2%) TR | three further variations (1%)

⁶ κοσμω εν (-εν 5%) επιθυμια φθορας f³⁵ [87%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | τω 1234 A, B [alone] NU | τω 1 επιθυμιαν 4 (φθοραν P⁷²) P⁷²N [alone] | 1 επιθυμιας και 4 C [5.6%] | 1 επιθυμιας 4 [2%] | τω 1 επιθυμιας και 4 [4%] | three other variants [0.6%]

⁷ δε τουτο f³⁵ N [66%] | ~ 21 P⁷²B, C [32%] RP, HF, OC, TR(CP)NU | ~ αυτοι 1 A [1%] | 2 [0.8%] | one other reading [0.2%] (Curiously, this early majority reading is apparently not to be found in any other printed edition.)

⁸ αμαρτιων rell | αμαρτηματων NA [21%]

⁹ σπουδασατε rell | 1 ινα δια των καλων εργαων N(A) [14%]

¹⁰ ποιεισθαι rell | ποιησθε NA [13%] | ποιεισθε [6.6%] | ποιησεσθε [0.4%]

πλουσίως ἐπιχορηγηθήσεται ὑμῖν ἡ εἴσοδος¹ εἰς τὴν αἰώνιον² βασι-λείαν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ Σωτῆρος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.³

Peter's death imminent

12 Διὸ οὐκ ἀμελήσω⁴ ἀεὶ ὑμᾶς ὑπομιμνήσκειν περὶ τούτων,⁵ καίπερ εἰδότας καὶ ἐστηριγμένους ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ ἀληθείᾳ. **13** Δίκαιον δὲ ἡγοῦμαι, ἐφ' ὅσον⁶ εἰμὶ ἐν τούτῳ τῷ σκηνώματι, διεγείρειν ὑμᾶς ἐν ὑπομνήσει, **14** εἰδὼς ὅτι ταχινή ἐστὶν ἡ ἀπόθεσις τοῦ σκηνώματός μου, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἐδήλωσέν μοι. **15** Σπουδάσω δὲ καὶ ἐκάστοτε ἔχειν ὑμᾶς, μετὰ τὴν ἐμὴν ἔξοδον, τὴν τούτων μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι.

The prophetic Word is trustworthy

16 Οὐ γὰρ σεσοφισμένοις μύθοις ἐξακολουθήσαντες ἐγνωρίσαμεν ὑμῖν τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δύναμιν καὶ παρουσίαν· ἀλλ' ἐπόπτει γενηθέντες τῆς ἐκείνου μεγαλειότητος **17**—λαβὼν γὰρ παρὰ Θεοῦ Πατρὸς τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν φωνῆς ἐνεχθείσης αὐτῷ τοιαῦδε ὑπὸ τῆς μεγαλοπρεποῦς δόξης, «Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Υἱός μου, ὁ ἀγαπητός,⁷ εἰς ὃν ἐγὼ εὐδόκησα»⁸—**18** καὶ ταύτην τὴν φωνὴν ἡμεῖς ἠκούσαμεν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ ἐνεχθεῖσαν σὺν αὐτῷ ὄντες ἐν τῷ ὄρει τῷ ἁγίῳ.⁹

19 Καὶ ἔχομεν βεβαιότερον τὸν προφητικὸν λόγον, ᾧ καλῶς ποιεῖτε προσέχοντες ὡς λύχνῳ φαίνοντι ἐν ἀσχημῶ τόπῳ, ἕως οὗ ἡμέρα διαυγάσῃ καὶ φωσφόρος ἀνατείλῃ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν· **20** τοῦτο πρῶτον γινώσκοντες, ὅτι πᾶσα προφητεία Γραφῆς ιδίας ἐπιλύσεως οὐ γίνεται· **21** οὐ γὰρ θελήματι ἀνθρώπου ἠνέχθη ποτὲ προφητεία,¹⁰

¹ εἰσοδος *rell* | 1 η P⁷² [25%]

² αιωνιον f³⁵ P⁷² ⲬA,B [98%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | αιωνιαν C [2%] CP

³ ημων και σωτηρος ιησου χριστου f³⁵ P⁷² ⲬB,C [85%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | ~ 23145 A [7%] | 145 [8%] CP | one other reading

⁴ ουκ αμελησω f³⁵ (95.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ου μελλησω (P⁷²) (1%) | μελλησω ⲬA,B,C (2.8%) NU | two other readings (0.4%) (Since Peter goes on to predict his imminent death, the majority reading seems to be at odds with that prediction, so the early uncials took evasive action.)

⁵ αει υμας υπομιμνησκειν περι τουτων f³⁵ P⁷² B,C [90%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | ~ 21345 A [3%] TR | ~ 32145 [3.2%] | ~ 14532 Ⲭ [alone] | ~ 13245 [1.4%] | 2345 [1.4%] | two other readings [0.8%]

⁶ εφ' ὅσον *rell* | εφόσον f³⁵ (I include this for the record, and so as not to lose sight of it. But since there is evidently no difference in meaning, I stay with the conventional pointing.)

⁷ ουτος εστιν ο υιος μου ο αγαπητος f³⁵ ⲬA,C^c (98.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~ 3456712 P⁷² B (alone) NU | three other readings C (0.8%)

⁸ ευδοκησα *rell* | ηυδοκησα A [12%]

⁹ ορει τω αγιω f³⁵ ⲬA (97.6%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~ 31 P⁷² B,C (2.4%) NU

¹⁰ ποτε προφητεια f³⁵ ⲬA [84%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ~ 21 B,C [15%] NU | ~ η 21 P⁷² [1%] | two other readings

ἀλλ' ¹ ὑπὸ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου φερόμενοι ἐλάλησαν ἅγιοι Θεοῦ ² ἄνθρωποι.

Watch out for false teachers!

Their teachings are destructive

2:1 Ἐγένοντο δὲ καὶ ψευδοπροφηταὶ ἐν τῷ λαῷ, ὡς καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν ἔσονται ψευδοδιδάσκαλοι, οἵτινες παρεισάξουσιν αἱρέσεις ἀπωλείας, καὶ τὸν ἀγοράσαντα αὐτοὺς Δεσπότην ἀρνούμενοι (ἐπάγοντες ἐαυτοῖς ταχινήν ἀπώλειαν). **2** Καὶ πολλοὶ ἐξακολουθήσουσιν αὐτῶν ταῖς ἀσελγείαις, ³ δι' ἧς ⁴ ἡ ὁδὸς τῆς ἀληθείας βλασφημηθήσεται. **3** Καὶ ἐν πλεονεξία πλαστοῖς λόγοις ὑμᾶς ἐμπορεύσονται· οἷς τὸ κρῖμα ἔκπαλαι οὐκ ἀργεῖ, καὶ ἡ ἀπώλεια αὐτῶν οὐ νυστάζει. ⁵

Their doom is sure

4 Εἰ γὰρ ὁ Θεὸς ἀγγέλων ἀμαρτησάντων οὐκ ἐφείσατο, ἀλλὰ σειραῖς ζόφου ταρταρώσας παρέδωκεν εἰς κρίσιν τηρουμένους, ⁶ **5** καὶ ἀρχαίου κόσμου οὐκ ἐφείσατο ἀλλ' ⁷ ὄγδοον Νῶε δικαιοσύνης κήρυκα ἐφύλαξεν, κατακλυσμὸν κόσμῳ ἀσεβῶν ἐπάξας, **6** καὶ πόλεις Σοδόμων καὶ Γομόρρας τεφρώσας καταστροφῇ ⁸ κατέκρινεν (ὑπόδειγμα μελλόντων ἀσεβεῖν ⁹ θετικῶς), **7** καὶ δίκαιον Λώτ, καταπονούμενον ὑπὸ τῆς τῶν ἀθέσμων ἐν ἀσελγείᾳ ἀναστροφῆς, ἐρρύσατο **8** (βλέμματι γὰρ καὶ ἀκοῇ ὁ δίκαιος, ἐγκατοικῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς, ἡμέραν ἐξ ἡμέρας ψυχὴν δικαίαν ἀνόμοις ἔργοις ἐβασάνιζεν) **9**—οἶδεν Κύριος εὐσεβεῖς ἐκ πειρασμῶν ¹⁰ ῥύεσθαι, ἀδίκους δὲ εἰς ἡμέραν κρίσεως κολαζομένους τηρεῖν, **10** μάλιστα δὲ τοὺς ὀπίσω σαρκὸς ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳ ¹¹ μiasμοῦ πορευομένων, καὶ κυριότητος καταφρονούντας.

Their depravity is 'unreal'

Τολμηταί, αὐθάδεις, δόξας οὐ τρέμουντες βλασφημοῦντες, **11** ὅπου ἄγγελοι, ἰσχύϊ καὶ δυνάμει μεῖζονες ὄντες, οὐ φέρουσιν κατ' αὐτῶν παρὰ

¹ ἀλλ' f³⁵ A,C [90%] RP,HF,OC,TR | ἀλλὰ P⁷²XB [10%] CP,NU

² ἅγιοι θεοῦ f³⁵ X (84.8%) RP,HF,OC,CP | οἱ 12 (4.2%) TR | 1 του 2 A (2.6%) | ἀπο 2 P⁷²B (5.6%) NU | ~ ἀπο 21 C (1.2%) | 1 (0.8%) | 12 προφηταὶ (0.8%)

³ ἀσελγείαις *rell* | ἀπωλείαις TR

⁴ ἀς f³⁵ [20%] | οὗς P⁷²XA,B,C [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU (The people, or the licentious conduct? Is it not really the bad conduct that sullies the reputation of the Way?)

⁵ νυστάζει f³⁵ [79%] RP,HF,OC,CP | νυστάζει P⁷²XA,B,C [21%] TR,NU

⁶ τηρουμένους f³⁵ P⁷²B,C [89%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | τετηρημένους [2%] TR | κολαζομένους τηρεῖν XA [8%] | four other readings [1%]

⁷ ἀλλ' f³⁵ [82%] HF,TR | ἀλλὰ P⁷²XA,B,C [18%] RP,OC,CP,NU

⁸ καταστροφή f³⁵ XA [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | --- P⁷²B,C [3%]

⁹ ἀσεβεῖν f³⁵ XA,C [92%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM,N-A²⁸ | ἀσεβεσιν P⁷²B [4%] [NU] | --- [3%] | three other readings [1%]

¹⁰ πειρασμῶν f³⁵ X [33%] CP | πειρασμοῦ (P⁷²)A,B,C [67%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | one other reading (I take the plural to be clearly superior in the context.)

¹¹ ἐπιθυμία *rell* | ἐπιθυμίας (P⁷²)XC [12%]

Κυρίω¹ βλάσφημον κρίσιν. **12** Οὗτοι δέ, ὡς ἄλογα ζῶα, γεγεννημένα φυσικὰ² εἰς ἄλωσιν καὶ φθοράν, ἐν οἷς ἀγνοοῦσιν βλασφημοῦντες, ἐν τῇ φθορᾷ αὐτῶν καταφθαρήσονται,³ **13** κομιούμενοι⁴ μισθὸν ἀδικίας. Ἦδονήν ἡγούμενοι τὴν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ τρυφὴν, σπίλοι καὶ μῶμοι, ἐντρυφῶντες ἐν ταῖς ἀπάταις αὐτῶν συνευχόμενοι ὑμῖν, **14** ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχοντες μεστοὺς μοιχαλίδος καὶ ἀκαταπαύστους⁵ ἁμαρτίας, δελεάζοντες ψυχὰς ἀστηρίκτους· καρδίαν γεγυμνασμένην πλεονεξίας⁶ ἔχοντες, κατάρας τέκνα· **15** καταλιπόντες⁷ εὐθεϊαν⁸ ὁδὸν ἐπλανήθησαν, ἐξακολουθήσαντες τῇ ὁδῷ τοῦ Βαλαὰμ τοῦ Βοσόρ, ὃς μισθὸν ἀδικίας ἡγάπησεν· **16** ἔλεγχιν δὲ ἔσχεν ἰδίας παρανομίας—ὑποζύγιον ἄφωνον ἐν ἀνθρώπου φωνῇ φθεγξάμενον ἐκώλυσεν τὴν τοῦ προφήτου παραφρονίαν. **17** Οὗτοί εἰσιν πηγαὶ ἄνυδροι,⁹ νεφέλαι¹⁰ ὑπὸ λαίλαπος ἐλαυνόμεναι, οἷς ὁ ζόφος τοῦ σκότους εἰς αἰῶνας¹¹ τετήρηται.

Their victims lose out

18 Ὑπέρογκα γὰρ ματαιότητος φθεγγόμενοι δελεάζουσιν ἐν ἐπιθυμίαις σαρκός, ἀσελγείας,¹² τοὺς ὄντως¹³ ἀποφυγόντας¹⁴ τοὺς ἐν πλάνῃ ἀναστρεφόμενους, **19** ἐλευθερίαν αὐτοῖς ἐπαγγελλόμενοι, αὐτοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπάρχοντες τῆς

¹ παρα κυριω f³⁵ NB,C [81%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM,N-A²⁸ | 1 κυριου P⁷² [8%] NU | --- A [11%]

² γεγεννημενα φυσικα f³⁵ N [26%] CP | ~ 21 [54%] RP,HF,OC,TR | γεγεννημενα 2 A,B,C [3%] NU | ~ 2 γεγεννημενα [12%] | 1 [4.2%] | 2 P⁷² [0.4%] | two other readings [0.4%] (The majority variant, by putting the adjective next to the noun, seems to make a more natural construction, but I take it that φυσικα is acting like a noun in apposition to ζωα, and to help us see this Peter places it after the participle: render, “as unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct made to be caught and destroyed”.)

³ καταφθαρησονται f³⁵ [95%] RP,OC,TR,CP | και φθαρησονται (P⁷²)NA,B,C [4%] NU | --- [1%] | και 1 HF

⁴ κομιουμενοι f³⁵ A,C (97.6%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | αδικουμενοι P⁷²NB (2%) NU | one other variant (0.4%) (Is the Alexandrian variant not inferior?)

⁵ ακαταπαυστους rell | ακαταπαυστου [15%]

⁶ πλεονεξιας f³⁵ P⁷²NA,B,C [95%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | πλεονεξιας [2%] TR | πλεονεξιαν [2%] | πλεονεξια [1%]

⁷ καταλιποντες f³⁵ P⁷²C [90%] RP,HF,OC,TR,ECM,N-A²⁸ | καταλειποντες NA,B [9%] CP,NU | two other readings

⁸ ευθειαν f³⁵ P⁷²NA,B,C [98%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | την 1 [2%] TR

⁹ ανυδροι f³⁵ (87%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 και P⁷²NA,B,C (13%) NU

¹⁰ νεφελαι f³⁵ (87.4%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ομιγλαι P⁷²NA,B,C (11.4%) NU | conflation (1.2%)

¹¹ εις αιωνας f³⁵ (25.1%) | 1 αιωνα A,C (70.3%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 τον αιωνα (2.4%) | --- P⁷²NB (2.2%) NU

¹² ασελγειας f³⁵ [40%] | ασελγειαις P⁷²NA,B,C [60%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU

¹³ οντως f³⁵ NC [93%] RP,HF,OC,TR,N-A²⁸ | ολιγως P⁷²A,B [3%] NU | ολιγον [3%] CP | οντως ολιγον [1%]

¹⁴ αποφυγοντας f³⁵ [93%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | αποφευγοντας (P⁷²)NA,B,C [7%] NU

φθορᾶς· ᾧ γάρ τις ἡττηται, τούτῳ καὶ¹ δεδούλωται. **20** Εἰ² γάρ, ἀποφυγόντες τὰ μιάσματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐν ἐπιγνώσει τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος³ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τούτοις δὲ πάλιν ἐμπλακέντες ἡττῶνται, γέγονεν αὐτοῖς τὰ ἔσχατα χεῖρονα τῶν πρώτων. **21** Κρεῖττον⁴ γὰρ ἢν αὐτοῖς μὴ ἐπεγνωκέναι τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς δικαιοσύνης, ἢ ἐπιγνοῦσιν ἐπιστρέψαι ἐκ⁵ τῆς παραδοθείσης αὐτοῖς ἀγίας ἐντολῆς. **22** Συμβέβηκεν δὲ⁶ αὐτοῖς τὸ τῆς ἀληθοῦς παροιμίας· κύων ἐπιστρέψας ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον ἐξέραμα⁷ καὶ ὅς λουσαμένη εἰς κύλισμα⁸ βορβόρου.

So take the Truth seriously!!

3:1 Ταύτην ἤδη, ἀγαπητοί, δευτέραν ὑμῖν γράφω ἐπιστολὴν (ἐν αἷς διεγείρω ὑμῶν ἐν ὑπομνήσει τὴν εἰλικρινή⁹ διάνοιαν), **2** μνησθῆναι τῶν προειρημένων ῥημάτων ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγίων προφητῶν, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀποστόλων ὑμῶν¹⁰ ἐντολῆς τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος.

Scoffers will come

3 Τοῦτο πρῶτον γινώσκοντες· ὅτι ἐλεύσονται ἐπ' ἐσχάτου¹¹ τῶν ἡμερῶν¹² ἐμπαῖκται, κατὰ τὰς ἰδίας ἐπιθυμίας αὐτῶν¹³ πορευόμενοι **4** καὶ λέγοντες· «Ποῦ ἐστὶν ἡ ἐπαγγελία τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ;» Ἀφ' ἧς γὰρ οἱ πατέρες ἐκοιμήθησαν πάντα οὕτως διαμένει ἀπ' ἀρχῆς κτίσεως. **5** Λανθάνει γὰρ αὐτοὺς τοῦτο θέλοντας, ὅτι οὐρανοὶ ἦσαν ἔκπαλαι καὶ γῆ (ἐξ ὕδατος καὶ δι' ὕδατος) συνεστῶτα¹⁴ τῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ λόγῳ, **6** δι' ὧν¹⁵ ὁ τότε κόσμος ὕδατι κατακλυσθεῖς

¹ καὶ f³⁵ A,C,048 [99.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- P⁷²XB [0.6%] NU

² εἰ f³⁵ P⁷²XA,B,C [94%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | οἱ [6%] CP

³ καὶ σωτηρος f³⁵ B (75%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,N-A²⁸ | ημων 12 P⁷²XA,C,048 (14.6%) [NU]ECM | 12 ημων (7.8%) | ημων (1.6%) | --- (1%)

⁴ κρεῖττον *rell* | κρεῖσσον XA [10%]

⁵ επιστρεψαι εκ f³⁵ (83.7%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | εις τα οπισω 12 (4.6%) | 1 εις τα οπισω 2 (1.4%) | υποστρεψαι 2 (P⁷²)B,C (4.8%) NU | υποστρεψαι εις τα οπισω 2 (1%) | 2 (0.4%) | εις τα οπισω ανακαμψαι απο XA,048 (4.2%)

⁶ δε f³⁵ C [96%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | --- P⁷²XA,B,048^v [3%] NU | γαρ [1%]

⁷ εξεραμα *rell* | εξερασμα [13%] | εμετον [7%]

⁸ κυλισμα f³⁵ XA,048 [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | κυλισμον P⁷²B,C [5%] NU

⁹ εἰλικρινη f³⁵ [20%] | εἰλικρινη *rell*

¹⁰ υμων f³⁵ P⁷²XA,B,C [70%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | ημων [28.8%] TR | --- [1.2%]

¹¹ εσχατου f³⁵ [87%] RP,HF,TR,CP | εσχατων P⁷²XA,B,048^v [13%] OC,NU | εσχατω C

¹² ημερων f³⁵ [88%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 εν εμπαιγμονη XA,B,048^v [5.6%] NU | 1 εμπαιγμωνη (P⁷²)C [5%] | 1 εμπαιγμωνης [1.2%] | one other reading [0.2%]

¹³ επιθυμιας αυτων f³⁵ B,C(048) [79%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | ~ 21 XA [20%] TR | 1 P⁷² [1%] | one other reading

¹⁴ συνεστωτα f³⁵ X [23%] | συνεστωσα P⁷²A,C(048) [76%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | συνεστωσαι [1%] | συνεστωσης B (The nominative plural neuter perfect active participle works with ησαν as a periphrastic construction whose subject includes both 'heavens' [m] and 'earth' [f]. Peter's syntax is almost as convoluted as Paul's, at times. f³⁵ [K^r] is early and independent of K^x.)

¹⁵ ων f³⁵ P⁷²XA,B,C,048 [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | ον [2%] ECM,N-A²⁸ | ο [1%]

ἀπώλετο.

This world will be destroyed

7 Οἱ δὲ νῦν οὐρανοί, καὶ ἡ γῆ, τῷ αὐτοῦ¹ λόγῳ τεθησαυρισμένοι εἰσὶν πυρί, τηρούμενοι εἰς ἡμέραν κρίσεως καὶ ἀπωλείας τῶν ἀσεβῶν ἀνθρώπων.

The Lord is longsuffering

8 Ἐν δὲ τοῦτο² μὴ λανθανέτω ὑμᾶς, ἀγαπητοί, ὅτι μία ἡμέρα παρὰ Κυρίῳ ὥς χίλια ἔτη, καὶ χίλια ἔτη ὥς ἡμέρα μία.³ 9 Οὐ βραδύνει ὁ⁴ Κύριος τῆς ἐπαγγελίας, ὥς τινες βραδυτῆτα ἡγοῦνται, ἀλλὰ μακροθυμεῖ εἰς ἡμᾶς,⁵ μὴ βουλόμενός τινας ἀπολέσθαι ἀλλὰ πάντας εἰς μετάνοιαν χωρῆσαι.

Hasten the day of God

10 Ἦξει δὲ ἡ⁶ ἡμέρα Κυρίου ὥς κλέπτῃς ἐν νυκτί,⁷ ἐν ᾗ⁸ οὐρανοὶ⁹ ροιζηδὸν παρελεύσονται, στοιχεῖα δὲ καυσούμενα λυθήσονται¹⁰—καὶ γῆ καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ ἔργα κατακαήσεται.¹¹ 11 Τούτων οὖν¹² πάντων λυομένων, ποταποὺς δεῖ ὑπάρχειν ὑμᾶς¹³ ἐν ἀγίαις ἀναστροφαῖς καὶ εὐσεβείαις, 12 προσδοκῶντας καὶ σπεύδοντας τὴν παρουσίαν τῆς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμέρας, δι' ἣν¹⁴ οὐρανοί, πυρούμενοι, λυθήσονται, καὶ στοιχεῖα καυσούμενα τήκεται;¹⁵

¹ τῷ αὐτοῦ f³⁵ NC [90%] RP, HF, OC, CP | 1 αὐτῷ P⁷²A, B [9%] NU | 2 TR | two other variants

² τοῦτο *rell* | τουτῷ P⁷² [22%]

³ ἡμέρα μία f³⁵ P⁷²NA, B, C [98%] RP, HF, OC, TR, NU | ~ 21 [2%] CP

⁴ ὁ f³⁵ [81%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | --- P⁷²NA, B, C, 048 [19%] NU

⁵ εἰς ἡμᾶς f³⁵ [80%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | 1 ὑμᾶς P⁷²B, C, 048^v [13%] NU | δι' ὑμᾶς NA [4%] | δι' 2 [2%] | ἐφ' ὑμᾶς [1%] (Some copyists assimilated to the 2nd person in verse 8, but here in verse 9 Peter is making a general statement that is properly inclusive.)

⁶ ἡ f³⁵ NA [82%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | --- P⁷²B, C, 048 [18%] NU

⁷ ἐν νυκτὶ f³⁵ C (88%) RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | --- P⁷²NA, B, 048 (12%) NU

⁸ ἡ f³⁵ N, 048 [67%] OC | 1 οἱ P⁷²A, B, C [33%] RP, HF, TR, CP, NU (Just as in verse 5 'heavens' occurs without the article, so here.)

⁹ οὐρανοὶ *rell* | 1 μὲν N [11%]

¹⁰ λυθήσονται f³⁵ A [94%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | λυθησεται P⁷²NB, C, 048^v [6%] NU

¹¹ κατακαήσεται f³⁵ A, 048 (90.2%) RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | κατακαησονται (3.4%) | ευρεθησεται NB (3.2%) NU [ευρεθησεται λουμενα P⁷² (alone)] | αφανισθησονται C (alone) | --- [part of a larger omission] (2.8%) | ουχ ευρεθησεται [0%] ECM (ECM follows essentially the Sahidic version.) (The reading of NU is inferior to the point of being almost nonsensical.)

¹² οὖν f³⁵ NA, 048 (87.6%) RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | ουτως (P⁷²)B (6.2%) NU | δε ουτως C (3%) | δε (2%) | 1 ουτως (1.2%)

¹³ ὑμᾶς f³⁵ A, C, 048^v [90%] RP, HF, OC, TR, CP | NU | ECM | ἡμᾶς N [8.6%] | --- P⁷²B [1%] | εαυτους [0.4%]

¹⁴ ἣν *rell* | 1 οἱ [20%]

¹⁵ τήκεται f³⁵ P⁷²NA, B, 048^v [91%] RP, HF, OC, TR, NU | τακησεται C [7%] CP | τακησονται [1.4%] | two other readings [0.6%]

A better world is coming

13 Καινούς δὲ οὐρανούς καὶ γῆν καινὴν¹ κατὰ τὸ ἐπάγγελμα αὐτοῦ² προσδοκῶμεν, ἐν οἷς δικαιοσύνη κατοικεῖ.

So be serious!

14 Διό, ἀγαπητοί, ταῦτα προσδοκῶντες, σπουδάσατε ἄσπιλοι καὶ ἀμώμητοι³ αὐτῷ εὐρεθῆναι ἐν εἰρήνῃ· **15** καὶ τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν μακροθυμίαν σωτηρίαν ἡγεῖσθε—καθὼς καὶ ὁ ἀγαπητὸς ἡμῶν ἀδελφὸς Παῦλος, κατὰ τὴν αὐτῷ δοθεῖσαν⁴ σοφίαν, ἔγραψεν ὑμῖν, **16** ὥς καὶ ἐν πάσαις ταῖς⁵ ἐπιστολαῖς (λαλῶν ἐν αὐταῖς περὶ τούτων, ἐν οἷς⁶ εἰσιν⁷ δυσνόητά τινα), ἃ οἱ ἀμαθεῖς καὶ ἀστήρικτοι στρεβλοῦσιν,⁸ ὥς καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς Γραφάς, πρὸς τὴν ἰδίαν αὐτῶν ἀπώλειαν. **17** Ὑμεῖς οὖν, ἀγαπητοί, προγινώσκοντες φυλάσσεσθε, ἵνα μὴ, τῇ τῶν ἀθέσμων πλάνῃ συναπαχ-θέντες, ἐκπέσητε τοῦ ἰδίου στηριγμοῦ. **18** Αὐξάνητε⁹ δὲ ἐν χάριτι καὶ γνώσει τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ Σωτῆρος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ νῦν καὶ εἰς ἡμέραν αἰῶνος. Ἀμήν.^{10,11}

¹ γην καινὴν *rell* | ~ 21 *NA*,048 [17%]

² ἐπάγγελμα αὐτοῦ *rell* | ~ 21 *CP*

³ ἀμώμητοι *rell* | ἀμώμοι *A* [13%]

⁴ αὐτῷ δοθεῖσαν *f*³⁵ [60%] *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP* | ~ 21 *P*⁷²(*NA*), *B, C*,048 [40%] *NU*

⁵ ταῖς *f*³⁵ *NA* (96.8%) *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP, ECM, N-A*²⁸ | --- *P*⁷²*A, B, C* (3.2%) *NU* (*A* not very difficult case of homoioteleuton, 3 x -αις; *ECM* is certainly correct in abandoning *NU* here.)

⁶ οἷς *f*³⁵ *C* [83%] *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP* | αἷς *P*⁷²*NA, B* [17%] *NU*

⁷ εἰσιν *f*³⁵ *A* [33%] | ἐστὶν *P*⁷²*NA, B, C* [67%] *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP, NU* | one other reading

⁸ στρεβλοῦσιν *f*³⁵ *NA, B* [95%] *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP, NU* | στρεβλωσουσιν *P*⁷²*C*^v [5%] *ECM, N-A*²⁸

⁹ αὐξάνητε *f*³⁵ [27%] | αὐξανετε *NA, B* [60%] *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP, NU* | αὐξανεσθε *P*⁷²*C* [5%] | αὐξανησθε [3%] | αὐξανοίτε [5%] (Imperative or Subjunctive? I take it that Peter is offering a gentler alternative to falling from their steadfastness; render “rather, may you grow in grace ...”)

¹⁰ ἀμήν *f*³⁵ *P*⁷²*NA, C* (97.4%) *RP, HF, OC, TR, CP, NU* | --- *B* (2.6%) *ECM, N-A*²⁸

¹¹ The citation of *f*³⁵ is based on forty-four MSS—18, 35, 141, 149, 201, 204, 328, 386, 394, 432, 604, 664, 757, 824, 928, 986, 1072, 1075, 1100, 1248, 1249, 1503, 1548, 1637, 1725, 1732, 1754, 1761, 1768, 1855, 1858, 1864, 1865, 1876, 1892, 1897, 2221, 2352, 2431, 2466, 2554, 2587, 2626 and 2723—all of which I collated myself. 35, 1725, 1864, 2554 and 2723 are very pure representatives of *f*³⁵ in 2 Peter, with not a single variant, and so for the exemplars of 18, 141, 824, 1072, 1075, 1503, 1858, 1865 and 1897. For 35, 1725, 1864, 2554 and 2723 to have no variants after all the centuries of transmission is surely an eloquent demonstration of the faithfulness and accuracy of that transmission. Since these MSS come from all over the Mediterranean world (Sinai, Jerusalem, Patmos, Constantinople, Bucharest, Aegean, Trikala, Athens, Meteora, Sparta, Ochrida, Mt. Athos [nine different monasteries], Grottaferrata, Vatican, etc.) they are certainly representative of the family, giving us the precise family profile—it is reflected in the Text without exception.

ECM collated 127 continuous text manuscripts (MSS) for 2 Peter, apart from a few

fragments, which number represents about 20% of the extant (known) MSS. By a careful comparison of *TuT* and *ECM* I believe we can arrive at some reasonably close extrapolations. Thus I venture to predict, if complete collations ever become available, that for any non-Byzantine variants listed with 5 to 1% support (in my apparatus) the margin of error should not exceed $\pm 1\%$; for non-Byzantine variants listed with 10 to 6% support the margin of error will hardly exceed $\pm 2\%$; where there is some division among the Byzantine witnesses the margin of error will rarely exceed $\pm 10\%$. However, I guarantee the witness of Family 35. Please see the last footnote for Matthew for further information.