

ΠΕΤΡΟΥ Β'

To fellow believers

1 Συμεὼν* Πέτρος, δοῦλος καὶ ἀπόστολος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῖς ἰσότιμοις ἡμῖν λαχοῦσιν πίστιν ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν καὶ Σωτῆρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· **2** Χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη πληθυνθείη ἐν ἐπιγνώσει τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν,[†] **3** ὡς‡ πάντα ἡμῖν τῆς θείας δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ τὰ πρὸς ζωὴν καὶ εύσέβειαν δεδωρημένης, διὰ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ καλέσαντος ἡμᾶς διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀρετῆς, § **4** δι' ᾧ τὰ τίμια ἡμῖν καὶ μέγιστα ἐπαγγέλματα* δεδώρηται, ἵνα διὰ τούτων γένησθε θείας κοινωνοὶ φύσεως, ἀποφυγόντες τῆς ἐν κόσμῳ ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳ φθορᾶς.[†]

* **1:1** συμεων **f³⁵** κΑ [75%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | συμων **¶⁷²B** [25%] CP
 † **1:2** ιησου του κυριου ημων **f³⁵** (**¶⁷²**)B,C [68%]
 RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | 234 [1.4%] | 1 χριστου 234 κΑ [15%] (CP) |
 χριστου 1234 [8%] | σωτηρος 1 χριστου 234 [1.2%] | 2341
 χριστου [6%] | one other reading [0.4%] ‡ **1:3** ως *rell* | 1
 τα κΑ [8%] § **1:3** δια δοξης και αρετης **f³⁵** **¶⁷²B** [81%]
 RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ιδια δοξη και αρετη κΑ,C [19%] NU * **1:4**
 τιμια ημιν (υμιν 3.4%) και μεγιστα επαγγελματα **f³⁵** κ (81.6%)
 RP,HF,OC,CP | 13425 B (6.6%) NU | 13452 **¶⁷²** (0.4%) | 1345
 (0.6%) | 43125 (A)C (8.6%) | 42315 (1.2%) TR | three further
 variations (1%) † **1:4** κοσμω εν (-εν 5%) επιθυμια φθορας **f³⁵**
 [87%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | τω 1234 A,B [alone] NU | τω 1 επιθυμιαν
 4 (φθοραν **¶⁷²**) **¶⁷²κ** [alone] | 1 επιθυμιας και 4 C [5.6%] | 1
 επιθυμιας 4 [2%] | τω 1 επιθυμιας και 4 [4%] | three other
 variants [0.6%]

Take the Truth seriously!

Our ‘entrance’ depends on us

5 Καὶ αὐτὸ δὲ τοῦτο,[‡] σπουδὴν πᾶσαν παρεισενέγκαντες, ἐπιχορηγήσατε ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν τὴν ἀρετὴν, ἐν δὲ τῇ ἀρετῇ τὴν γνῶσιν, **6** ἐν δὲ τῇ γνώσει 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 ούδε ἀκάρπους καθίστησιν εἰς τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐπιγνωσιν. **9** Ὡ γὰρ μὴ πάρεστιν ταῦτα τυφλός ἔστιν, μυωπάζων, λήθην λαβὼν τοῦ καθαρισμοῦ τῶν πάλαι αὐτοῦ ἀμαρτιῶν.[§]

10 Διὸ μᾶλλον, ἀδελφοί, σπουδάσατε* βεβαίαν ὑμῶν τὴν κλῆσιν καὶ ἐκλογὴν ποιεῖσθαι,[†] ταῦτα γὰρ ποιοῦντες οὐ μὴ πταίσητε ποτε. **11** Οὕτως γὰρ πλουσίως ἐπιχορηγηθήσεται ὑμῖν ἡ εἰσοδος[‡] εἰς τὴν αἰώνιον[§] βασιλείαν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ

^{‡ 1:5} δε τουτο **f³⁵** x [66%] | 21 ψ⁷²_{B,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.) **§ 1:9**

αμαρτιων **rell** | αμαρτηματων **xA** [21%] * **1:10** σπουδασατε **rell** | 1 ινα δια των καλων εργων **A(A)** [14%] † **1:10** ποιεισθαι **rell** | ποιησθε **xA** [13%] | ποιεισθε [6.6%] | ποιησεσθε [0.4%]
^{‡ 1:11} εισοδος **rell** | 1 η ψ⁷² [25%] **§ 1:11** αιωνιον **f³⁵**
ψ⁷²**xA,B** [98%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | αιωνιαν **C** [2%] CP

Σωτῆρος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.*

Peter's death imminent

12 Διὸ οὐκ ἀμελήσω[†] ἀεὶ ὑμᾶς ὑπομιμνήσκειν περὶ τούτων,[‡] καίπερ εἰδότας καὶ ἐστηριγμένους ἐν τῇ παρούσῃ ἀληθείᾳ.
 13 Δίκαιοι δὲ ἡγοῦμαι, ἐφ' ὅσον[§] εἰμὶ ἐν τούτῳ τῷ σκηνώματι, διεγείρειν ὑμᾶς ἐν ὑπομνήσει,
 14 εἰδὼς ὅτι ταχινή ἔστιν ἡ ἀπόθεσις τοῦ σκηνώματός μου, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἐδήλωσέν μοι. 15 Σπουδάσω δὲ καὶ ἔκάστοτε ἔχειν ὑμᾶς, μετὰ τὴν ἐμὴν ἔξοδον, τὴν τούτων μνήμην ποιεῖσθαι.

The prophetic Word is trustworthy

16 Οὐ γὰρ σεσοφισμένοις μύθοις ἔξακολουθήσαντες ἐγνωρίσαμεν ὑμῖν τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δύναμιν καὶ παρουσίαν· ἀλλ' ἐπόπται γενηθέντες τῆς ἐκείνου μεγαλειότητος 17 —λαβὼν γὰρ παρὰ Θεοῦ Πατρὸς τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν

* 1:11 ημων και σωτηρος ιησου χριστου **f³⁵** **¶⁷²** **xB,C** [85%]
 RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | 23145 A [7%] | 145 [8%] CP | one other reading

† 1:12 ουκ αμελησω **f³⁵** (95.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ου μελλησω (**¶⁷²**) (1%) | μελλησω **xA,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.) ‡ 1:12 αει υμας υπομιμνησκειν περι τουτων **f³⁵** **¶⁷²** **B,C** [90%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | 21345 A [3%] TR | 32145 [3.2%] | 14532 **x** [alone] | 13245 [1.4%] | 2345 [1.4%] | two other readings [0.8%] § 1:13 εφ' όσον **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.)

φωνῆς ἐνεχθείσης αὐτῷ τοιᾶσδε ὑπὸ τῆς μεγαλοπρεποῦς δόξης, «Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Υἱός μου, ὁ ἀγαπητός,* εἰς ὃν ἐγὼ εύδόκησα»†—
18 καὶ ταύτην τὴν φωνὴν ἡμεῖς ἡκούσαμεν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ ἐνεχθεῖσαν σὺν αὐτῷ ὅντες ἐν τῷ ὅρει τῷ ἀγίῳ.‡

19 Καὶ ἔχομεν βεβαιότερον τὸν προφητικὸν λόγον, ὃν καλῶς ποιεῖτε προσέχοντες ὡς λύχνῳ φαίνοντι ἐν αὐχμηρῷ τόπῳ, ἔως οὗ ἡμέρα διαυγάσῃ καὶ φωσφόρος ἀνατείλῃ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν. **20** τοῦτο πρῶτον γινώσκοντες, ὅτι πᾶσα προφητεία Γραφῆς ἴδιας ἐπιλύσεως οὐ γίνεται·**21** οὐ γὰρ θελήματι ἀνθρώπου ἡνέχθη ποτὲ προφητεία, § ἀλλ᾽* ὑπὸ Πνεύματος Ἅγίου φερόμενοι ἐλάλησαν ἄγιοι Θεοῦ† ἀνθρωποι.

Watch out for false teachers!

2

Their teachings are destructive

* **1:17** οὗτος εστιν οὐρανος μου ο αγαπητος **f³⁵** κΑ, C^C (98.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 3456712 ψ⁷²Β (alone) NU | three other readings C (0.8%) † **1:17** ευδοκησα **rell** | ηυδοκησα A [12%]

‡ **1:18** ορει τω αγιω **f³⁵** κΑ (97.6%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 31 ψ⁷²Β,C (2.4%) NU § **1:21** ποτε προφητεια **f³⁵** κΑ [84%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 21 B,C [15%] NU | η 21 ψ⁷² [1%] | two other readings

* **1:21** αλλ **f³⁵** A,C [90%] RP,HF,OC,TR | αλλα ψ⁷²κΒ [10%] CP,NU † **1:21** αγιοι θεου **f³⁵** κ (84.8%) RP,HF,OC,CP | οι 12 (4.2%) TR | 1 του 2 A (2.6%) | απο 2 ψ⁷²Β (5.6%) NU | απο 21 C (1.2%) | 1 (0.8%) | 12 προφηται (0.8%)

1 Ἐγένοντο δὲ καὶ ψευδοπροφῆται ἐν τῷ λαῷ, ὡς καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν ἔσονται ψευδοδιδάσκαλοι, οἵτινες παρεισάξουσιν αἱρέσεις ἀπωλείας, καὶ τὸν ἀγοράσαντα αὐτοὺς Δεσπότην ἀρνούμενοι (ἐπάγοντες ἔαυτοῖς ταχινὴν ἀπώλειαν). **2** Καὶ πολλοὶ ἔξακολουθήσουσιν αὐτῶν ταῖς ἀσελγείαις,* δι’ ἀς† ἡ ὁδὸς τῆς ἀληθείας βλασφημηθήσεται. **3** Καὶ ἐν πλεονεξίᾳ πλαστοῖς λόγοις ὑμᾶς ἐμπορεύσονται· οἵς τὸ κρῖμα ἔκπαλαι οὐκ ἀργεῖ, καὶ ἡ ἀπώλεια αὐτῶν οὐ νυστάξει.‡

Their doom is sure

4 Εἰ γὰρ ὁ Θεός ἀγγέλων ἀμαρτησάντων οὐκ ἐφείσατο, ἀλλὰ σειραῖς ζόφου ταρταρώσας παρέδωκεν εἰς κρίσιν τηρουμένους,§ **5** καὶ ἀρχαίου κόσμου οὐκ ἐφείσατο ἀλλ᾽* ὅγδοον Νῶε δικαιοσύνης κήρυκα ἐφύλαξεν, κατακλυσμὸν κόσμῳ ἀσεβῶν ἐπάξας, **6** καὶ πόλεις Σοδόμων καὶ Γομόρρας τεφρώσας καταστροφῇ† κατέκρινεν (ὑπόδειγμα μελλόντων ἀσεβεῖν‡ τεθεικώς), **7** καὶ

* **2:2** ασελγειαις *rell* ; απωλειαις TR † **2:2** ας **f³⁵** [20%]
| ους **p⁷²A,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?) ‡ **2:3** νυσταξει **f³⁵** [79%] RP,HF,OC,CP
| νυσταζει **p⁷²A,B,C** [21%] TR,NU § **2:4** τηρουμενους
f³⁵ **p⁷²B,C** [89%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | τετηρημενους [2%] TR |
κολαζομενους τηρειν κΑ [8%] | four other readings [1%] * **2:5**
αλλ **f³⁵** [82%] HF,TR | αλλα **p⁷²A,B,C** [18%] RP,OC,CP,NU
† **2:6** καταστροφη **f³⁵** κΑ [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | —
p⁷²B,C [3%] ‡ **2:6** ασεβειν **f³⁵** κΑ, C [92%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM
| ασεβεσιν **p⁷²B** [4%] [NU] | — [3%] | three other readings [1%]

δίκαιον Λώτ, καταπονούμενον ὑπὸ τῆς τῶν ἀθέσμων ἐν ἀσελγείᾳ ἀναστροφῆς, ἐρρύσατο ⁸ (βλέμματι γὰρ καὶ ἀκοῇ ὁ δίκαιος, ἐγκατοικῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς, ἡμέραν ἔξ οἱ μέρας ψυχὴν δικαίαν ἀνόμοις ἔργοις ἐβασάνιζεν) ⁹ —οἵδεν Κύριος εὐσεβεῖς ἐκ πειρασμῶν[§] ὥνεσθαι, ἀδίκους δὲ εἰς ἡμέραν κρίσεως κολαζομένους τηρεῖν, ¹⁰ μάλιστα δὲ τοὺς ὄπίσω σαρκὸς ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳ* μιασμοῦ πορευομένους, καὶ κυριότητος καταφρονοῦντας.

Their depravity is ‘unreal’

Τολμηταί, αὐθάδεις, δόξας οὐ τρέμουσιν βλασφημοῦντες, ¹¹ ὅπου ἄγγελοι, ἴσχυϊ καὶ δυνάμει μείζονες ὄντες, οὐ φέρουσιν κατ’ αὐτῶν παρὰ Κυρίω[†] βλάσφημον κρίσιν. ¹² Οὗτοι δέ, ως ἄλογα ζῷα, γεγενημένα φυσικὰ[‡] εἰς ἄλωσιν καὶ φθοράν, ἐν οἷς

§ 2:9 πειρασμων ^{f³⁵ κ [33%] CP | πειρασμου (Ψ^{72})A,B,C [67%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | one other reading (I take the plural to be clearly superior in the context.) * 2:10 επιθυμια rell | επιθυμιαις (Ψ^{72})κC [12%] † 2:11 παρα κυριω ^{f³⁵ κB,C [81%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM | 1 κυριου Ψ^{72} [8%] NU | — A [11%] ‡ 2:12 γεγενημενα φυσικα ^{f³⁵ κ [26%] CP | 21 [54%] RP,HF,OC,TR | γεγενημενα 2 A,B,C [3%] NU | 2 γεγενημενα [12%] | 1 [4.2%] | 2 Ψ^{72} [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 ζῷα, 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”.)}}}

ἀγνοοῦσιν βλασφημοῦντες, ἐν τῇ φθορᾷ αὐτῶν καταφθαρήσονται, § 13 κομιούμενοι* μισθὸν ἀδικίας. Ἡδονὴν ἡγούμενοι τὴν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ τρυφῆν, σπίλοι καὶ μῶμοι, ἐντρυφῶντες ἐν ταῖς ἀπάταις αὐτῶν συνευωχούμενοι ὑμῖν, 14 ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχοντες μεστοὺς μοιχαλίδος καὶ ἀκαταπαύστους† ἀμαρτίας, δελεάζοντες ψυχὰς ἀστηρίκτους· καρδίαν γεγυμνασμένην πλεονεξίας‡ ἔχοντες, κατάρας τέκνα· 15 καταλιπόντες§ εὐθεῖαν* ὄδὸν ἐπλανήθησαν, ἔξακολουθήσαντες τῇ ὄδῷ τοῦ Βαλαὰμ τοῦ Βοσόρ, δὲς μισθὸν ἀδικίας ἡγάπησεν· 16 ἔλεγξιν δὲ ἔσχεν ιδίας παρανομίας —ὑποζύγιον ἄφωνον ἐν ἀνθρώπου φωνῇ φθεγξάμενον ἐκώλυσεν τὴν τοῦ προφήτου παραφρονίαν. 17 Οὗτοί εἰσιν πηγαὶ ἀνυδροι,† νεφέλαι‡ ὑπὸ λαίλαπος ἐλαυνόμεναι, οἵς ὁ ζόφος τοῦ

§ 2:12 καταφθαρησονται **f³⁵** [95%] RP,OC,TR,CP | καὶ φθαρησονται (**¶⁷²**)**κΑ,B,C** [4%] NU | — [1%] | καὶ 1 HF * 2:13 κομιούμενοι **f³⁵** A,C (97.6%) RP,HE,OC,TR,CP | αδικουμενοι **¶⁷²κB** (2%) NU | one other variant (0.4%) (Is the Alexandrian variant not inferior?) † 2:14 ακαταπαυστους **rell** | ακαταπαυστου [15%] ‡ 2:14 πλεονεξιας **f³⁵** **¶⁷²κA,B,C** [95%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | πλεονεξιαις [2%] TR | πλεονεξιαιν [2%] | πλεονεξια [1%] § 2:15 καταλιποντες **f³⁵** **¶⁷²C** [90%] RP,HF,OC,TR,**ECM** | καταλειποντες **κA,B** [9%] CP,NU | two other readings * 2:15 ευθειαν **f³⁵** **¶⁷²κA,B,C** [98%] RP,HE,OC,CP,NU | την 1 [2%] TR † 2:17 ανυδροι **f³⁵** (87%) RP,HE,OC,TR,CP | 1 καὶ **¶⁷²κA,B,C** (13%) NU ‡ 2:17 νεφελαι **f³⁵** (87.4%) RP,HE,OC,TR,CP | ομιχλαι **¶⁷²κA,B,C** (11.4%) NU | conflation (1.2%)

σκότους είς αἰῶνας[§] τετήρηται.

Their victims lose out

18 Ὕπέρογκα γὰρ ματαιότητος φθεγγόμενοι δελεάζουσιν ἐν ἐπιθυμίαις σαρκός, ἀσελγείας,* τοὺς ὄντως† ἀποφυγόντας‡ τοὺς ἐν πλάνῃ ἀναστρεφομένους, **19** ἐλευθερίαν αὐτοῖς ἐπαγγελλόμενοι, αὐτοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπάρχοντες τῆς φθορᾶς· ὡς γάρ τις ἥττηται, τούτῳ καὶ§ δεδούλωται. **20** Εἰ* γάρ, ἀποφυγόντες τὰ μιάσματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐν ἐπιγνώσει τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος† Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τούτοις δὲ πάλιν ἐμπλακέντες ἥττῶνται, γέγονεν αὐτοῖς τὰ ἔσχατα χείρονα τῶν πρώτων. **21** Κρείττον‡ γὰρ ἦν αὐτοῖς μὴ ἐπεγνωκέναι τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς δικαιοσύνης, ἢ ἐπιγνοῦσιν ἐπιστρέψαι ἐκ§ τῆς παραδοθείσης

§ **2:17** εἰς αιωνας **f**³⁵ (25.1%) | 1 αιωνα A,C (70.3%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 τον αιωνα (2.4%) | — **p**⁷²**κB** (2.2%) NU

* **2:18** ασελγειας **f**³⁵ [40%] | ασελγειαις **p**⁷²**κA,B,C** [60%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | **2:18** οντως **f**³⁵ **κC** [93%] RP,HF,OC,TR

| ολιγως **p**⁷²**κA,B** [3%] NU | ολιγον [3%] CP | οντως ολιγον [1%] | **2:18** αποφυγοντας **f**³⁵ [93%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP |

αποφευγοντας (**p**⁷²)**κA,B,C** [7%] NU | § **2:19** και **f**³⁵ A,C,048 [99.4%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | — **p**⁷²**κB** [0.6%] NU | * **2:20** ει **f**³⁵

p⁷²**κA,B,C** [94%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | οι [6%] CP | **2:20** και σωτηρος **f**³⁵ **B** (75%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ημων 12 **p**⁷²**κA,C,048** (14.6%) [NU]ECM | 12 ημων (7.8%) | ημων (1.6%) | — (1%)

‡ **2:21** κρειττον **rell** | κρεισσον **κA** [10%] | § **2:21** επιστρεψαι εκ **f**³⁵ (83.7%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | εις τα οπισω 12 (4.6%) | 1

εις τα οπισω 2 (1.4%) | υποστρεψαι 2 (**p**⁷²)**B,C** (4.8%) NU | υποστρεψαι εις τα οπισω 2 (1%) | 2 (0.4%) | εις τα οπισω

ανακαμψαι απο **κA,048** (4.2%)

αύτοῖς ἀγίας ἐντολῆς. **22** Συμβέβηκεν δὲ* αύτοῖς τὸ τῆς ἀληθοῦς παροιμίας· κύων ἐπιστρέψας ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον ἔξεραμα† καὶ ὅς λουσαμένη εἰς κύλισμα‡ βορβόρου.

So take the Truth seriously!!

3

1 Ταύτην ἡδη, ἀγαπητοί, δευτέραν ὑμῖν γράφω ἐπιστολήν (ἐν αἷς διεγείρω ὑμῶν ἐν ὑπομνήσει τὴν εἰλικρινῆ* διάνοιαν), **2** μνησθῆναι τῶν προειρημένων ὁμάτων ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγίων προφητῶν, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀποστόλων ὑμῶν† ἐντολῆς τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος.

Scoffers will come

3 Τοῦτο πρῶτον γινώσκοντες· ὅτι ἐλεύσονται ἐπ' ἐσχάτου‡ τῶν ἡμερῶν§ ἐμπαῖκται, κατὰ τὰς ἴδιας ἐπιθυμίας αὐτῶν* πορευόμενοι **4** καὶ λέγοντες· «Ποῦ ἐστιν ἡ ἐπαγγελία τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ;» Άφ' ἡς γὰρ οἱ πατέρες ἐκοιμήθησαν πάντα οὕτως

* **2:22** δε **f³⁵** C [96%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | — **¶⁷²** κΑ,B,048^v [3%] NU | γαρ [1%] † **2:22** εξεραμα **rell** | εξερασμα [13%] | εμετον [7%] ‡ **2:22** κυλισμα **f³⁵** κΑ,048 [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | κυλισμον **¶⁷²** B,C [5%] NU * **3:1** εἰλικρινη **f³⁵** [20%] | εἰλικρινη **rell** † **3:2** υμων **f³⁵** **¶⁷²** κΑ,B,C [70%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | ημων [28.8%] TR | — [1.2%] ‡ **3:3** εσχατου **f³⁵** [87%] RP,HF,TR,CP | εσχατων **¶⁷²** κΑ,B,048^v [13%] OC,NU | εσχατω C § **3:3** ημερων **f³⁵** [88%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 εν εμπαιγμονη κΑ,B,048^v [5.6%] NU | 1 εμπαιγμωνη (**¶⁷²**)C [5%] | 1 εμπαιγμωνης [1.2%] | one other reading [0.2%] * **3:3** επιθυμιας αυτων **f³⁵** B,C(048) [79%] RP,HF,OC,CP,NU | 21 κΑ [20%] TR | 1 **¶⁷²** [1%] | one other reading

διαμένει ἀπ' ἀρχῆς κτίσεως. ⁵ Λανθάνει γὰρ αὐτοὺς τοῦτο θέλοντας, ὅτι οὐρανοὶ ἥσαν ἔκπαλαι καὶ γῆ (ἐξ ὕδατος καὶ δι' ὕδατος) συνεστῶτα[†] τῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ λόγῳ, ⁶ δι' ᾧ[‡] ὁ τότε κόσμος ὕδατι κατακλυσθεὶς ἀπώλετο.

This world will be destroyed

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

The Lord is longsuffering

⁸ Ἐν δὲ τοῦτο^{*} μὴ λανθανέτω ὑμᾶς, ἀγαπητοί, ὅτι μία ἡμέρα παρὰ Κυρίῳ ὡς χίλια ἔτη, καὶ χίλια ἔτη ὡς ἡμέρα μία.[†] ⁹ Οὐ βραδύνει ὁ[‡] Κύριος τῆς ἐπαγγελίας, ὃς τινες βραδυτήτα ἥγονται, ἀλλὰ μακροθυμεῖ εἰς

[†] 3:5 συνεστωτα **f³⁵** κ [23%] | συνεστωσα **¶⁷²** A,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.) [‡] 3:6 ον **f³⁵** **¶⁷²** A,B,C,048 [97%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU
| ον [2%] ECM | ο [1%] [§] 3:7 τω αυτου **f³⁵** κC [90%]
RP,HF,OC,CP | 1 αυτω **¶⁷²** A,B [9%] NU | 2 TR | two other variants
^{*} 3:8 τουτο *rell* | τουτω **¶⁷²** [22%] [†] 3:8 ημερα μια **f³⁵**
¶⁷² A,B,C [98%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | 21 [2%] CP [‡] 3:9 ο **f³⁵**
[81%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | — **¶⁷²** A,B,C,048 [19%] NU

ήμᾶς,§ μὴ βουλόμενός τινας ἀπολέσθαι ἀλλὰ πάντας εἰς μετάνοιαν χωρῆσαι.

Hasten the day of God

10 Ὡς οὐκέτι,† ἐν ᾧ ‡ οὐρανοὶ§ ὅτιζηδὸν παρελεύσονται, στοιχεῖα δὲ καυσούμενα λυθήσονται*—καὶ γῆ καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ ἔργα κατακαήσεται.† 11 Τούτων οὖν‡ πάντων λυομένων, ποταποὺς δεῖ ὑπάρχειν ὑμᾶς§ ἐν ἀγίαις ἀναστροφαῖς καὶ εὔσεβείαις, 12 προσδοκῶντας καὶ σπεύδοντας τὴν παρουσίαν τῆς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμέρας, δι’ ἣν*

§ 3:9 εἰς ημᾶς **f³⁵** [80%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 1 ημᾶς **¶⁷²**B,C,048^V [13%] NU | δι ημᾶς **κΑ** [4%] | δι 2 [2%] | εφ ημᾶς [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.) * 3:10 η **f³⁵** **κΑ** [82%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | — **¶⁷²**B,C,048 [18%] NU | † 3:10 εν νυκτὶ **f³⁵** C (88%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | — **¶⁷²**κΑ,B,048 (12%) NU | ‡ 3:10 η **f³⁵** **κΑ,048** [67%] OC | 1 οι **¶⁷²**A,B,C [33%] RP,HF,TR,CP,NU (Just as in verse 5 ‘heavens’ occurs without the article, so here.) § 3:10 ουρανοὶ *rell* | 1 μεν **κ** [11%] * 3:10 λυθήσονται **f³⁵** A [94%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | λυθήσεται **¶⁷²**κB,C,048^V [6%] NU | † 3:10 κατακαήσεται **f³⁵** A,048 (90.2%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | κατακαησονται (3.4%) | ευρεθήσεται **κB** (3.2%) NU [ευρεθήσεται λογιμενα **¶⁷²** (alone)] | αφανισθήσονται C (alone) | — [part of a larger omission] (2.8%) | ουχ ευρεθήσεται [0%] ECM (ECM follows essentially the Sahidic version.) (The reading of NU is inferior to the point of being almost nonsensical.) ‡ 3:11 ουν **f³⁵** **κΑ,048** (87.6%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | ουτως (**¶⁷²**)B (6.2%) NU | δε ουτως C (3%) | δε (2%) | 1 ουτως (1.2%) § 3:11 ημᾶς **f³⁵** A,C,048^V [90%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP[NU]ECM | ημᾶς **κ** [8.6%] | — **¶⁷²**B [1%] | εαυτους [0.4%] * 3:12 ην *rell* | 1 οι [20%]

ούρανοί, πυρούμενοι, λυθήσονται, καὶ στοιχεῖα καυσούμενα τήκεται;[†]

A better world is coming

13 Καινοὺς δὲ οὐρανοὺς καὶ γῆν καινὴν[‡] κατὰ τὸ ἐπάγγελμα αὐτοῦ[§] προσδοκῶμεν, ἐν οἷς δικαιοσύνη κατοικεῖ.

So be serious!

14 Διό, ἀγαπητοί, ταῦτα προσδοκῶντες, σπουδάσατε ἄσπιλοι καὶ ἀμώμητοι* αὐτῷ εὑρεθῆναι ἐν εἰρήνῃ. **15** καὶ τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν μακροθυμίαν σωτηρίαν ἡγεῖσθε—καθὼς καὶ ὁ ἀγαπητὸς ἡμῶν ἀδελφὸς Παῦλος, κατὰ τὴν αὐτῷ δοθεῖσαν[†] σοφίαν, ἔγραψεν ὑμῖν, **16** ὡς καὶ ἐν πάσαις ταῖς[‡] ἐπιστολαῖς (λαλῶν ἐν αὐταῖς περὶ τούτων, ἐν οἷς[§] εἰσιν* δυσνόητά τινα), ἃ οἱ ἀμαθεῖς καὶ ἀστήρικτοι στρεβλοῦσιν,[†] ὡς καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς Γραφάς, πρὸς τὴν ἰδίαν αὐτῶν ἀπώλειαν. **17** Ὑμεῖς οὖν, ἀγαπητοί, προγινώσκοντες φυλάσσεσθε, ἵνα

* **3:12** τηκεται **f³⁵** **¶⁷²**κΑ,Β,048^V [91%] RP,HF,OC,TR,NU | τακησεται C [7%] CP | τακησονται [1.4%] | two other readings [0.6%]

‡ **3:13** γην καινην **rell** | 21 κΑ,048 [17%] § **3:13** επαγγελμα αυτου **rell** | 21 CP * **3:14** αμωμητοι **rell** | αμωμοι A [13%]

† **3:15** αυτω δοθεισαν **f³⁵** [60%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | 21 **¶⁷²(κ)Α,Β,C,048** [40%] NU

‡ **3:16** ταις **f³⁵** κ (96.8%) RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,ECM | — **¶⁷²Α,B,C** (3.2%) NU (A not very difficult case of homoioteleuton, 3 x -αις; ECM is certainly correct in abandoning NU here.)

§ **3:16** οις **f³⁵** C [83%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP | αις **¶⁷²κΑ,Β** [17%] NU * **3:16** εισιν **f³⁵** A [33%]

| εστιν **¶⁷²κΒ,C** [67%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | one other reading

† **3:16** στρεβλουσιν **f³⁵** κΑ,Β [95%] RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU

| στρεβλωσουσιν **¶⁷²κC^V** [5%] ECM

μή, τῇ τῶν ἀθέσμων πλάνη συναπαχθέντες,
έκπέσητε τοῦ ἴδιου στηριγμοῦ. **18** Αὐξάνητε‡
δὲ ἐν χάριτι καὶ γνώσει τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ
Σωτῆρος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ νῦν καὶ εἰς ἡμέραν αἰώνος.

‡ **3:18** αυξανητε **f**³⁵ [27%] | αυξανετε ηA,B [60%]
RP,HF,OC,TR,CP,NU | αυξανεσθε **¶**⁷²C [5%] | αυξανησθε
[3%] | αυξανοιτε [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 ...”)

Αμήν. §,*

§ 3:18 αμήν f³⁵ ψ⁷²κA,C (97.4%) RP,HE,OC,TR,CP[NU] | — B (2.6%) ECM *

3:18 The citation of **f³⁵** is based on forty-three 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, 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 **f³⁵** in 2 Peter, with not a single variant, and so for the exemplars of 18, 141, 824, 1072, 1075, 1503, 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.

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