and your 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, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE THESALONIANS.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

A 1, 2. EPISOLARY. INTRODUCTION. GRACE AND PEACE.

B A D 1, 3-. THANKSGIVING.
E 1. - 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. 13-. AND THEY GLORIFIED IN HIM.
C 2. 1-12. ADMONITION.

B A D 2. 13-. THANKSGIVING.
E 2. 14-. REASON. THEIR SALVATION.
F 2. 15. THE OBTAINING OF GLORY.
B G 2. 16-. PRAYER FOR PAUL.
H 3. - 4. THAT THE WORD MAY BE GLORIFIED.
J 3. 5. AND THEIR HEARTS MAY BE DIRECTED INTO GOD'S LOVE.
C 3. 6-. ADMONITION.

A 3. 16-. EPISOLARY. CONCLUSION. PEACE AND GRACE.


H The work of the God of peace. Sanctification: complete. J w | The whole person. x | One part of it (the pneuma). J w | The whole person (the living soul). z | The other part of it (the body).

H The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Preservation: without blemish.


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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:

BAD 2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

E 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other abundeth;

FK 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:

LA 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:

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

N 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us,

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

counted worthy. See Acts 5. 41. kingdom.

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).


Father. Ap. 98. III.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.


3 thank. See 1 Thess. 1. 2.


groweth exceedingly. Gr. kuperanwzain. Only here.

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

every = each.


each other = one another.

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

4 glory. Gr. kachoxeumai. See Rom. 2. 17. The text read enkachoxeumai. Nowhere else in N.T.


5 manifest token. Gr. endeigma. Only here.


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

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


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. 5, 10.

His, &c. = the angels of his power (Ap. 172. 1).

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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. 5.
coming. See 1 Thess. 2. 19.
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β, 2. A.
Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.
gathering together. Gr. episkupagō. Only here.
and. See Acts 10. 25.
2 That = To the end that. Ap. 104. vi.
not. Ap. 106. II.
soon = quickly.
or = nor. Gr. ἀπέρ. Same as neither and nor,
below.
Mark 13. 7.

2 flaming fire = fire of flame. (Gr. φλόγα. Here;
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not. Ap. 105. II.
The texts omit.
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the penalty (Ap. 177. 4), (even).
destruction. Gr. ἀποκαταστάσεως. See 1 Cor. 5. 5.
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2. 8.

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whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

9 Even him, whose coming 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 But for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

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

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto He called you by our gospel, to 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.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God even our Father, Which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good work and word.

17 Finally, brethren, pray for us,

18 That the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

19 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not the faith.

20 But the Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.

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

22 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

23 Now we commend you, brethren, in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. 6.

consume. Gr. analipsis. See Gal. 5. 15.


power. See 5. 6. 11; 8. 37. 39.

destroy—bring to nought. Gr. katargeō. See Rom. 3. 13.


working. Gr. ergon. See 1 Thess. 1. 5.

power. See 1 Thess. 1. 3. 2.

lying. Lit. a lie. Gr. pseudos. See John 8. 44.

Rom. 1. 25.

10 all—every. deceivableness=(form of) deceit.


in. The texts omit. In this sense, that which is deceitful is the deceivableness. See Rom. 1. 25; 1 Cor. 2. 14; 2. 3. because. Gr. anth' on, indicating exchange. Cp. Rom. 1. 25 (R.V.).


sanctification. Gr. kagwiasmos. See Rom. 6. 19.


15 stand fast. See 1 Thess. 3. 8. hold=lay hold on, hold fast. traditions. Gr. paradostas, as in 3. 6. of. Our. Should come after "by".

16 even. Omit.

Father. Ap. 98. III.


stablish. Gr. stērēsō. See Rom. 1. 11.


18 Cp. Acts 13. 48. you. Add "also".


patience. 1 Thess. 3. 11. for Christ=of Christ (Ap. 98. IX).

3. 6—15 (C. p. 1704). ADMONITION. (Repeated Alternation.)


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

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

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

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

10 For even when we were with you all, we commanded you that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

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

12 Now them that are such we charge not, not to eat with them that do such works: but to shew unto them their error.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

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

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.


9 power. Ap. 172. 5. in order that (as v. 1) we may ensample. Gr. turgos. Cp. Phil. 3. 17. 1 Thess. 1. 7. 1 Tim. 4. 12. unto = to.


11 some. Ap. 124. 4. not at all = (in) nothing. Gr. médeis. are busybodies. Gr. periergazomenai, to be busy about useless matters.


15 count = reckon. Gr. kogemosi. See Phil. 2. 6. through (Ap. 104. v. 1) everything. by all means = in (Gr. en) every way. 17 salutation, &c Cp. 1 Cor. 16. 21. Col. 4. 18. Read, “by the hand of me Paul”.


STRUCTURE OF THE PERSONAL EPISTLES.
(CANONICAL ORDER.)

(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.


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.