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1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
to the ones having received a faith equal in value with
us, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge
of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 As his divine power has
given to us all the things for life and godliness through
the knowledge of the one having called us through his
glory and excellence, 4 through which he has given to us
the precious and great promises so that through them you
might be sharers of the divine nature, having escaped the
corruption in the world by lust, 5 and now *for* this same *reason*,
applying all diligence, supply in your faith, goodness; and in
goodness, knowledge; 6 and in knowledge, self-control; and
in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness; 7 and
in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection,
love. 8 For these things existing and increasing in you cause
you to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he in whom these things are not
present is blind, nearsighted, having received forgetfulness
of the cleansing of his past sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be
even more diligent to make your calling and election sure,
for doing these things, you will certainly not ever stumble.
11 For in this way will be richly provided to you the entrance
into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
12 Therefore, I will always remind you about these things,
although you have known *them* and have been established
in the present truth. 13 But I think *it is* right, as long as I
am in this tent, to arouse you in remembrance, 14 knowing
that the putting off of my tent is imminent, just as also our
Lord Jesus Christ revealed this to me. 15 Likewise, I will be
diligent to cause you to always have the remembrance of
these things after my departure. 16 For we did not make
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
by having followed cleverly invented myths, but *by* having
become eyewitnesses of the majesty of that one. 17 For he
has received honor and glory from God the Father, such a
voice having been brought to him by the Majestic Glory:
"This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I myself am well
pleased." 18 And we ourselves heard this voice, having been
brought from heaven, being with him on the holy mountain.
19 And we have the very certain prophetic word, to which
you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a dark
place, until the day might dawn and the morning star might
rise in your hearts, 20 knowing this first, that every prophecy
of scripture does not come from one's own interpretation.
21 For no prophecy was ever brought by the will of man, but
men being carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Now false prophets were also among the people, as
false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in
heresies of destruction, and denying the master who bought
them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 And many
will follow their licentious acts, because of whom the way of
truth will be slandered. 3 And in greed, they will exploit you
with false words, for whom condemnation from long ago is
not idle, and their destruction does not sleep. 4 For if God did
not spare angels who had sinned, but, in chains of darkness
throwing down to Tartarus, he handed over those being kept
for judgment; [a]5 and he did not spare the ancient world,
but protected the eighth, Noah, a preacher of righteousness,
having brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly ones;
6 and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, having reduced to
ashes, he condemned to destruction, having set an example *of*
the things that are going to happen to the ungodly ones; 7 and
he rescued righteous Lot, being oppressed by the behavior
of the lawless ones in licentiousness, 8 (for, by seeing and
by hearing, that righteous *man*, living among them day
from day, was tormenting his righteous soul by lawless
works); 9 the Lord knows how to rescue godly ones from a
trial, and to keep the unrighteous ones to be punished in
the day of judgment, 10 but especially the ones going after
the flesh in *its* lusts of defilement, and despising authority.
Audacious ones! Self-willed ones! They do not tremble while
insulting glorious ones; 11 whereas angels, being greater in
strength and power, do not bring an insulting judgment
against them in the presence of the Lord. 12 But these *men*,
as unreasoning animals, having by nature been born for
capture and destruction, slandering about *those things* in
which they are ignorant, they will also be destroyed in their
destruction, 13 being harmed *as* wages of unrighteousness,
considering *as* pleasure the reveling in the day, stains and
blemishes, reveling in their deceptions while feasting with
you; [b]14 having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing
from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in
covetousness, children of cursing. 15 Abandoning the straight
way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of
Balaam of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.
[c]16 But he had a rebuke for his own transgression—a mute
donkey, having spoken in a voice of a man, restrained
the irrationality of the prophet. 17 These *men* are waterless
springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the gloom of
darkness has been reserved. 18 For, speaking arrogant things
of vanity, they entice by lusts of the flesh, by licentious
acts, the ones barely escaping from the ones living in error,
19 promising freedom to them, while themselves being slaves
of destruction. (For by what someone has been overcome,
by this he has been enslaved.) 20 For if, having escaped the
defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ, but, having been entangled again,
they have been overcome by these things, for them the last
things have become worse than the first things. 21 For it was
better for them not to know the way of righteousness than,
having known *it*, to turn away from the holy commandment
that has been delivered to them. 22 This of the true proverb
has happened to them: "A dog returns to its own vomit, and
a washed pig to the rolling of mud."

3 Beloved ones, this *is* now a second letter I write to you,
in which I arouse your pure mind in remembrance, 2 to
remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets
and the command of the Lord and Savior through your
apostles, 3 knowing this first, that mockers will come with
mockery in the last days, going according to their own lusts,
4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since
the fathers fell asleep, all things continue in the same way

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[a] Some other versions read, *to be kept in pits of lower darkness until the judgment;*
[b] Other versions read, *enjoying their actions while they are feasting with you in love feasts.*
[c] Some other versions read, *Balaam, son of Beor.*

from the beginning of creation.” [5] For this is hidden *from* them willingly, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth had been formed out of water and through water by the word of God, [6] through which the world at that time perished, having been flooded by water. [7] But the present heavens and the earth, by the same word, are having been reserved for fire, being kept for a day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly men.

[8] But let this one thing not be hidden *from* you, beloved ones, that one day with the Lord *is* like 1,000 years, and 1,000 years *are* like one day. [9] The Lord does not delay *concerning* the promise, as some consider delay, but is patient toward you, not wanting any to perish, but all to move on to repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed, being burned up, and the earth and the deeds in it will be found. [11] All of these things being thus destroyed, of what sort is it necessary for you to be in holy behaviors and godliness, [12] waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens, being set on fire, will be destroyed, and the elements, being burned up by heat, will be melted? [13] But new heavens and a new earth, according to his promise, we are waiting for, in which righteousness dwells.

[14] Therefore, beloved ones, while waiting for these things, be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by him, in peace. [15] And consider the patience of our Lord *to be* salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom having been given to him, [16] as also in all the letters, speaking in them about these things, in which are some difficult to understand things, which the ignorant and unstable distort, as also the other scriptures, to their own destruction. [17] Therefore, you beloved ones, knowing beforehand, guard yourselves, so that you might not lose your own steadfastness, having been led astray by the error of the lawless ones. [18] But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him *be* the glory both now and to the day of the age. Amen!