SECOND TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

1. **Paul, one sent off with a commission pertaining to Christ Jesus through God's will** (intent; purpose), **down from, in line with and with a view to [the] promise of Life – the one [which is] resident within Christ Jesus** (or: through God's design which corresponds to Life's promise: the one belonging and pertaining to Jesus – in union with [the] Anointing),
2. **to Timothy, a beloved child** (or: brought forth one; born one)**:**
Grace and favor, mercy, peace and harmony [= shalom] **– from Father God, even Christ Jesus, our Lord** (or: from God [the] Father, and Christ Jesus, our Owner).

3. **I constantly hold grace in God** (or: I am habitually having gratitude to God; I repeatedly possess favor, by God), **in Whom** (or: to, for, by or with Whom) **I continually render sacred service – [handed down] from [the] ancestors** (or: those born earlier; forefathers) **– within a clean conscience** (or: co-knowledge; a joint-knowing from shared seeing), **as I constantly hold** (or: am presently having) **an unceasing remembrance** (or: a memory which leaves no interval) **about you within my expressions of need** (or: seekings of aid; requests), **by night and by day,**
4. **constantly and fully longing** (or: by habit yearning upon [you]) **to see you – having been reminded and being caused to be remembering your tears – so that I may be filled full of joy,**
5. **taking** [other MSS: continually getting] **a suggestion to my memory of the unhypocritical faith** (or: the faith that is not overly critical of matters; the trust that is not deficient in its ability to sift and decide; the reliance which is not hyper-judgmental; a faith that is not scrutinizing and judging from an inferior position, and then becoming gradually separated) **resident within you, which first inhabited** (made its home within) **your grandmother, Lois, and then in your mother, Eunice. Now I have been persuaded and stand convinced that [it is] also within you.**

6. **For** (or: Because of; With a view to) **which cause I am periodically reminding you to habitually and progressively give life by fire again to** (or: revive the fire of; cause the live coal to blaze up for; rekindle the dormant fire into flames of; to again put a spark to) **God's** [A reads: Christ's] **effect of grace and favor** (or: gracious gift), **which has being** (is; exists) **within you through the imposition** (or: the placing or laying upon) **of my hands.**
7. **For God does not** (or: did not) **give a spirit of cowardice** (or: a Breath-effect or attitude of timidity**), but rather [a spirit and attitude] of ability and of power, as well as of love and of soundness in frame of mind** (of wholeness in thinking; of healthiness of attitude; of sanity; of sensibility; of controlled reasonableness; of rational moderation; anatomically: of a saved diaphragm).

8. **Therefore, do not become ashamed of** (or: You should not, then, be embarrassed by) **the testimony** (witness; evidence) **of our Lord** (or: pertaining to our Lord), **nor yet, [of; or: by] me, His bound-one** (or: His prisoner**). On the contrary, down from God's ability** (or: in the sphere of power, which is God), **experience things of bad quality** (or: worthless encounters) **together with [me] for the message of ease, goodness and well-being** (or: But rather, corresponding to God's power, suffer evil and hardship with the evangel; But further, accept your share in bad treatment – in accord with the ability which comes from God – in [the Way of] the Good News),
9. **pertaining to the One delivering** (rescuing; healing; restoring; saving) **and calling us in a set-apart calling** (or: to a holy invitation; for a separated and consecrated call); **not corresponding to our works** (or: down from our deeds; in accord with and on the level of our works' actions), **but on the contrary, corresponding to** (down from; in accord with; on the level of) **His own prior placing** (or: previously setting-forth), **even grace: that [which is] being given to us within Christ Jesus** (or: corresponding to His own predetermined purpose and the favor being given to us, [which is] belonging to and pertaining to Jesus, resident within Christ), **before times having the qualities and characteristics of the ages** (before [the] age-lasting time periods; prior to eonian times),
10. **and now** (at the present moment), **being set in clear light so as to become visible** (or: manifested) **through the bringing to full light** (or: the complete shining upon; the full appearance in light; the complete manifestation by light) **of our Deliverer** (Savior; Rescuer), **Christ Jesus – on the one hand, idling down death** (or: The Death) **so as to make it unproductive and useless, yet on the other hand, illuminating** (giving light to) **life and incorruptibility** (the absence of the ability to decay; un-ruinableness) **through means of the message of goodness, ease and well-being –**
11. **into which** (or: into Whom) **I am placed** (or: I was put)**: a herald** (a public announcer; a proclaimer; a preacher) **– even a person sent off with a mission** (an envoy; a representative; or: = a messenger) **– and a teacher** [other MSS add: of the ethnic multitudes (nations; Gentiles; Goyim; non-Jews)].
12. **For** (Because of; In view of) **which cause I am also continuously experiencing** (also: feeling; being affected by; suffering) **these things. But still, I am not feeling shame** (or: I am not experiencing embarrassment), **for I have seen and thus know by Whom I have believed and now put my trust** (or: in Whom I have relied and continue placing confidence), **and I have been persuaded and am continuing convinced that He is able** (He continues being powerful) **to watch over, guard and protect – on into that Day – the deposit placed alongside of me** (or: what is entrusted to my charge).

13. **Keep on holding a pattern** (that which underlies and delineates the sketch or model) **of words that continue giving health, healing and a cure** (or: Habitually have a model of thoughts, ideas and messages [that] are being progressively sound and healthful) **– ones of which you heard** (or: hear) **from**

my side – within the midst of faith (or: in union with trust) **and love: that [which is] resident within Christ Jesus.**

(or: Continually be possessing the under-type – the one within [the] Anointing of Jesus – of healthful discourses and conversations which you heard from me, in faith and love.)

14. **Watch over, guard and protect the beautiful deposit placed alongside [you]** (or: the fine and excellent thing that is entrusted to [your] charge) **through means of the set-apart Breath-effect** (or: Holy Spirit) **[that is] continuously inhabiting us** (or: by a set-apart spirit: the one constantly making its home within us).

15. **You have seen, and thus know this, that all those within [the province of] Asia were turned away from me – of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.**

16. **May the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **give mercy to the house** (or: household) **of Onesiphorus, because many times** (often; frequently) **he refreshed me** (he breathed back cool on me; he souled me up again), **and he was not ashamed of** (or: embarrassed by) **my chain** (= my imprisonment).

17. **On the contrary, on coming to be in Rome, he urgently** (quickly; diligently) **searched for** (or: seeks) **me, and found** (or: finds) **me.**

18. **May the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **give to him to find mercy, beside [the] Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ], **within that Day! And how much** (or: how many things) **he gave in attending service within Ephesus, you yourself, by intimate experience, continue knowing better.**

CHAPTER 2

1. **You, then, my child** (or: one born of me), **be habitually enabled** (continuously empowered; repeatedly made powerful inside) **within the grace, and in union with the favor, [which are] within Christ Jesus** (or: [the] Anointing of Jesus).

2. **And whatever you hear** (or: heard) **from my side through many witnesses, at once place** (or: set) **these things to the side for people full of faith** (or: deposit and commit these things, in trust for safekeeping, to trustworthy people; inculcate these things in reliable humans) **– whosoever will be competent** (or: adequately qualified) **to also teach others** (or: different folks).

3. **Experience things of bad quality** (or: worthless encounters) **together** (or: Accept your share of bad treatment and evil) **as a beautiful** (ideal; fine) **soldier of Christ Jesus.**

4. **No one serving a tour of duty as a soldier** (currently performing military service or being at war) **habitually intertwines or entangles himself in** (or: by) **everyday affairs** (undertakings and activities; business performances) **of the course of life** (or: of making a living), **in order that he may please** (or: be acceptable to) **the one enlisting him in military service** (the one collecting soldiers to gather an army).

5. **So also, if anyone may be repeatedly competing in the athletic games, he is not normally being crowned with a winner's wreath if he does not compete lawfully** (according to the rules of the game).
6. **It is constantly binding** (It is of continual necessity) **for the farmer** (or: field worker) **that is habitually laboring in the field to be repeatedly first in taking a share of the fruits.**
7. **[So] give constant thought to** (or: Continually put your mind to, so as to perceive and understand) **what I am now saying, for you see, the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **will give comprehension and understanding** (a sending and bringing things together into union) **to you** (for you; in you) **within all things and among all people.**

8. **Be habitually keeping in mind** (or: remembering) **Jesus Christ, being the One having been aroused and raised, and now continuing risen, forth from out of the midst of dead folks: from out of David's seed!** (or: [Who was] from out of David's seed.) **– corresponding to and in the sphere of my message of goodness, ease and well-being** (or: in line with the good news that came through me),
9. **in which I am continually experiencing bad situations** (suffering evil; experiencing bad treatment and conditions of poor quality) **to the point of bonds** (fetters or imprisonment) **as a worthless worker** (a criminal; one who acts badly; a worker of evil), **but by comparison, the Word of God** (or: God's thought, idea and message) **has not been bound or imprisoned, and thus remains untied!**
10. **Because of this [fact], I continue remaining under all [situations], and patiently enduring all people, on account of** (= for the sake of) **the selected and picked-out folks** (the chosen-out people; the elect group; the choice ones), **to the end that they, also, may hit the target of deliverance** (rescue; health and wholeness; salvation) **– that [which is] within Christ Jesus** (or: the one pertaining to Jesus, resident within Christ: inherent in the Anointing) **– together with glory** (or: an appearance; an opinion; an imagination; a manifestation which calls forth praise) **which has the characteristics and qualities of the Age** (or: eonian glory; an age-lasting reputation).

11. **The Word** (or: Logos) **[is] full of faith.** (or: Trustworthy [is] the statement and the message:) **For since we died together with [Him]** (or: For if we jointly die), **we will also live together** (or: jointly live);
12. **since we are continuously remaining under for support** (or: if we continue patiently enduring), **we will also reign** (rule as kings) **together with [Him]; if we shall deny** (disown; not consent; renounce; turn our back on [other MSS: are repeatedly denying]) **[Him], That One also will deny** (disown; not consent to; renounce; turn His back on) **us.**
13**. [Yet] if we are habitually faithless** (or: unfaithful; untrustworthy; disloyal; without trust or faith), **That One is constantly remaining faithful** (or: [Now] if we are repeatedly disbelieving or distrustful, That One continuously remains full of faith, trust, belief and reliance – That One constantly remains loyal and reliable),

for to deny (disown; renounce; not consent to) **Himself, it continues that He cannot** (He is not able; He has no power)**!**

(or: = You see, He cannot turn His back on Himself!)

14. **[So] keep reminding [them of]** (or: suggesting to [their] memory; causing [them] to think about) **these things, repeatedly bearing thorough witness** (giving full evidence and testimony) **in the sight and presence of God** [other MSS: {the} Lord {= Christ or Yahweh}], **to not be constantly debating** (or: fighting about words; contending over meaning of terms; entering into controversies) **– [progressing] into** [other MSS: upon] **nothing useful or profitable; [leading] on to a downturn** (or: an overturning; an upsetting; a negative turn of events [= the opposite of edifying]) **of, or for, those folks continuing to listen and hear [it].**

15. **Make haste, with earnest endeavor and diligence, to place yourself alongside as an approved workman in God** (or: to present yourself to God as a tried and approved workman), **one without cause for shame, consistently cutting a straight and direct [path** {*cf* Prov. 3:6 & 11:5, LXX} **in, to, or with] the Word of the Truth**

(or: habitually cutting an upright and erect [line through] the Word of Truth; continually cutting with the message of reality in a straight direction; constantly making a straight cut {or: wound} with the speech of the Truth; also: = dealing straightforwardly with the discourse of the Truth; or: repeatedly dividing and marking out straight [boundaries] by the Word which is Truth).

16. **Yet continue staying at the periphery, going out around so as to avoid the profane, empty voices** (the speeches or discussions without content which cross the threshold into the sphere of that which is not set-apart). **You see, they will cut a passage forward** (progress; advance) **upon more aspects of irreverence** (things pertaining to impiety or attitudes that lack awe),

17. **and their word** (speech; discussion; or: thoughts and ideas) **will have** (or: hold) **pasture** (or: pasturage) **for gnawing and eating away like gangrene** (or: a spreading ulcer) **– of which sort are Hymenaeus and Philetus,**

18**. the very ones who miss the mark, deviating around the truth** (or: reality), **repeatedly saying a** [other MSS: the] **resurrection has already occurred, and constantly turn back** (or: turn again; overturn) **the faith and trust of certain folks** (or: of some).

19. **Nevertheless** (or: However), **God's firm and solid deposit which is placed down** (a deposit of money; treasure; or: a foundation; basis) **stands, continuing to hold** (or: have) **this seal:**

"[The] Lord [= Yahweh] **knows** (or: knew) **by intimate experience those being of Him** (or: the ones that belong to Him; those having Him as their source)**,"** [Num. 16:5; Nah. 1:7]

and:

"Let everyone repeatedly naming the Name of [the] Lord [= Yahweh or Christ] (or: by habit using the Lord's name) **stand away from** (withdraw from; keep away from) **injustice** (that which is unfair and inequitable, which negates relationship and does not correspond to the Way pointed out)**."** [Num. 16:26]

20. **Now within a great house** (= a palace**), there are not only golden and silver containers, equipment and utensils, but also wooden ones and earthenware** (ones made of baked clay). **And on the one hand some which [come] into [use for] honor** (things of value; = to be used on special occasions), **on the other hand some which [come] into [use for] dishonor** (things without value; = for everyday use).
21. **If, then, anyone should ever clean himself out from these** [aforementioned worthless, dishonorable and common] **things, he will be a container** (or: utensil; piece of equipment) **[placed] into [use for] honor and things of worth, having been set aside** (dedicated and being one made sacred and holy) **for honorable and valuable use by the Owner** (Master of the house), **one having been made ready and now being prepared, [directed and now proceeding] into every good work** (or: virtuous action).

22. **So repeatedly take flight away from the youthful** (juvenile; adolescent) **over-desires** (or: rushing upon innovative things; or: full passions for revolutionary or modern wants), **yet constantly run after and steadily pursue justice** (fair and equitable dealings, in rightwised relationships corresponding to the Way pointed out), **faith** (trust; fidelity), **love [and] peace, together with all those persistently** (repeatedly; habitually) **calling upon the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **from out of a clean heart.**
23. **Yet further, consistently refuse** (avoid; request to be away from) **the stupid** (dull; silly; foolish) **and uneducated** (ignorant; crude; untrained) **questionings** (seekings through discussions or debates; controversies), **having seen and now knowing that they are repeatedly giving birth to** (or: generating) **fights** (battles; conflicts).
24. **Now it is continually binding for** (or: it is a constant necessity to) **a slave of [the] Lord** (= Yahweh's or Christ's slave) **not to be habitually fighting** (or: it is not necessary for the Lord's slave to be battling or contending), **but to the contrary [he/she] is to be gentle** (kind; mild) **toward all, qualified, skillful and able in teaching, one holding up under poor conditions** (or: having an upward focus in bad situations; holding an "up attitude" in regard to evil),
25. **in accommodating meekness and with consideration constantly educating** (training; disciplining; instructing; correcting) **those habitually setting themselves in complete opposition or who offer resistance. May not God at some time give a change of thinking** (or: a change of mind) **to them, [directing and leading them] into a full and accurate experiential knowledge of Truth and reality?**
26. **And then they may sober up** (come back to their proper senses) **from out of the adversary's snare** (or: forth from out of the midst of the trap of the person

who thrusts something through folks) **– being folks having been [previously] captured alive under** (or: by) **him, into the will** (intent; design; purpose) **of that one** (or: that person).

CHAPTER 3

1. **Now come to know this and continue realizing it, that within [the] last** (or: final) **days hard seasons** (difficult occasions and situations; irksome, perilous or fierce seasons, or situations that are hard to deal with; hard appointed periods) **will set themselves in** (will take a stand within; will put themselves in place),
2. **for the people** (the humans; mankind) **will continue being folks that are fond of themselves** (self-loving; selfish), **fond of silver** (= have affection for money or things of monetary value which makes them stingy), **empty pretenders** (impostors; ostentatious self-assumers), **haughty and arrogant** (superior-appearing), **blasphemers** (insulters; slanderers), **uncompliant and disobedient to parents, ungrateful** (or: unthankful), **undutiful** (disloyal; without regard for divine or natural laws; malign),
3. **without natural affection, unwilling to make a treaty** (implacable; not open to an agreement), **devils** (adversarial slanderers; folks who throw something, or thrust, through people to hurt or cause divisions), **without strength** (without [self-] control), **uncultivated** (wild; untamed; ferocious; fierce), **without fondness for expressions of good or aspects of goodness** (or: without affection for good people; unfriendly; averse to virtue),
4. **betrayers** (traitors), **rash** (forward-falling; reckless), **folks having been inflated with the fumes of conceit** (or: ones being beclouded in smoke), **pleasure-lovers** (ones fond of [their own] gratification) **rather than friends of God** (ones fond of God),
5. **continuously holding** (having) **a form of reverence, devotion and pious care, yet being folks having refused** (or: turned their back on) **and now denying its power and ability! And so, be habitually turning your steps in a direction away from these folks and avoid them,**
6. **for you see, forth from out of the midst of these folks are the people repeatedly slipping-in, into the houses,** (or: worming their way into households) **and habitually leading into captivity little women**

> [note: this is the diminutive of "women," thus, perhaps: women of undeveloped character, ability, or inward stature. While the word for “woman” is feminine, the noun “little women” and the following participles are neuter – or neutral – so this rare word may be a figure for what was a cultural view for “feminine” aspects of all people, e.g., their feelings and emotions, or general receptive qualities]

– those having been piled on and now being heaped up with failures (errors; misses of the target; deviations from the goal; sins), **being constantly, or from time to time, led by** (or: in; to) **various** (diverse; many-colored) **over-desires** (or: full passions; wants and wishes that are rushed upon) [A adds: and gratifications],

7. **at all times** (or: always) **folks** [note: again a neuter, or neutral, participle] **that are constantly learning, and yet not at any time being able or having consistent power to come into a full, accurate experiential and intimate knowledge of Truth** (or: reality).

8. **Now, in the manner which** (or: by the turn or method that) **Jannes and Jambres took a stand in opposition to** (or: resisted and opposed) **Moses, thus, also, these are continually taking a stand in opposition to** (opposing and resisting) **the Truth and reality: people** (humans) **being ones having had the mind decayed down** (ruined and spoiled down; corrupted; depraved; put into a sorry state), **folks failing to meet the test** (disqualified ones) **on all sides of** (or: about) **the faith** (or: ones whose trust does not pass the test).
9. **But they will make no further progress** (will not cut a passage forward) **upon more [folks]** (or: Nevertheless, they won't get very far), **for their mindlessness** (madness; lack of understanding; folly) **will be quite evident** (very plain; obvious; outstanding and in clear visibility) **to all, even as the [madness] of those** [two, i.e., Jannes and Jambres] **came to be.**

10. **Yet you, yourself, follow** (or: followed) **closely beside me: in** (or: by; to) **teaching** (instruction; training); **in** (or: by; to) **the leading, guidance and conduct; in** (or: by; to) **the purpose** (the fore-setting or forth-setting; proposal; [used of setting-forth of the loaves in the holy place of the Temple: Mat. 12:4; Heb. 9:2]); **in** (or: by; to) **the trust** (or: faith; loyalty); **in** (or: by; to) **the long-waiting to be in a heat and breathe violently** (or: long-suffering patience); **in** (or: by; to) **the love; in** (or: by; to) **the steadfast remaining-under** (persevering and patient endurance while giving support);
11. **in** (or: by; to) **the pursuits and persecutions; in** (or: by; to) **the experiences and sufferings – the sort of things that were birthed in me and happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; the sort of pursuits and persecutions which I bear up under** (or: carried-on under) **and yet out of the midst of which the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **drags** (or: snatched) **me forth from all of them.**
12. **And indeed** (or: And so) **all those habitually resolving** (intending; willing) **to be continuously living in a reverent, devout and pious manner within Christ Jesus will be pursued, persecuted and harassed.**

13. **Now people of a bad condition and of an harmful disposition** (useless and malicious humans who bring misery and hard labor), **as well as sorcerers** (folks who wail and cast spells; or: impostors and swindlers; those who juggle a situation), **will cut a path forward upon the worse** (or: will advance and make progress from bad to worse), **repeatedly leading [folks] astray** (or: causing [folks] to wander [from the Path]) **and progressively being led astray** (or: caused to wander).
14. **Yet you, yourself, be constantly remaining within what you learned and in those things of which you were persuaded and became convinced**

(became assured), **having seen, and so knowing, from whose** (what folks') **side you learned [these things],**
15**. and that from an infant** (babe) **you have seen and thus know [the] sacred Scriptures** (or: Temple writings)**: the ones being constantly able** (those continuously having power) **to give you wisdom – [that leads you] into deliverance** (wholeness, good health, rescue and salvation) **– through Jesus' faith, resident within Christ** (or: through means of faith and trust that [is] in Jesus [the] Anointed).
16. **All Scripture [is] God-breathed, and [is] beneficial to furtherance toward instruction** (or: Every inspired-of-God [temple] writing [is] also profitable {of advantage; [gives] augmentation} with a view to teaching and training), **toward** (with a view to) **testing unto proof** (or, negatively: exposure; laying bare), **toward full restoration to straightness** (or: straightening-up upon; = improvement), **toward child-training** (education; discipline) **of the person within the Way pointed out** (the one in rightwised relationships with fair and equitable dealing),
17. **to the end that God's [corporate] Person** (or: the person belonging to God; the human having his origin in God; humanity in relation to God) **may be exactly fitted** (precisely prepared; entirely suited), **being one having been completely furnished and equipped toward every good work** (with a view to every virtuous and excellent action).

CHAPTER 4

1. **I am habitually giving thorough witness** (or: constantly testifying and showing evidence in every direction), **in the sight of God – even Christ Jesus: the One being about to be progressively separating living folks and dead folks** (or: continuously making a decision about or judging living ones and dead ones) **down from** (in accord with; corresponding to; in the sphere of; in respect to; in line with; [other MSS: even]) **His full manifestation and His reign** (or: kingdom).

2. **Herald** (Proclaim; Preach) **the Word** (The Logos; the idea; the thought; the reason; the message); **stand upon [it; or: It; Him] in season or out of season** (if the situation fits favorably, if the conditions are not favorable; whether convenient or not); **test and put to the proof; show further honor** (give higher value; assess greater worth; or, negatively: respectfully charge; strongly admonish; enjoin); **within every emotion which is long in arriving** (in all long-suffering patience), **and by teaching** (or: in union with instruction and training) **give aid, relief and encouragement as you call [others] to your side** (perform as a paraclete).

3. **For there will be an appointed season** (a situation) **when they will not hold up to themselves** (or: sustain; hold themselves upright by; hold themselves up in; or: put up with; tolerate) **instruction** (teaching and training) **that is being continuously healthy and sound, but rather, they, habitually**

having their ear gratified by rubbing, scratching or tickling (having their hearing titillated; hearing what their ears itch to hear; or, as a middle: constantly procuring pleasurable excitement by indulging an itching) **will pile and heap upon themselves** (accumulate for themselves) **teachers in line with and corresponding to their own rushing emotions** (over-desires; full passions),
4. **and then, on the one hand, they will twist the ear** (or: the hearing) **and turn away from the Truth and reality, yet on the other hand, they will be turned out** (have their [steps] turned out of [the Path] into a direction) **upon the myths** (fictions; legends; speeches; rumors; stories; tales; fables; things delivered by word of mouth).

5. **Yet you – you be habitually sober** (not intoxicated [by such things]; clear-headed and steady) **within all things; experience the bad and the ugly** (or: suffer the evil and the worthless) [A adds: as an ideal (beautiful; fine; excellent) soldier of Christ Jesus]; **perform [the] act** (do [the] work; produce the action) **of one who brings goodness and well-being and announces ease and good news** (or: act [like] a man who has good news to tell); **be fully bent on and bring your attending service to full measure, with complete assurance!**

6. **You see, I, myself, am already being progressively poured out as a drink offering, and the fitting situation** (the season; the occasion) **of my loosing up** (or: my kairos of loosening again [the tent pegs and ropes, or, the ship moorings]; or: the situation of my dissolution [as in breaking camp]) **has taken its stand upon [its appointed place] and is imminent.**
7. **I have contended the beautiful contest in the racecourse** (or: I have with agony struggled, wrestling in the ideal combat {the fine fight} in the public games); **I have finished the race** (ended the racecourse; reached the goal of my contest; I have fought to the finish); **I have kept** (observed; watched over; guarded; kept in custody) **the faith, trust, confidence and loyalty.**
8. **For the rest** (or: Finally; Henceforth) **the winner's wreath of the Course having been pointed out** (the athlete's laurel wreath consisting of the rightwised relationship in fair and equitable dealings, and pertaining to the justice of right behavior on the course) **continues laid away for me** (or: is presently reserved in me), **which the Lord** [= Christ or Yahweh], **the Fair** (Equitable; Just; Rightwising) **Judge** [of the games], **will pay to** (or: award in) **me within the sphere of that Day – yet not only to me! ... but further, also, to all those** (or: in everyone) **being ones having loved His full appearance in Light** (or: the complete manifestation of Him; His fully bringing things to light; the shining upon things pertaining to Him; His full and accurate manifestation).

9. **Make haste with earnest endeavor and diligence to come to me quickly,**
10. **for you see, Demas, loving the present age, forsook and abandoned me and went into Thessalonica; Crescens into Galatia; Titus into Dalmatia.**
11. **Only Luke is with me. Picking up Mark, be bringing [him] with you, for he continues being very useful to me, with a view to attending service**
12. – **now I sent off Tychicus with a mission into Ephesus –**

13. **[and] in coming, be bringing the traveling cloak, which I left behind in Toras with Carpus, and the little scrolls – especially the parchment notebooks** (or: vellum [note: which is made from dressed animal skins]).

14. **Alexander the coppersmith** (or: metalworker) **displayed many bad** (worthless; evil) **things [in his behavior] to me – the Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **will award to him** (or: give back in him) **corresponding to his works** (down from and on the level of his acts)
15. **– from whom you, yourself, also be constantly guarding yourself against, for he stands** (or: stood) **in opposition to our words** (or: thoughts, ideas and messages).

16. **Within my first verbal defense no one happened to be beside me** (no one came along with me), **but rather, all forsook** (abandoned; other MSS: were forsaking and abandoning) **me – may it not be put to their account** (may it not be counted against them)**!**
17. **Yet the Lord** [= Christ or Yahweh] **took a stand beside me** (or: stood alongside in me) **– and He empowered me** (enabled me; gave me inward ability), **to the end that through me the message that is being heralded** (the contents of the public proclamation) **may be fully carried throughout with full assurance, even that all the ethnic multitudes** (nations; Gentiles; Goyim; non-Jews) **may hear [it] – and I was dragged** (or: drawn) **from out of the mouth of a lion!**
18. **The Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ] **will drag** (or: draw) **me away from every harmful act** (malicious or evil work) **and will deliver me into the midst of His reign and kingdom: the one [having dominion] upon the heavens** (or: into the realm of His activities and way of doing things: the one [exercising authority] upon, and which can be compared to, the atmosphere). **In Him [is] the glory** (or: For Him [is] the reputation; By Him [is] the manifestation of that which calls forth praise; To Him [is] the good opinion) **into the ages of the ages** (or: into the principle ages which consummate all the ages; into the obscure time periods of the ages). **It is so!** (Amen)

19. **Embrace Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus, as you give them my greetings.**
20. **Erastus remains in Corinth, but Trophimus, continuing weak in sickness, I left behind in Miletus.**
21. **– Make haste with earnest endeavor and diligence to come before winter** (the rainy and stormy season**)! – Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers** (= fellow believers) **each send hugs and good wishes.**
22. **The Lord** [= Yahweh or Christ; A reads: Jesus; others: Jesus Christ] **[is] with your spirit** ([is] in accompany with your breath)**! Grace and favor [are] with you folks. It is so!** (Amen)

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