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REVELATION TO JOHN 2 NLET

THE LETTER TO THE MESSENGER OF THE EKKLESIA IN EPHESUS

THE ADDRESSEE

1 To the Messenger⁷ of the Ekklesia in Ephesus write: A DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER

"Now, the One Who holds *and governs* the Seven Stars in the right hand *that is* His, the One Who is walking in the midst of the Seven Lampstands – *namely*, the gold *ones*, says these *things*:

COMMENDATIONS

2'I know

- > the deeds that are yours⁸, and
- the toil and trouble, and
- > the endurance that is yours, and
- that you are not able to bear bad people.

And, having tried the ones who are claiming themselves to be⁹ apostles – and they are NOT! – you even found them *to be* false.

3 And, having borne *these things*, you also have endurance¹⁰ for the sake of the Name *that is* Mine. And, you did not grow weary¹¹.

CRITICISM

4 Yet, I have against you that you have left the Love *that is* yours – *namely*, the First *Love*.

REMEDY

5 So then,

- remember from where you have lastingly fallen out 12; and,
- > change your thinking; and,
- do the first deeds;

lest I come to you quickly¹³ and I shall remove the Lampstand *that is* yours from the place *that* belongs to it – if ever you might not change your thinking.

Τάδε λέγει ὁ κρατῶν τοὺς Ἐπτὰ Ἀστέρας ἐν τῆ δεξιᾳ αὐτοῦ, ὁ Περιπατῶν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν Ἐπτὰ Λυχνιῶν τῶν χρυσῶν·

 2 Oi $\delta \alpha$

τὰ ἔργα σου, καὶ τὸν κόπον, καὶ τὴν ὑπομονήν σου, καὶ ὅτι οὐ δύνη βαστάσαι κακούς. Καὶ ἐπείρασας τοὺς λέγοντας ἑαυτοὺς ἀποστόλους εἶναι¹, καὶ οὐκ εἰσίν, καὶ εὖρες αὐτοὺς ψευδεῖς·

- ³ Καὶ **ἐβάστασας καὶ ὑπομονὴν ἔχεις**² διὰ τὸ "Όνομά μου. Καὶ **οὐκ ἐκοπίασας**³.
- 4 Άλλὰ ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὅτι τὴν Ἁγάπην σου τὴν πρώτην ἀφῆκας 4 .
- ⁵ Μνημόνευε οὖν πόθεν εκπέπτωκας⁵, καὶ μετανόησον, καὶ τὰ πρῶτα ἔργα ποίησον· εἰ δὲ μή, ἔρχομαί σοι ταχύ⁶, καὶ κινήσω τὴν Λυχνίαν σου ἐκ τοῦ τόπου αὐτῆς, ἐὰν μὴ μετανοήσης.

¹ Τῷ Ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Ἐφέσῳ Ἐκκλησίας γράψον·

 $^{^{1}}$ f35 includes the infinitive $\tilde{\epsilon i} v \alpha \iota$ here. The NU omits it.

² f35 has the word order ἐβάστασας καὶ ὑπομονὴν ἔχεις here. The NU has ὑπομονὴν ἔχεις καὶ ἐβάστασας.

³ f35 has οὐκ ἐκοπίασας here. The NU has οὐ κεκοπίακες.

⁴ The vast majority of manuscripts, including f35, have the spelling ἀφῆκας here. On the basis of two manuscripts (κ and C) the NU has ἀφῆκες.

⁵ f35 has οὐκ ἐκπέπτωκας here. The NU has πέπτωκας.

 $^{^6}$ f35 includes the adverb $\tau\alpha\chi\acute{o}$ here. The NU omits it.

 $^{^7}$ 'Messenger' – The Greek word here is ἀγγέλφ from which English derives the word 'angel'. In the New Testament this word might refer to heavenly messengers, to the Divine Messenger, to human messengers, or even demonic messengers. This translator suspects that Jesus is referring to the messengership – that is, the whole number of the ones who proclaim the message about Jesus in each ekklesia.

^{8 &#}x27;yours' – This possessive pronoun is singular in Greek. Throughout these letters all the pronouns and the verbs referring to the addressees are also singular.

⁹ f35 includes the infinitive 'to be' here. The NU omits it.

¹⁰ f35 has the word order 'having borne these things, you also have endurance' here. The NU has 'having endurance you also have borne'.

¹¹ f35 has 'you did not grow weary' (an aorist verb) here. The NU has 'you did not lastingly grow weary' (an perfect verb).

f35 has 'have lastingly fallen out' here.
 The NU has 'have lastingly fallen'.
 f35 includes the adverb 'quickly' here.
 The NU omits it.

⁶ Άλλὰ τοῦτο ἔχεις, ὅτι μισεῖς τὰ ἔργα τῶν Νικολαϊτῶν, ὰ κἀγὼ μισῶ.

⁷ Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις.

Τῷ νικῶντι δώσω ¹⁴ φαγεῖν ἐκ τοῦ Ξύλου τῆς Ζωῆς, ὅ ἐστιν ἐν τῷ Παραδείσῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ $\mu o v^{15}$.

 8 Καὶ τῷ Άγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Σμύρνῃ Ἐκκλησίας γράψον·

Τάδε λέγει ὁ Πρῶτος καὶ ὁ Ἔσχατος, ὃς ἐγένετο νεκρὸς καὶ ἔζησεν·

⁹ Οἶδά σου

τὰ Ἐργα καὶ¹⁶

τὴν Θλῖψιν καὶ

τὴν Πτωχείαν, ἀλλὰ πλούσιος εἶ, καὶ τὴν Βλασφημίαν ¹⁷ τῶν λεγόντων Ἰουδαίους εἶναι ἑαυτούς. Καὶ οὐκ εἰσίν. Ἀλλὰ συναγωγὴ τοῦ Σατανᾶ.

¹⁰ Μηδὲν φοβοῦ ἃ μέλλεις πάσχειν.

6 Yet, you have this: that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans¹⁸, which I, *for My part*, also hate!

ADMONITION TO HEAR

7 Let the one who has ears hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ekklesias!

A BLESSING TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS

To the one who conquers¹⁹ I shall give ²⁰ to eat from the Tree of Life which is in the Paradise of the God *Who is* Mine²¹."

THE LETTER TO THE MESSENGER OF THE EKKLESIA IN SMYRNA THE ADDRESSEE

8 And, to the Messenger of the Ekklesia in Smyrna write:

A DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER

"Now, the First and the Last Who became dead – and, He is living! – says these *things*:

COMMENDATIONS

9 'I know what is yours22 -

- ➤ the Deeds, and²³
- the Tribulation, and
- > the Beggary (rather, you are rich!), and
- the Blasphemy ²⁴ from the ones who say that they are Jews. And, they are NOT! Rather, they are a synagogue of the Satan²⁵.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO BEAR THE COMING PERSECUTION 10 By no means fear the things you are about to suffer!

ADDITIONAL COMMENDATION

 $^{^{14}}$ f35 does not include the dative pronoun $\alpha \dot{\upsilon} \tau \tilde{\phi}$ here. The NU includes it.

 $^{^{15}}$ f35 includes the pronoun $\mu o \upsilon$ here. The NU omits it.

 $^{^{16}}$ f35 includes the words τὰ ἔργα καὶ here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{17}}$ f35 does not include the preposition $\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$ here. The NU includes it.

¹⁸ 'Nicolaitans' – The Greek word ' $Nικολαϊτ\~αν$ ' might be combination of 'he conquers' ($νικ\~α$) and 'people' (λα'ον), i.e. 'conquerors of people'. Thus, it may refer to leaders in the ekklesias who become dictators. Or, the word may possibly refer to a follower of Nicolaus, a heretic at Ephesus.

¹⁹ 'to the one who conquers' – in Greek νικῶντι, the verb stem found also in the term 'Nicolaitan'.

²⁰ f35 does not include 'to him' here. The NU includes it.

²¹ f35 includes the pronoun translated as 'Who is Mine' here. The NU omits it.

²² 'yours' – This possessive pronoun is singular in Greek.

²³ f35 includes the words 'the deeds, and' here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{24}}$ f35 does not include the preposition $\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$ here. The NU includes it.

²⁵ 'Satan' – The Greek text has a transliteration the Hebrew word 'ប្រុម្ភៃ', meaning 'adversary'. 'Satan' is an English transliteration of this Hebrew word.

Ἰδοὺ. Δ ή 26 μέλλει βάλειν 27 ὁ Δ ιάβολος ἐξ ὑμῶν εἰς φυλακὴν ἵνα πειρασθῆτε.

Καὶ ἕξετε θλῖψιν ἡμερῶν δέκα.

Γίνου πιστὸς ἄχρι θανάτου. Καὶ δώσω σοι τὸν Στέφανον τῆς Ζωῆς.

11 Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις.

Ό νικῶν οὐ μὴ ἀδικηθῆ ἐκ τοῦ Θανάτου τοῦ Δευτέρου.

12 Καὶ τῷ Ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Περγάμῳ Ἐκκλησίας γράψον·
Τάδε λέγει ὁ ἔχων τὴν ῥομφαίαν τὴν δίστομον τὴν ὀξεῖαν·

¹³ Οἶδα

τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ²⁸

ποῦ κατοικεῖς, ὅπου ὁ Θρόνος τοῦ Σατανᾶ. Καὶ κρατεῖς τὸ Ὅνομά μου. Καὶ οὐκ ἠρνήσω τὴν πίστιν μου ²⁹ ἐν ταῖς³⁰ ἡμέραις ἐν αἷς³¹ Ἀντιπᾶς, ὁ μάρτυς μου, ὁ πιστός ³², ὅς

ἀπεκτάνθη παρ' ὑμῖν, ὅπου ὁ Σατανᾶς κατοικεῖ.

Look! Indeed,³³ the Devil³⁴ is about to throw³⁵ *some* from among you into prison, in order that you might be proven *genuine*. And, you shall have pressure *for* days – ten *of them*.

Become faithful even to death. And, I shall give to you the honorary Wreath³⁶ consisting of the Life!

ADMONITION FOR ALL TO HEAR

11 Let the one who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the Ekklesias!

A BLESSING TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS

The one who keeps on conquering shall certainly not suffer for wrong-doing in accord with the Death – *namely*, the Second *Death*."

THE LETTER

TO THE MESSENGER OF THE EKKLESIA IN PERGAMUM

THE ADDRESSEE

12 And, to the Messenger of the Ekklesia in Pergamum write:

A DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER

"Now, the One having the large, broad sword –

- the two-edged one,
- the sharp one,

says these things:

COMMENDATIONS

13 'I know

- > the deeds that are yours and 37,
- ➤ where you dwell where the Throne of the Satan *is*! And, you are holding fast *to* the Name *that is* Mine.

And, you did not deny the Faith *that is* Mine 38 in the 39 days in which 40 Antipas –

- > the witness who is Mine,
- the faithful one⁴¹,
- > this one.

was killed before you, where the Satan dwells.

 $^{^{26}}$ f35 includes the adverb $\delta \acute{\eta}$ here. The NU omits it. 27 f35 has $β \acute{\alpha} λ ε \iota v$ (an aorist infinitive) here. The NU

has βάλλειν (a present infinitive).
²⁸ f35 includes the words τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{29}}$ f35 does not include the word $\kappa \alpha i$ here. The NU includes it.

³⁰ f35 includes the words ἐν ταῖς σου καὶ here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{31}}$ f35 includes the words $\dot{\epsilon} v ~\alpha \tilde{\iota} \zeta$ here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{32}}$ f35 does not include the word μov here. The NU includes it.

³³ f35 includes the adverb 'Indeed,' here. The NU omits it.

³⁴ 'Devil' – an English word that traces back to the Greek word that is used here: 'διάβολος'. It means 'slanderer'

³⁵ f35 has 'to throw' (an aorist infinitive) here. The NU has 'to be throwing' (a present infinitive).

³⁶ 'honorary wreath' – a wreath, garland, or crown awarded for public service or for winning in the Olympic games.

³⁷ f35 includes the words 'the deeds that are yours, and' here. The NU omits them.

³⁸ f35 includes the words 'the deeds that are yours and' here. The NU does not include it.

³⁹ f35 includes the words 'in the' here. The NU omits them.

 $^{^{40}}$ f35 includes the words ἐν αἷς here. The NU omits them.

⁴¹ f35 does not include the word that would be translated as 'that is Mine' here. The NU includes it.

14 Άλλ⁴² ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὀλίγα. Ότι ἔχεις ἐκεῖ κρατοῦντας τὴν διδαχὴν Βαλαάμ, ὃς ἐδίδαξεν⁴³ τὸν⁴⁴ Βαλὰκ βαλεῖν σκάνδαλον ἐνώπιον τῶν υίῶν Ἰσραήλ, φαγεῖν εἰδωλόθυτα καὶ πορνεῦσαι.

¹⁵ Οὕτως ἔχεις καὶ σὺ κρατοῦντας τὴν διδαχὴν τῶν Νικολαϊτῶν ὁμοίως.

¹⁶ Μετανόησον ⁴⁵ ·

Εἰ δὲ μή, ἔρχομαί σοι ταχύ, καὶ πολεμήσω μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῆ Ῥομφαίᾳ τοῦ στόματός μου.

¹⁷ Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις.

Τῷ νικῶντι δώσω αὐτῷ **φαγεῖν απο**⁴⁶ τοῦ Μάννα τοῦ κεκρυμμένου.

Καὶ δώσω αὐτῷ ψῆφον λευκήν, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ψῆφον ὄνομα καινὸν γεγραμμένον ὁ οὐδεὶς οἶδεν εἰ μὴ ὁ λαμβάνων.

18 Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Θυατείροις Ἐκκλησίας γράψον·
Τάδε λέγει ὁ Υἰὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἔχων
τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ ὡς φλόγα πυρός, καὶ οἱ πόδες αὐτοῦ ὅμοιοι χαλκολιβάνω·

CRITICISM

14 Yet, I have a few *things* against you. *It is* because there you have ones who are holding to the teaching of Balaam, who taught⁴⁷ the *man* Balak to lay a deathtrap in front of the sons *of* Israel – *namely*,

- > to eat things which were sacrificed to idols, and
- > to prostitute themselves⁴⁸.

15 Thus, also you, *for your part,* have ones who are holding to the teaching of the Nicolaitans similarly.

REMEDY

16 49 Change your thinking!

WARNING

Now, if not, I am coming to you quickly. And, I shall fight with them by means of the large, Broad Sword from the mouth *that* is Mine.

ADMONITION FOR ALL TO HEAR

17 Let the one having ears hear what the Spirit says to the Ekklesias.

BLESSINGS TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS

To the one who conquers I shall give to him to eat from⁵⁰ the Manna – *the Manna* having been lastingly hidden.

And, I shall give to him a precious stone – *that is,* a white *one*. And, upon the precious stone *there is* a new name having been lastingly written, which no one knows except the one receiving *it.*"

THE LETTER

TO THE MESSENGER OF THE EKKLESIA IN THYATIRA

THE ADDRESSEE

18 And, to the Messenger of the Ekklesia in Thyatira write:

A DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER

"Now,

- > the Son of the God,
- One having
 - the eyes that are His as flames of fire, and
 - the feet that are His similar to fine brass,

says these things:

 $^{^{42}}$ f35 has the contraction Άλλ αὶ here. The NU has Åλλλα.

 $^{^{43}}$ f35 has ἐδίδαζεν (an aorist verb) here. The NU has ἐδίδασκεν (an imperfect verb).

 $^{^{44}}$ f35 has τὸν (an accusative definite article) here. The NU has τ $\tilde{\omega}$ (a dative definite article).

 $^{^{45}}$ f35 does not include the conjunction $o\tilde{v}v$ here. The NU includes it.

 $^{^{46}}$ f35 includes the words $\phi\alpha\gamma\epsilon\tilde{\imath}\nu$ $\alpha\pi o$ here. The NU omits them.

⁴⁷ f35 has 'taught' (an aorist verb) here. The NU has 'was teaching (an imperfect verb).

⁴⁸ 'prostitute themselves' – i.e., by going in to temple prostitutes of Moab, or by marrying the unbelieving women of Moab.

⁴⁹ f35 does not include the conjunction 'So then,' here. The NU includes it.

 $^{^{50}}$ f35 includes the words 'to eat from' $\alpha\pi\sigma$ here. The NU omits them.

COMMENDATIONS

19 Οἶδά σου

τὰ Ἐργα, καὶ

τὴν Άγάπην καὶ

τὴν Πίστιν καὶ

τὴν Διακονίαν καὶ

τὴν Ύπομονήν σου.

Καὶ τὰ Ἐργα σου τὰ ἔσχατα πλείονα τῶν πρώτων.

²⁰ Αλλ⁵¹ ἔχω κατὰ σοῦ ὅτι ἀφεῖς τὴν γυναῖκα σοῦ ὅτι ἀξέρελ. Ἡ λέγεί⁵³ ἑαυτὴν προφῆτιν. Καὶ διδάσκει. Καὶ πλανᾶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς Δούλους πορνεῦσαι καὶ φαγεῖν εἰδωλόθυτα.

²¹ Καὶ ἔδωκα αὐτῆ χρόνον ἵνα μετανοήση. Καὶ οὐ θέλει μετανοῆσαι ἐκ τῆς πορνείας αὐτῆς.

²² Ίδοὺ βάλλω αὐτὴν εἰς κλίνην, καὶ τοὺς μοιχεύοντας μετ' αὐτῆς εἰς θλῖψιν μεγάλην, ἐὰν μὴ μετανοήσωσιν ἐκ τῶν ἔργων αὐτῆς.

²³ Καὶ τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς ἀποκτενῶ ἐν θανάτῳ.
Καὶ γνώσονται πᾶσαι αἱ Ἐκκλησίαι ὅτι Ἐγώ
Εἰμι, ὁ ἐρευνῶν⁵⁴ νεφροὺς καὶ καρδίας.
Καὶ δώσω ὑμῖν ἑκάστῳ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα ὑμῶν.

19 'I know of you

- the Deeds, and
- the Love, and
- > the Faith, and
- the Service, and
- the Endurance that is yours.

And, the Deeds *that are* yours – *that is*, the last *ones* – *are* greater than the first *ones*!

CRITICISM

20 Yet, I have against you that you tolerate the woman *that is* yours⁵⁵ - *namely,* Jezebel. The *woman* reckons⁵⁶ herself *as* a prophetess. And, she teaches. And, she misleads the Slaves *that are* My own to prostitute *themselves*⁵⁷ and to eat meats offered to idols.

HOW THE SON OF GOD SHALL DEAL WITH THE FALSE PROPHETESS AND HER FOLLOWERS

21 And, I gave to her a period of time in order that she might change *her* thinking. And, she does not wish to change *her* thinking from the prostitution *that is* hers.

22 Look! I am letting fall -

- her into a bed and
- the ones who are committing adultery with her into tribulation
 a great one, if ever they might not change their thinking away from the deeds that come from her!

23 And. I shall condemn the children that are hers to death.

And, all the Ekklesias shall know that 'I AM', the One Who searches kidneys and hearts.

And, I shall give to each of you according to the deeds *that are* yours.

 $^{^{51}}$ f35 has the contraction Άλλ αὶ here. The NU has Άλλὰ.

 $^{^{52}}$ f35 includes the pronoun $\sigma o \tilde{\upsilon}$ here. The NU omits it.

⁵³ f35 has λέγεί (a present tense verb) here. The NU has λέγουσα (a present participle).

⁵⁴ The vast majority of manuscripts, including f35, have the spelling ἐρευνῶν here. On the basis of two manuscripts (A and C) the NU has ἐραυνῶν.

 $^{^{55}}$ f35 includes the pronoun translated as 'that is yours' $\sigma o \tilde{\upsilon}$ here. The NU omits it.

⁵⁶ f35 has 'reckons' (a present tense verb) here. The NU has 'one who is reckoning' (a present participle).

⁵⁷ 'prostitute themselves' – i.e., by going in to temple prostitutes, or by marrying the unbelieving women.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE REST

24 Now, I keep on saying

- > to you,
- > to the rest,
- to the ones in Thyatira, as many as do not hold 'the Deep Things of the Satan' (as they say),

"I shall NOT let another burden fall⁶⁰ upon you."

25 Nevertheless, hold fast what you have until whenever I shall come.

BLESSINGS TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS

26 And, as for

- the one who conquers and
- the one who keeps on keeping the deeds that are Mine until an end,

I shall give to him authority over the Ethnicities.

27 'And, he shall shepherd them by means of a rod – that is, an iron one. Like the vessels – that is, the earthenware ones, they shall be shattered to pieces⁶¹;'⁶² 28 as I, for My part, also have lastingly received from the Father Who is Mine.-

And, I shall give to him the Star – *that is,* the Early Morning *Star.*ADMONITION FOR ALL TO HEAR

29 Let the One having ears hear what the Spirit says to the Ekklesias. "

24 Ύμῖν δὲ λέγω τοῖς λοιποῖς
τοῖς ἐν Θυατείροις, ὅσοι οὐκ ἔχουσιν τὴν διδαχὴν ταύτην, οἴτινες οὐκ ἔγνωσαν τὰ Βαθέα τοῦ Σατανᾶ, ὡς λέγουσιν, οὐ βάλω⁵⁸ ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἄλλο βάρος.
25 Πλὴν ὃ ἔχετε κρατήσατε ἄχρις οὖ ἂν ἥξω.

²⁶ Καὶ

ό νικῶν καὶ

ό τηρῶν ἄχρι τέλους τὰ ἔργα μου,

δώσω αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τῶν Ἐθνῶν,

27 Καὶ ποιμανεῖ αὐτοὺς ἐν ῥάβδῳ σιδηρᾳ.

ὡς τὰ σκεύη τὰ κεραμικὰ συντριβήσεται⁵⁹,

28 Ὠς κἀγὼ εἴληφα παρὰ τοῦ πατρός μου,

Καὶ δώσω αὐτῷ τὸν Ἀστέρα τὸν Πρωϊνόν.

²⁹ Ὁ ἔχων οὖς ἀκουσάτω τί τὸ Πνεῦμα λέγει ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις.

 $^{^{58}}$ f35 has βάλω (a future tense verb) here. The NU has βάλλω (a present tense verb).

⁵⁹ f35 has συντριβήσεται (a future passive verb) here. The NU has συντρίβεται (a present passive verb).

⁶⁰ f35 has 'I shall ... let ... fall' (a future tense verb) here. The NU has 'I am ... letting ... fall' (a present tense verb).

⁶¹ f35 has 'they shall be shattered to pieces' (a future, passive verb) here. The NU has 'they are being shattered to pieces' (a present, passive verb).

⁶² A reference to Psalm 2:9