

2 Peter 1:16-21

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Οὐ γὰρ σεσοφισμένοις μύθοις ἑξακολουθήσαντες ἐγνωρίσαμεν ὑμῖν τὴν τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δύναμιν καὶ παρουσίαν ἀλλ' ἐπόπται γενηθέντες τῆς ἐκείνου μεγαλειότητος.

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

σεσοφισμένοις μύθοις - *fables as in mythology, or also fictions - however the construction may be translated - an allegorism, a fiction which embodies the truth.*

σεσοφισμένοις - 2x in NT - here a perfect passive participle - *make wise*

2Tim 3:15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

μύθοις - 5x in NT - *myth* -

1Tim 1:4 nor to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies which promote speculations rather than the divine training that is in faith;

1Tim 4:7 Have nothing to do with godless and silly myths. Train yourself in godliness;

2Tim 4:4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.

Titus 1:14 instead of giving heed to Jewish myths or to commands of men who reject the truth.

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

ἑξακολουθήσαντες - 3x in NT - *follow* - here, aorist active participle

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2Peter 2:2 And many will follow their licentiousness, and because of them the way of truth will be reviled.

2Peter 2:15 Forsaking the right way they have gone astray; they have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Be'or, who loved gain from wrongdoing,

ἐγνωρίσαμεν - we made known, *all the teaching has the same source* - 25x in NT, only here in Petrine

δύναμιν καὶ παρουσίαν - *power is often used as a synonym for miracle, the coming, pointing to the nativity and the 2nd coming.* - NT Hapax

δύναμιν - 119x in NT, 5x in Petrine - *power*

1Peter 1:5 who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Peter 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

2Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2Peter 2:11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a reviling judgment upon them before the Lord.

παρουσίαν - 24x in NT - *the presence of an object at a particular place - to come to be present at a particular place* -

Matt 24:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him

Matt 24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

Matt 24:37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

Matt 24:39 and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

1Cor 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Cor 16:17 I rejoice at the coming of Steph'anas and Fortuna'tus and Acha'icus, because they have made up for your absence;

2Cor 7:6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

2Cor 7:7 and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.

2Cor 10:10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account."

Phil 1:26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Exegetical Notes on 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Phil 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

1Thess 2:19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?

1Thess 3:13 so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1Thess 4:15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Thess 5:23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Thess 2:1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him, we beg you, brethren,

2Thess 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.

2Thess 2:9 The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders,

James 5:7 Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain.

James 5:8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2Peter 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation."

2Peter 3:12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire!

1John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

μεγαλοπρεποῦς - 3x in NT -

Luke 9:43 And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he did, he said to his disciples,

Acts 19:27 And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Ar'temis may count for nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

2Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

ἐπόπται - NT Hapax - eyewitness - one who has personally seen an event and thus has personal knowledge and can be expected to attest to the occurrence of such an event -

γενηθέντες - aorist passive deponent participle

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λαβὼν γὰρ παρὰ θεοῦ πατρὸς τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν φωνῆς ἐνεχθείσης αὐτῷ τοιαῦτα εὑχόμενος ὑπὸ τῆς μεγαλοπρεποῦς δόξης· Ὁ υἱὸς μου ὁ ἀγαπητὸς μου οὗτός ἐστιν εἰς ὃν ἐγὼ εὐδόκησα,

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

παρὰ θεοῦ πατρὸς - 2x in NT -

2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

2John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

θεοῦ πατρὸς - 24x in NT -

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God; I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

Romans 1:7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Cor 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Cor 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:1 Paul an apostle -- not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead --

Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colos'sae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Col 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1Thess 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonia'ns in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2Thess 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 2Thess 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 1Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
 2Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
 Philem 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 1Peter 1:2 chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.
 2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"
 2John 1:3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
 Jude 1:1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

τιμὴν καὶ δόξαν - 3x in NT -

1Tim 1:17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"
 Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

φωνῆς - 3x in Petrine -

2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"
 2Peter 1:18 we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.
 2Peter 2:16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a dumb ass spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

ἐνεχθείσης - any form 66x in NT, aorist passive participle 2x in NT -

2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"
 2Peter 1:18 we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

τοιᾶσδε - NT Hapax - *such as this*

μεγαλοπρεποῦς δόξης - *while found in the LXX at Deu 33:26, the construct used here is right out of Enoch [14:20, 102:3]*

Enoch 14:20 "And the Great glory was sitting upon it - as for his gown, which was shining more brightly than the sun, and I heard the voice of the cherubim." [Charlesworth v.1 p.21]

Enoch 102:3 "All the angels shall fulfill their orders, The children of the Earth will seek to hide themselves from the presence of the Great Glory, trembling and confounded." [Charlesworth v.1 p.82]

- and is used in theophanies, and is probably parallel to

Matthew 17:5 shekeinah of the νεφέλη φωτεινή -

ἔτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἰδοὺ νεφέλη φωτεινὴ ἐπεσκίασεν αὐτούς, καὶ ἰδοὺ φωνὴ ἐκ τῆς νεφέλης λέγουσα, Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ εὐδόκησα· ἀκούετε αὐτοῦ.

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

μεγαλοπρεποῦς - NT Hapax - *majestic*

Ο υἱός μου - 9x in NT - *this is my son* - exact grammatical form

Matt 3:17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matt 17:5 He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Mark 1:11 and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Mark 9:7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Luke 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Luke 15:24 for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

1Peter 5:13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.

2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

ὁ ἀγαπητός μου - 2x in NT -

Matt 12:18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

εὐδόκησα - 21x in NT -

Matt 3:17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Matt 12:18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
Matt 17:5 He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
Mark 1:11 and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."
Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Romans 15:26 For Macedo'nia and Acha'ia have been pleased to make some contribution
Romans 15:27 they were pleased to do it, and indeed they are in debt to them, for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.
1Cor 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.
1Cor 10:5 Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
2Cor 5:8 We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
2Cor 12:10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
Gal 1:15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace,
Col 1:19 For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,
1Thess 2:8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.
1Thess 3:1 Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone,
2Thess 2:12 so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
Heb 10:6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure.
Heb 10:8 When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),
Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."
2Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

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καὶ ταύτην τὴν φωνὴν ἡμεῖς ἠκούσαμεν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ ἐνεχθεῖσαν σὺν αὐτῷ ὄντες ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ ὄρει.

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

φωνήν - see 1.17 above

ἠκούσαμεν - aorist active indicative

ἐξ οὐρανοῦ - 16x in NT - *from Heaven*

Matt 21:25 The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, From heaven, he will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?"
Matt 21:25 The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, From heaven, he will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?"
Matt 28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.
Mark 11:30 Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me."
Mark 11:31 And they argued with one another, "If we say, From heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him?"
Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."
Luke 11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
Luke 11:16 while others, to test him, sought from him a sign from heaven.
Luke 20:4 Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"
Luke 20:5 And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, From heaven, he will say, Why did you not believe him?"
John 1:32 And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.
John 6:58 This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever."
1Cor 15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.
2Cor 5:2 Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling,
Gal 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.

2Peter 1:18 we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

ἐνεχθεισαν - see 1.17 above

ἀγίω ὄρει - NT Hapax, No LXX!

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καὶ ἔχομεν βεβαιότερον τὸν προφητικὸν λόγον, ᾧ καλῶς ποιεῖτε προσέχοντες ὡς λύχνῳ φαίνοντι ἐν ἀύχμηρῷ τόπῳ, ἕως οὗ ἡμέρα διαυγάσῃ καὶ φωσφόρος ἀνατείλῃ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν,

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

βεβαιότερον - the form is comparative - *reliable* -8x in NT -

Romans 4:16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants -- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all,
2Cor 1:7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.
Heb 2:2 For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,
Heb 3:14 For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end,
Heb 6:19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain,
Heb 9:17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.
2Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall;
2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

προφητικὸν λόγον - NT Hapax

προφητικὸν - 2x in NT -

Romans 16:26 but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith --
2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

λόγον - 10x in Petrine - *word*

1Peter 1:23 You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
1Peter 2:8 and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
1Peter 3:1 Likewise you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
1Peter 3:1 Likewise you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
1Peter 3:15 but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;
1Peter 4:5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
2Peter 2:3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words; from of old their condemnation has not been idle, and their destruction has not been asleep.
2Peter 3:5 They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago, and an earth formed out of water and by means of water,
2Peter 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist have been stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

καλῶς - 36x in NT, only here in Petrine - *good (moral). good (value). accurate. important. please. certainly.*

προσέχοντες w\dative of thing - Pay attention to : -

Act 8:6 The crowds with one accord listened eagerly {pay attention to} to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did,
1Tim 1:4 and not {pay attention to} to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith.
Tit 1:14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth.
Heb 2:1 Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

2Pet 1:19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to {pay attention to} this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

λύχνω - 14x in NT -

Matt 5:15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

Matt 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light;

Mark 4:21 And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not on a stand?"

Luke 8:16 "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 11:33 "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a bushel, but on a stand, that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 11:34 Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound, your body is full of darkness.

Luke 11:36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

Luke 12:35 "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning,

Luke 15:8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?"

John 5:35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Rev 18:23 and the light of a lamp shall shine in thee no more; and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard in thee no more; for thy merchants were the great men of the earth, and all nations were deceived by thy sorcery.

Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev 22:5 And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

φαίνοντι - present active participle, 2x in NT -

John 5:35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

αὐχμηρῶ- NT hapax - *filthy*

διαυγάση - NT Hapax - *to shine through, with special reference to dawn, and possibly implying the shining of the sun through clouds or overcast sky -*

φωσφόρος - NT Hapax - *a light-producing heavenly body, probably the morning star (a planet), but possibly the sun - the Light Bringer*

ἀνατείλη - here, an aorist active subjunctive - any form 9x in NT -

Matt 4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

Matt 5:45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matt 13:6 but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away.

Mark 4:6 and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away.

Mark 16:2 And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.

Luke 12:54 He also said to the multitudes, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, A shower is coming'; and so it happens.

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

James 1:11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν - 16x in NT -

Matt 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

Mark 2:8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts?"

Luke 5:22 When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts?"

Luke 21:14 Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer;

Luke 24:38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?"

Acts 5:4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down)

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach);

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Eph 3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Phil 1:7 It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

1Peter 3:15 but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;

2Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

- the word we have is even surer than the word from the **shekeinah**, more certain than the voice directly from God, because while the Mount of Glory was a wonderful place, the Word is able to be that light in the dark place

Prophecy as coming not so much from human intention as from God using a human agent to carry his message.

Sophistic Stories - Paul's "no worldly wisdom, but the folly of the cross"

1:20

τοῦτο πρῶτον γινώσκοντες ὅτι πᾶσα προφητεία γραφῆς ἰδίας ἐπιλύσεως οὐ γίνεται·
Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.

τοῦτο πρῶτον - 3x in NT - *first of all*

John 1:41 He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

2Peter 1:20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

2Peter 3:3 First of all you must understand this, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions

γινώσκοντες - present active participle - *knowing*

προφητεία γραφῆς - NT Hapax - Question: *which writings are prophetic?*

ἰδίας - *one's own, peculiar, individual* - word occurs 114x in NT, 8x in Petrine -

1Peter 3:1 Likewise you wives, be submissive to your husbands, so that some, though they do not obey the word, may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1Peter 3:5 So once the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves and were submissive to their husbands,

2Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2Peter 1:20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

2Peter 2:16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a dumb ass spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

2Peter 2:22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog turns back to his own vomit, and the sow is washed only to wallow in the mire.

2Peter 3:3 First of all you must understand this, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions

2Peter 3:16 speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things

2Peter 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, beware lest you be carried away with the error of lawless men and lose your own stability.

ἐπιλύσεως - NT Hapax - *to explain the meaning of something, with the implication that the text in question is difficult or complex* -

1:21

οὐ γὰρ θελήματι ἀνθρώπου ἠνέχθη προφητεία ποτέ, ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ πνεύματος ἁγίου φερόμενοι ἐλάλησαν ἀπὸ θεοῦ ἄνθρωποι.

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

θελήματι ἀνθρώπου - NT Hapax - *will of man*

ἠνέχθη - aorist passive indicative - *bring*

Matt 14:11 and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

2Peter 1:21 because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Exegetical Notes on 2 Peter 1:16-21

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προφητεία - 19x in NT - *prophecy* -

Matt 13:14 With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive.

Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

1Cor 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Cor 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Cor 13:8 Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1Cor 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how shall I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

1Cor 14:22 Thus, tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers.

1Thess 5:20 do not despise prophesying,

1Tim 1:18 This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you

1Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you.

2Peter 1:20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

2Peter 1:21 because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written therein; for the time is near.

Rev 11:6 They have power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

Rev 19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Rev 22:7 And behold, I am coming soon." Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

Rev 22:18 I warn every one who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if any one adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

Rev 22:19 and if any one takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

πνεύματος ἁγίου - 45x in NT, 2x in Petrine - του πνεύματος του ἁγίου occurs 28x in NT, but not in Petrine - *Holy Spirit*

1Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

2Peter 1:21 because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

φερόμενοι - present passive participle - *bring*

ἐλάλησαν - aorist active indicative - *speak*

ἀπὸ θεοῦ - 22x in NT - *from God*

John 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him."

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,

John 16:30 Now we know that you know all things, and need none to question you; by this we believe that you came from God."

Romans 1:7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Cor 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Cor 1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption;

1Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own;

2Cor 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colos'sae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

2Thess 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Philem 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb 3:12 Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one;

2Peter 1:21 because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.