

The Composite Reflection Bible

The Composite Reflection Bible is intended to make you think more deeply about the text by progressive comparison of literal versions. The mind works differently when understanding one text, when comparing two texts and when looking at more than two. As a result, an over-all meaning is obtained, which I call a “composite” understanding. When you have reached this level of understanding, you will want to record your thoughts about what the text now says, what it means to you spiritually and how you plan to apply its meaning to your life. I hope that you will find this work a help in your studies and a blessing in understanding what God would like you to know.

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The World English Bible
American Standard Version of 1901
Young's Literal Translation

2 Peter

- 1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:**
Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and [the] Saviour Jesus Christ:
Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who did obtain a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ:
- 2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,**
Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;
Grace to you, and peace be multiplied in the acknowledgement of God and of Jesus our Lord!
- 3 seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue;**
seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue;
As all things to us His divine power (the things pertaining unto life and piety) hath given, through the acknowledgement of him who did call us through glory and worthiness,

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4 whereby he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust.

whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust.

through which to us the most great and precious promises have been given, that through these ye may become partakers of a divine nature, having escaped from the corruption in the world in desires.

5 Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge;

Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in [your] virtue knowledge;

And this same also -- all diligence having brought in besides, superadd in your faith the worthiness, and in the worthiness the knowledge,

6 and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness;

and in [your] knowledge self-control; and in [your] self-control patience; and in [your] patience godliness;

and in the knowledge the temperance, and in the temperance the endurance, and in the endurance the piety,

7 and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love.

and in [your] godliness brotherly kindness; and in [your] brotherly kindness love.

and in the piety the brotherly kindness, and in the brotherly kindness the love;

8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

for these things being to you and abounding, do make [you] neither inert nor unfruitful in regard to the acknowledging of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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- 9** For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.
For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.
for he with whom these things are not present is blind, dim-sighted, having become forgetful of the cleansing of his old sins;
- 10** Therefore, brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.
Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble:
wherefore, the rather, brethren, be diligent to make stedfast your calling and choice, for these things doing, ye may never stumble,
- 11** For thus will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
for so, richly shall be superadded to you the entrance into the age-during reign of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 12** Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth.
Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with [you].
Wherefore, I will not be careless always to remind you concerning these things, though, having known them, and having been established in the present truth,
- 13** I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you;
And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
and I think right, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up in reminding [you],

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- 14** knowing that the putting off of my tent comes swiftly, even as our Lord, Jesus Christ, made clear to me.
 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me.
 having known that soon is the laying aside of my tabernacle, even as also our Lord Jesus Christ did shew to me,
- 15** Yes, I will make every effort that you may always be able to remember these things even after my departure.
 Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance.
 and I will be diligent that also at every time ye have, after my outgoing, power to make to yourselves the remembrance of these things.
- 16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
 For, skilfully devised fables not having followed out, we did make known to you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but eye-witnesses having become of his majesty --
- 17** For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased:
 for having received from God the Father honour and glory, such a voice being borne to him by the excellent glory: `This is My Son -- the beloved, in whom I was well pleased;`
- 18** This voice we heard come out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mountain.
 and this voice we [ourselves] heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.
 and this voice we -- we did hear, out of heaven borne, being with him in the holy mount.

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- 19** We have the more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the day star arises in your hearts:
 And we have the word of prophecy [made] more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts:
 And we have more firm the prophetic word, to which we do well giving heed, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, till day may dawn, and a morning star may arise -- in your hearts;
- 20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation.
 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation.
 this first knowing, that no prophecy of the Writing doth come of private exposition,
- 21** For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.
 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.
 for not by will of man did ever prophecy come, but by the Holy Spirit borne on holy men of God spake.
- 1** But there also arose false prophets among the people, as among you also there will be false teachers, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction.
 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
 And there did come also false prophets among the people, as also among you there shall be false teachers, who shall bring in besides destructive sects, and the Master who bought them denying, bringing to themselves quick destruction,
- 2** Many will follow their destructive ways, and as a result, the way of the truth will be maligned.
 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of.
 and many shall follow out their destructive ways, because of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of,

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- 3** In covetousness will they exploit you with deceptive words: whose sentence now from of old doesn't linger, and their destruction will not slumber.
 And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not.
 and in covetousness, with moulded words, of you they shall make merchandise, whose judgment of old is not idle, and their destruction doth not slumber.
- 4** For if God didn't spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved to judgment;
 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
 For if God messengers who sinned did not spare, but with chains of thick gloom, having cast [them] down to Tartarus, did deliver [them] to judgment, having been reserved,
- 5** and didn't spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly;
 and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
 and the old world did not spare, but the eighth person, Noah, of righteousness a preacher, did keep, a flood on the world of the impious having brought,
- 6** and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly;
 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly;
 and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah having turned to ashes, with an overthrow did condemn, an example to those about to be impious having set [them];
- 7** and delivered righteous Lot, very distressed by the lustful life of the wicked
 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked
 and righteous Lot, worn down by the conduct in lasciviousness of the impious, He did rescue,

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- 8** (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, tormented his righteous soul from day to day with lawless deeds):
 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his] righteous soul from day to day with [their] lawless deeds):
 for in seeing and hearing, the righteous man, dwelling among them, day by day the righteous soul with unlawful works was harassing.
- 9** the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment to the day of judgment;
 the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment;
 The Lord hath known to rescue pious ones out of temptation, and unrighteous ones to a day of judgment, being punished, to keep,
- 10** but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries;
 but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to rail at dignities:
 and chiefly those going behind the flesh in desire of uncleanness, and lordship despising; presumptuous, self-complacent, dignities they are not afraid to speak evil of,
- 11** whereas angels, though greater in might and power, don't bring a railing judgment against them before the Lord.
 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them before the Lord.
 whereas messengers, in strength and power being greater, do not bear against them before the Lord an evil speaking judgment;
- 12** But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant, will in their destroying surely be destroyed,
 But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed,
 and these, as irrational natural beasts, made to be caught and destroyed -- in what things they are ignorant of, speaking evil -- in their destruction shall be destroyed,

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- 13** receiving the wages of unrighteousness; people who count it pleasure to revel in the day-time, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceit while they feast with you;
 suffering wrong as the hire of wrong-doing; [men] that count it pleasure to revel in the day-time, spots and blemishes, revelling in their deceivings while they feast with you;
 about to receive a reward of unrighteousness, pleasures counting the luxury in the day, spots and blemishes, luxuriating in their deceits, feasting with you,
- 14** having eyes full of adultery, and who can't cease from sin; enticing unsettled souls; having a heart trained in greed; children of cursing;
 having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing;
 having eyes full of adultery, and unable to cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having an heart exercised in covetousnesses, children of a curse,
- 15** forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of wrong-doing;
 forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the [son] of Beor, who loved the hire of wrong-doing;
 having forsaken a right way, they did go astray, having followed in the way of Balaam the [son] of Bosor, who a reward of unrighteousness did love,
- 16** but he was rebuked for his own disobedience. A mute donkey spoke with man`s voice and stopped the madness of the prophet.
 but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man`s voice and stayed the madness of the prophet.
 and had a rebuke of his own iniquity -- a dumb ass, in man`s voice having spoken, did forbid the madness of the prophet.
- 17** These are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever.
 These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved.
 These are wells without water, and clouds by a tempest driven, to whom the thick gloom of the darkness to the age hath been kept;

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- 18** For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who are indeed escaping from those who live in error;
For, uttering great swelling [words] of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are just escaping from them that live in error;
for overswellings of vanity speaking, they do entice in desires of the flesh -- lasciviousnesses, those who had truly escaped from those conducting themselves in error,
- 19** promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for by whom a man is overcome, by the same is he also brought into bondage.
promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage.
liberty to them promising, themselves being servants of the corruption, for by whom any one hath been overcome, to this one also he hath been brought to servitude,
- 20** For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state has become worse with them than the first.
For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first.
for, if having escaped from the pollutions of the world, in the acknowledging of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by these again being entangled, they have been overcome, become to them hath the last things worse than the first,
- 21** For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.
For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
for it were better to them not to have acknowledged the way of the righteousness, than having acknowledged [it], to turn back from the holy command delivered to them,

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- 22** But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit again," and "the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire."
It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.
and happened to them hath that of the true similitude; `A dog did turn back upon his own vomit,` and, `A sow having bathed herself -- to rolling in mire.`
- 1** This is now, beloved, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by reminding you;
This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance;
This, now, beloved, a second letter to you I write, in both which I stir up your pure mind in reminding [you],
- 2** that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior:
that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles:
to be mindful of the sayings said before by the holy prophets, and of the command of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour,
- 3** knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts,
knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts,
this first knowing, that there shall come in the latter end of the days scoffers, according to their own desires going on,
- 4** and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
and saying, `Where is the promise of his presence? for since the fathers did fall asleep, all things so remain from the beginning of the creation;`

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- 5** For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth formed out of water and amid water, by the word of God;
 For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God;
 for this is unobserved by them willingly, that the heavens were of old, and the earth out of water and through water standing together by the word of God,
- 6** by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.
 by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
 through which the then world, by water having been deluged, was destroyed;
- 7** But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
 but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
 and the present heavens and the earth, by the same word are treasured, for fire being kept to a day of judgment and destruction of the impious men.
- 8** But don't forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
 But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
 And this one thing let not be unobserved by you, beloved, that one day with the Lord [is] as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day;
- 9** The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is longsuffering towards us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
 the Lord is not slow in regard to the promise, as certain count slowness, but is long-suffering to us, not counselling any to be lost but all to pass on to reformation,

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- 10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
and it will come -- the day of the Lord -- as a thief in the night, in which the heavens with a rushing noise will pass away, and the elements with burning heat be dissolved, and earth and the works in it shall be burnt up.
- 11** Therefore since all these things are thus to be destroyed, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy living and godliness,
Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in [all] holy living and godliness,
All these, then, being dissolved, what kind of persons doth it behove you to be in holy behaviours and pious acts?
- 12** looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?
looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
waiting for and hasting to the presence of the day of God, by which the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements with burning heat shall melt;
- 13** But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells righteousness.
But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
and for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise we do wait, in which righteousness doth dwell;

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- 14** Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, be diligent to be found in peace, without blemish and blameless in his sight.
Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.
wherefore, beloved, these things waiting for, be diligent, spotless and unblameable, by Him to be found in peace,
- 15** Regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you;
And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you;
and the long-suffering of our Lord count ye salvation, according as also our beloved brother Paul -- according to the wisdom given to him -- did write to you,
- 16** as also in all of his letters, speaking in them of these things. In those are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unsettled twist, as they do also to the other scriptures, to their own destruction.
as also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
as also in all the epistles, speaking in them concerning these things, among which things are certain hard to be understood, which the untaught and unstable do wrest, as also the other Writings, unto their own destruction.
- 17** You therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own steadfastness.
Ye therefore, beloved, knowing [these things] beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness.
Ye, then, beloved, knowing before, take heed, lest, together with the error of the impious being led away, ye may fall from your own stedfastness,

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18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] the glory both now and for ever. Amen.

and increase ye in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to him [is] the glory both now, and to the day of the age! Amen.