500 II. THESSALONIANS. sO,   
   
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 II. 1 But we beseech you, bre- IT, } Now we beseech   
 a1 Thess. thren, touching \*the coming of our you, brethren, by the com-   
 » Math xxiv, Lord Jesus Christ, and » our gather- ing of our Lord Jesus   
 ing together unto him, 2?°that ye Christ, and by our gather-   
 o xiii. 4. be not soon shaken from your mind, ing together unto him,   
 1 Thess. nor yet be troubled, neither by spi- 2 that ye be not shaken   
 rit, nor by word nor by letter, as by in mind, or be troubled,   
 us, to the effect that the day of + the neither by spirit, nor by   
 34QLet no man de- word, nor by letter as from   
 t So all us, as that the day of   
 oldest y.4, is come. Christ ts at hand. \* Let   
   
   
 of faith: see ref. 1 Thess. The geni- shewn by this parallel position of the   
 tive is again one of apposition), with (in) clauses with by spirit, which last agency   
 power (belongs to fulfil, d. mightily); certainly was among them. Sayings, and   
 —that, &e. On the name of our Lord an epistle, to this effect, ascribed to   
 Jesus Christ, compare Phil. ii. ff. the Apostle. So Chrysostom: “He seems   
 Cu. IJ. 1—12.] Doematicat Portion to me here to hint, that some were going   
 oF THE EpistiEe. Information (by way about with a forged Epistle pretending to   
 of correction) concerning the approach of be from Paul, and that shewing this they   
 the day of the Lord: its prevenient and affirmed the day of the Lord to be already   
 accompanying circumstances. 1] come, that they might deceive many.”—   
 But (passing from those things which he However improbable this may seem, our   
 prays for them, to those which he prays of expression would seem hardly to bear legi-   
 them) we beseech you, brethren (to win timately any other meaning. Compare   
 their affectionate attention), regard of also ch. iii. and note. It is impossible   
 (the A. V., and many ancient Commenta- to understand the “ Epistle as by us” of   
 tors, render this preposition ‘dy,’ and the first wrongly understood, which   
 understand it as introducing a formula of certainly would have been more plainly ex-   
 adjuration. But this construction is not pressed, and the Epistle would have been   
 found in the New Test. ; and it is un- not, as here, disowned, but explained),   
 natural that the Apostle should thus con- to the effect that (‘as if? or ‘as that’)   
 jure them by that concerning which he the day of the Lord is present (not, ‘is   
 was about to teach them. It is best there- hand ; the verb here used occurs six times   
 fore to take it as above; with a slight besides in the New Test., and always   
 tinge of the meaning “ox behalf of :” for in the sense of being present; in two of   
 the subject had been misrepresented, and those places, Rom. viii. 38, 1 Cor. iii.   
 justice is done to it by the Apostle) the the things present are distinguished ex-   
 coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our pressly from the things to come. Besides   
 gathering together (i.e. the gathering to- which, we may without presumption say,   
 gether of us, announced in 1 Thess. iv. 17) St. Paul could not have so written, nor   
 to Him, 2.) [im order} that (aim of could the Spirit have so spoken by him.   
 the reqnest) ye should be soon (lightly, The teaching of the Apostles was, aud of   
 and with small reason) shaken (properly the Holy Spirit in all ages has been, that   
 of the waves agitated by a storm) from the day of the Lord is at hand. But these   
 your mind (your mental apprehension of Thessalonians imagined it to be already   
 the subject :—not ‘your former more cor- come, and accordingly were deserting their   
 rect sentiment,’ as some interpret it), nor pursuits in life, falling into other ir-   
 yet be troubled, neither spirit (by means regularities, as if the day of grace were   
 of spiritual gift of prophecy or the like, closed. So Chrysostom plainly, ‘The   
 assumed to substantiate such a view), nor devil, when he could not persuade them   
 by word (of mouth : belongs closely “nor tbat the announcements of things future   
 by letter” following, is shewn by ver. 15, were false, took another way, and having   
 where they again appear together) nor by suborned certain pestilent fellows, en-   
 letter, as by (agency of) us (pretending deavoured to deceive by persuading them   
 to be from us. Let no pretended saying, that those great and glorious events had an   
 no pretended epistle of mine, shake you in end, At onetime they said that resurrec-   
 this matter. That there were such, is tion was already past : but in this they