Notes on Bible Words.

No. III.—"COMING" (ADVENT).

In the Book of the Acts is found, vii. 52, ἐκρήξας,1 "which shewed before of the coming of the Just One"; and, xiii. 24, ἰδοὺ, 'John had first preached before His coming.'

The word "coming," in Matt. xvi. 28, "till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom," is ἐγκριθήσοντος, partic. of the common "to come" (verse 27). So in xxiv. 30, "coming in the clouds."3

The special word "coming" is παρουσία, presence; presence of one coming, and so arrival.

2 Cor. x. 10: "bodily presence," π. τῶν σώματος (Vulg., præsentia.)

Philipp. ii. 12: "in my presence": opp. to "absence," ἀπουσία.

1 Cor. xvi. 17: "I rejoice at the presence" [am glad at the coming] "of Stephanas." 2 Cor. vii. 6: "coming of Titus"; R.V., marg., "presence." Philipp. i. 26: "my coming to you again"; R.V., "presence with you again."

2 Thess. ii. 8 and 9: "Destroy with the brightness4 of His coming; even He, whose coming is after the working of Satan." R.V., marg., "presence."

Particularly, as in verse 8 (2 Thess. ii.), the Advent; the coming of CHRIST (Vulg., adventum).

2 Thess. ii. 1: "As touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. iii. 13; iv. 15: "left unto (eis) the coming of the Lord"; v. 23, "unto (at) the coming," ἐν τῇ προσώπῳ. James v. 7: "until (ἐγκριθήσοντος) the coming." verse 8, "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh"—"is now present"; is already come: Ellicott.)

1 Cor. xv, 23: "they that are Christ's at His coming."

Matt. xxiv. v. 3: "Thy coming," and v. 27: "the coming of the Son of Man."

1 John ii. 28: "that when He shall appear5 (φανερωθῇ), be mani-

1 Irenæus has αὐτῷ ἐκρήξας; the first and second Advents.
2 R.V., marg.: "before the face of His entering in." ("Entrance into," Heb. x. 19; Peter i. i, ii.)
3 Dan. vii. 13: μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν . . . ἐγκριθήσοντος. Rev. i. 7: ἔχουσα μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν.
4 ἐπιφάνεια, by the Epiphany—the breaking forth of His Parousia. Compare first Advent [saving light], 2 Tim. i. 10. See 2 Tim. vi. 14: "until the appearing (ἐπιφάνειας) of our Lord," 2 Tim. iv. 1 and 8. Titus ii. 13: "appearing of the glory of."
5 R.V.: "is at hand." (Perf.: "has come near.") ἐγκριθήσοντος, near; of place, or of time. Matt. xxiv. 33: "it (or, He) is near," Rev. i. 3; Phil. iv. 5; Ps. cxliv. 18.
6 In 1 Peter i. 7: "at the appearing of Jesus Christ," the Greek is ἐν ἀποκάλυψις, at the revelation. See 1 Cor. i. 7.
fested) we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” (“Cum apparuerit . . . in adventu ejus.”)

Justin has ἡ δεύτερα παρούσια, the second “parousia,” as opposed to ἡ πρώτη π., the first. In Ignatius we find: τὴν παρούσιαν τοῦ σωτῆρος, Κυρίον ἡμῶν Ἰ. Χ., τὸ πάθος αὐτοῦ, τὴν ἀνάστασιν—“the advent of the Saviour, even our Lord Jesus Christ, His Passion and Resurrection”; on which Bishop Lightfoot says:

τὴν παρούσιαν] The reference is obviously to the first Advent, the incarnation, though the word, when not specially defined, generally refers to the second Advent. The word does not occur in this sense in the N.T., except possibly in 2 Peter i. 16. . . . Early writers are careful to distinguish the two παρούσιαι of Christ” (“Apostolic Fathers,” vol. ii., p. 276).

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