TESTIMONY OF IGNATIOS

CHAPTER 1 (originally chapter 1~2)

Testimony of the holy consecrated-testifier Ignatios the God-bearer.¹

1(1.1) At-present, after Trajanus² in-turn-received the government of the Romans, Ignatios (the learner of Johanan the emissary and good-messenger,³ a man emissaric in4 all the things) and5 was carefully6 piloting the assembly of Antiocheia. 2 This man,7 after he was just-barely being-led-past the former8 storms of the many harmful pursuits against the Christians under Domitianus 3 (even-as a good pilot by means of the helm of the prayer-to God and the fast, and 10 by means of the contiguousness of the teaching, and 11 by means of the strain, 12 the spiritual *strain*), 13 was holding-*out*-against the squall of the power which was opposing him,14 having become-anxious, lest it might throw-off some of the ones who were faint-of-soul or more-unmixed.

4 For-consequently, indeed, after the *harmful* pursuit abated¹⁵ for a little, he was gladdening over the unshakeable state of the assembly. 5 But he was beingvexed at16 himself how17 he had not-yet laid-hold-of18 the real19 love into the Anointed-One, nor-even the complete rank of 'the learner'. 6 For he was comprehending-in his thoughts, that the confession coming-to-be20 through means of giving a testimony, might make him dwell more closely to the Lord. 7 For-thisreason, he, remaining still a few years longer beside the assembly, and,²¹ afterthe-manner-of a divine lamp, illuminating the thought of each *person* through his²² expositions of the <u>divine</u>²³ writings, was attaining the *object* according to *his* prayer.

8(2.1) For²⁴ Trajanus, in the ninth²⁵ year of his kingdom, after he was elated²⁶ over the victory against *the* Skythians and Dacians²⁷ and many different²⁸ nations, **9** and after he²⁹ concluded that the god-revering composition³⁰ of the Christians was the only thing to still be left to him in order to subject everything to himself, 10 threatened to be enduring³¹ a harmful pursuit against the Christians, and³² if they might not choose³³ for themselves to be being under the service of the demons³⁴ with all the nations. This³⁵ would have been forcing all the ones who were living piously³⁶ either to sacrifice or to come-to-their-end.

11 Now-consequently, then, that³⁷ noble soldier of the Anointed-One,³⁸ after he was filled-with-fear in-behalf of the assembly of the Antiocheians, was voluntarily being-led to Trajanus, who indeed, making-every-effort against³⁹ Armenia and the Parthians, was at that season spending time throughout

12 Now as he was made-to-stand before the face of the King 40 Trajanus, the king, said to him,41 "What an evil-demon you are, making-every-effort to trample-

 1 [1:1] Gk add / Lat instead add "Testimony of the holy Ignatios, the overseer of the plant of Antiocheia" / Syr* instead add "Testimony of Ignatios the overseer, in the imperial-command (variant "in the reign") of Trajanus in the city of Roma"

² Latin / usually rendered in English as "Trajan" ³ [1:1] Gk / Syr add "good-messenger" / Lat, Acts(Armenian, Bollandist)add "and good-messenger" ⁴ [1:1] Lat, Syr* Acts([Arm], Bollandist) / Gk "was"

⁵ [1:1] Latm Acts([Arm, Bollandist] / Gk, [Syr] add

6 [1:2] Lat, [Syr], Acts([[Arme], Bollandist) / Gk add

⁷ [1:2] Lat, Acts(Arm?) (lit. "Who") / Syr "And" / Gk omit

8 literally "long-ago" 9 literally "on"

10 [1:3] Lat, Syr / Gk, Acts[Bollandist] add / Acts([Arm]) add "and who"

"[1:3] Lat, Syr / Ots, Ausgroundusty and Articognum, and Theory and Indianal and Indiana a 15 [1:4] Gk "crested/ridged"

16 literally "according-to"

18 literally "touched-on"

19 [1:5] Gk, Syr, Lat ("the real") / Acts([Bollandist]) "in full" / Acts(Arm) omit

19 [1:6] The real of the re

²⁰ [1:6] Gk / Acts(Bollandist) "made" / Syr "if touched and come-forth above himself" / Lat, Acts(Arm) omit

²¹ [1:6] Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm) / Syr, Acts([Bollandist]) omit "and"

²² literally "the

²³ [1:7] Lat, Syr, Acts(Bollandist) / Gk add / Acts(Arm) instead add "sacred"

²⁴ [1:8] Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm) / Syr, Acts(Bollandist) "But"

²⁵ [1:8] Gk, Acts(Arm,Bollandist) / Lat "fourth" / Lat* "after four" / Syr "after nine" / possible emendation "nineteenth"

26 literally "lifted-on"

²⁷ [1:8] Gk, Syr, Acts(Bollandist) / Lat "Thrakians" / Acts(Arm) "Dacians and Thrakians"

²⁸ [1:8] Gk, Syr, Acts((Metaphrast))/ Lat "other multiple and diverse" / Acts(Bollandist) "diverse"

²⁹ [1:9] Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm, [Bollandist]) / Syr add "it was becoming for him and"

²² [1:9] GK, Lat, Accounting [2:30] ³⁰ literally "stand-together" ³¹ [1:10] Gk / Lat omit "to be enduring"

32 [1:10] Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm, Bollandist) / Gk add

33 [1:10] Gk / Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm) "collect" / Acts(Bollandist) "incline"

[1:10] Gk / Acts(Arm) "his demons" / Lat "demonic thing"

³⁵ [1:10] Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm, Bollandist) / Gk "The fear"

³⁶ [1:10] Gk / Lat "all who were themselves being pious" / Acts(Bollandist) "being cultivators" / Acts(Arm)

"Christians" / Syr "holy ones"

37 literally "the" 38 [1:12] Gk, Lat / Syr* add "Ignatios"

40 [1:12] Syr, Acts([Arm]) / Gk, Lat, Acts(Bollandist) add

41 [1:12] Gk / Lat, Acts(Bollandist) actually add "Trajanus said" / Syr* instead add "he said" / Acts(Arm) instead add "and the senate, the king was interrogating him and said"

over⁴² our dispositions, along with the act to also wrongly-persuade differentindividuals to do the same, in order that they will evilly be-lost.'

13 Ignatios spoke, "No-one is calling43 a God-bearer an evil-demon. For all the demons have departed far-away⁴⁴ from the slaves of God. But if⁴⁵ it is because I am burdensome⁴⁶ to these and⁴⁷ that you call⁴⁸ me evil in reference to the demons, I am confessing-along with that. For having the Anointed-One, a heavenly king, I am dissolving⁴⁹ the plots⁵⁰ of these.'

14 Trajanus spoke, "And who is a God-bearer?"

Ignatios replied, "The one having the Anointed-One in his breast."

Trajanus spoke, "Therefore, are we not seeming to you to have gods in⁵¹ our mind, whom we are also making-use-of for allies against our⁵² foes?

15 Ignatios spoke, "You are being misled while you are titling the demons of the nations 'gods'. 16 For there is one god, the one who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all the things in them; and one Anointed-One Jesus, the son of him,53 the only-begotten son, of whose54 friendship55 I wish that I might receive-gratification."

17 Trajanus spoke, "You say the one who was crucified under⁵⁶ Pontius Pilatus?"

18 Ignatios spoke, "About the one who re-crucified⁵⁷ the sin, along with the founder⁵⁸ of it upon the cross; ⁵⁹ **19** and *who* executed-a-rightful-punishment for all demonic evil⁶⁰ under the feet of the *ones who are* bearing him in *their* heart."

20 Trajanus spoke, "Therefore, are you bearing⁶¹ in yourself the Anointed-

Ignatios spoke, "Yes; for it has been written: 'I will indwell in them, and I will walk-around-in them."" (Leviticus 26:11~12)

21 Trajanus sentenced, 63 "We ordered Ignatios, the *one who is* saying *that* he is carrying-about in himself, the one who has been crucified, to be bound by soldiers,64 and, after he is being-led to the great Roma, to become solid-food of beasts, for⁶⁵ a seeing and for a delighting⁶⁶ of the populace."

22 After the holy testifier⁶⁷ heard this sentence, ⁶⁸ he cried *out* with joy, "I am giving-thanks to you, Master, that you considered me worthy to honor me with the complete love toward you, ⁶⁹ after you bound *me* with iron chains together with your emissary Paulus."

23 After he said these things and after he put the bonds around himself with gladness, he, after he first⁷⁰ prayed-to God for the assembly and, with tears, set it before the Lord, 24 was snatched off together by the beast-like terribleness of-thesoldiers (even-as a famous ram who is leading a beautiful herd) to be led-away to⁷¹ Roma for⁷² feed⁷³ to raw-feeding⁷⁴ beasts.

CHAPTER 2 (originally chapter 3~7)

42 [1:12] (lit. "to step-over") / Gk "uperbenein" (misspelling?)

1(3.1) Now-consequently, with much eagerness and joy, with a desire of the suffering, he came-down from Antiocheia into °Seleukeia; from-there he was having the sailing. 2 And after he, with much labor, came-to75 the city of Smyrna, he, after he stepped-down off the ship together with much joy, was hastening to behold the holy Polykarpos (the overseer of the Smyrneans, his⁷⁶ fellow-hearer; 3 for they had, long-ago, became learners of the holy emissary 77 Johanan). 4 After he was led-down to him, and after he communed spiritual bestowed-favors to him, and while he was glorying in his⁷⁸ bonds, he was exhorting him to be-an-athlete-

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43 literally "calling-off-awy"
44 [1:13] emendation (literally "at-a-distance") / Lat, Acts(Bollandist) "long" / Syr "long interval" / Gk omit
45 [1:13] Gk, Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Acts(Bollandist) "I have come-to-know
46 literally "weighing-down-on"
47 [1:13] Lat, [Syr], Acts([Arm]) / Gk add / Acts(Bollandist) instead add "on-that-account" 48 literally "call-off/away" 49 literally "releasing-down"
50 literally "a plots-against"
51 literally "according-to"
52 literally "allies to the foes"
   [1:16] Lat, Syr, Acts(Bollandist) / Gk, Acts((Metaphrast)) "God"
54 [1:16] Gk / others omit "of whose" (Gk also add "mine" (emphasis))
[1:16] Lat, Acts(Bollandist) / Acts(Arm) "fondness" / Syr "in fondness" / Gk, Acts((Metaphrast)) "kingdom"
56 literally "on"
57 may possible also be translated "crucified-up"
58 literally "finder"
<sup>59</sup> [1:18] Lat add

    [1:19] Lat, Syr / Acts(Arm) "malice" / Gk "misleading and evil"
    [1:20] Syr, Acts(Bollandist) / Gk "bringing" / Lat, Acts(Arm, [Metaphrast]) "bringing-around"

62 [1:20] Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm, Bollandist, Metaphrast) / Gk "the one who was crucified"
63 literally "appeared-forth"
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^{64 [1:21]} Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm, Bollandist) / Syr "Romans"

filterally "into" (also in next instance)

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filterally (Syr), Acts(Amn)/Lat "for a seeing"/Gk, Acts([Metaphrast]) "for a delighting"/Acts(Bollandist) "for a distracting"

^{67 [1:22]} Gk, Lat, Syr, Acts(Bollandist, [Metaphrast]) / Acts(Arm) omit "testifier"

filed J was, Lang 575, Acts (Arm) "with your love" / Acts (Bollandist) "in your love"

⁷⁰ literally "former" 71 literally "on"

⁷² literally "to"

^{73 [1:24]} Gk "north" (scribal error)
74 [1:24] Gk "blood-feeding" / Acts(Arm) omit

⁷⁵ literally "had-to"

⁷⁶ literally "the"

⁷⁷ [2:3] Lat, Acts((Metaphrast)) / Gk, Acts(Arm) add / Syr, Acts(Bollandist) add only "emissary" 78 literally "the"

together¹ with him for the same proposition. 5 Indeed he was especially exhorting this of an entire assembly (for the cities and assemblies of °Asia had greeted the holy man with-their-right-hands through the overseers and² elders and ministers, all pressing to him, if somehow³ they might take a part of a spiritual bestowed-favor). 6 But he specifically⁴ exhorted this of the holy Polykarpos, in order that, after he quickly came-to-be disappearing to the world through the beasts, he might be made-to-appear before the face of the Anointed-One.

7(4.1) And this-was-how he was saying these *things*, and⁵ this-was-how he thoroughly-testified,⁶ stretching-out his⁷ love toward⁸ the Anointed-One so-much, as *for someone who was* going to⁹ be taking-hold-of a heaven through the beautiful confession, 8 and of the effort the *ones who were* praying-together inbehalf of the athletic-contest. 9 But he gave-back the wage to the assemblies – the *ones which were* going-to-meet him¹⁰ through *their* leaders,¹¹ after they sent-out thankful documents¹² to *the assemblies*,¹³ which distilled¹⁴ a spiritual favor, *along* with prayer and exhortation. 10 For-consequently, *while* he *was* seeing all the *persons* being good-willingly disposed about¹⁵ him, he, after he was filled-with-fear lest then the affection of the brotherhood might cut-out his¹⁶ libation to the Lord (now that a beautiful door of the testimony was opened-up to him) sent-the-letter to the assembly of *the* Romans such-as we have subjoined¹⁷ *here*.¹⁸

11(5.1) Now-consequently, after he fully-fit the unwilling 19 individuals of the brothers in Roma (as he was wishing) through the letter, he was led-up from °Smyrna in-this-manner. 12 (For °Christophoros was pressed-down by the soldiers²⁰ to proceed to the fondness-of-honor in the Great City,²¹ in order that after he was delivered to the savage²² beasts in²³ the sight of the Roman populace, he might attain the crown of the righteousness through an athletic-contest such as this.)²⁴ 13 After this, he put-in²⁵ at Troas. Next, after he was led-down from-there to²⁶ Neapolis, he was passing by through Philippoi to Makedonia on-foot, and to °Épeiros (the one which is near Epidamnos). 14 After he there, 27 in the place bythe-sea, attained a ship, he was sailing the Adriatic open-sea; from-there he stepped-on the °Tyrrhénian Sea. 15 And while he was crossing-by both islands and cities, 28 he, after Puteoli was indicated to the holy one, indeed, was himself hastening to come-out there, wanting to be stepping in-accordance-with the footprints of the emissary Paulus.²⁹ But as a forcible spirit³⁰ fell-upon him,³¹ it did not grant-permission for him to do so, pressing the ship out of stern. 16 After he considered-happy the love of the brothers in that place, he was sailing-by in-this-

17 For-consequently, after we put-to-use the fair winds, **we**, in one day and the same night, indeed, were being involuntarily led-away, groaning over the separation of the righteous-one from us *which was* going to be coming-to-be. 18 But according-to the *object* of *his* prayer, he was stepping-away, hastening to swiftly retire *from* the world, in order that he might proceed to *the* Lord whom he loved. 19 Accordingly, after he sailed-down into the Roman harbors, the unclean fondnesses-of-honor were going to quit. 20 Indeed, the soldiers³² were being-vexed in-behalf of the slowness, but the overseer was obeying *them*, rejoicing *while* they *were* pressing-down *on him*.

21(6.1) Accordingly, from-there, from-dawn, after they were moored³³ from the *place* called Portus, they met-together with the brothers *who were* having been filled with fear and joy (for the *report* in-accordance-with the holy testifier was being widely-declared). **22** Indeed, they *were* rejoicing because they were being

deemed-worthy of the chance to meet the God-bearer, but were filling themselves with-fear due-to-the-fact-that such a man as this was being led to death.

23 Now he also transmitted-a-message to some *individuals* to be-tranquil, ³⁴ who were boiling ³⁵ and saying that they are going to appease ³⁶ the populace with ³⁷ the *intention* not to be seeking-for the righteous-one to be-lost to death. 24 After he ³⁸ straightaway knew this by means of the spirit and after he greeted all of them, he, after he also requested them to show the true love toward him, 25 also was made-to-dialogue with them even more than the content in the letter, and he persuaded them not to be-envious of him because he was hastening to the Lord. 26 In-this-way, with all the brothers kneeling, he exhorted the Son of God inbehalf of the assemblies, in-behalf of the resting of the harmful pursuit against the Christians, in-behalf of the love to ³⁹ one-another of the brothers.

27 After *this*, he was led-away with effort into the amphitheater. Next, after he was straightaway thrown-in in-accordance-with the past⁴⁰ ordinance of °Caesar, the fondnesses-of-honor were going to pause. ⁴¹ 28 (For it was a shining ⁴² day as they were thinking, the *one* called ⁴³ in the Roman language ⁴⁴ "the thirteenth", during *which the people* were effortfully being-together.) 29 This-was-how the godless *men* threw *him* beside cruel beasts, ⁴⁵ as for the desire of the holy testifier Ignatios to be being *fulf* illed then-and-there, 30 in-accordance-with what has been written:

A desire of a righteous man is acceptable.

(Proverbs 10:24)

31 He desired this in order that nothing burdensome⁴⁶ might come-to-be brought upon the brothers through the collection of his remains,⁴⁷ exactly-as (after he anticipated⁴⁸ in the letter) he was desiring for his own completing to come-to-be. **32** For the rougher *parts* of his holy⁴⁹ remains⁵⁰ were left-around, whichever *ones* were conveyed-off into Antiocheia and were put-down in a winepress,⁵¹ after an invaluable treasure was left-behind to the holy assembly by the favor *which was* in the testifier.

33(7.1) Now these things came-to-be on the thirteenth day before the Kalends of January, ⁵² (this is the twentieth of December) ⁵³ while the consuls of the Romans were Sura and Senecio for the second time. 34 After we came-to-be seers-for-ourselves ⁵⁴ of these things, 35 we also spent-the-entire-night within ⁵⁵ a house, with tears. And we called the Lord to be beside us much, ⁵⁶ with kneeling and beseeching, for him to fully-convince us weak men about ⁵⁷ the things which previously-came-to-be. 36 After we fell into a short slumber, indeed, the some of us suddenly were looking-at ⁵⁸ the happy Ignatios standing-over and embracing ⁵⁹ us, but the others were again seeing him praying-over us; but others were seeing him dripping under sweat, ⁶⁰ as coming-to-be-present from out of much labor and having been caused-to-stand-beside the Lord with much outspokenness and unutterable glory.

37 But after we were filled-up, ⁶¹ we, after we saw these *things* with joy and after we threw-together the seeings of the dream-visions, ⁶² hymned to God, the giver of the good *things*. 38 And after we considered the holy *one* happy, we have manifested to *all of* you* even the day and the time, 39 in order that, being congregated according-to the season of his ⁶³ testimony, we might be communing with the athlete and noble testifier of *the* Anointed-One, 40 who trampled-down the Slanderer, and completed the run of his fond-of-the-Anointed-One desire in *the* Anointed-One Jesus our Lord; ⁶⁴ 41 through whom, and with whom, ⁶⁵ let there

[2:23] Gk, Lat / Acts(Arm) "but they were boiling (fervent)..."/Syr "whom he was seeing were boiling (fervent)"

34 [2:23] Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Gk "individuals. They are being-tranquil"

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1 [2:4] Gk, Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Acts(Bollandist) "to come-together"
     5] Gk, Syr, Acts([Bollandist]) / Lat, Acts(Arm) omit "and
<sup>3</sup> [2:5] Gk / Syr, Acts(Arm) "so-that perhaps" / Acts(Bollandist) "so-that" / Lat "if somewhere someone"
4 literally "out-chosenly"
5 [2:7] Gk, Syr / Lat omit "and"
<sup>6</sup> [2"7] Gk, Lat / Syr "he was thoroughly-testifying"
7 literally "the"
8 [2:7] Gk / Lat "about" / [Syr], Acts(Arm) "to"
 [2:7] Gk, (Syr), Acts((Arm)) / Lat "as indeed"
10 [2:9] Gk, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Lat* "meet the Anointed-One"
literally "leading-ones"

[2:9] Gk, Lat, Syr / Acts(Arm) "sent-out documents of thanksgiving"
13 literally "to them" (referring to the assemblies)
14 [2:9] Gk, Acts([Arm]) (literally "dropped-off") / Lat "which was greeting" / Syr "which was adding"
15 [2:10] Gk, Acts([Arm]) / Lat "toward" / Syr "against"
literally "the"
literally "subjected"
<sup>18</sup> Here in the manuscripts follow the Letter to the Romans (see above)

    [9] [2:11] Gk, Syr, Acts(Arm) (literally "involuntarily") / Lat "being-away"
    [2:12] Gk, Lat, (Acts(Arm, [Metaphrast]) / Syr "Romans"

[2:12] Lat, Acts(Arm) / Gk "the Great Roma" / Syr "of Romans'
22 literally "of-the-field"
<sup>24</sup> [2:12] Lat, (Syr), Acts(Arm) / Gk omit "he might attain" and "of the righteousness through an athletic-
contest such as this" (due to scribal error)
<sup>25</sup> literally "held-to" <sup>26</sup> literally "on"
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²⁷ [2:14] Lat "of which" / Acts([Arm]) "and there" / Acts([Bollandist]) "and next" / Syr "then" / Gk omit

33 [2:21] (Syr), (Acts(Arm)) / Lat "from-there were pushed" / Gk "from-there to be pushed"

²⁸ [2:15] Gk, Lat, Syr / Acts(Arm) "both many islands"
 ²⁹ [2:15] Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm, [Bollandist]) / Syr omits "Paulus"

[2:20] Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm) / Syr "Romans"

³⁰ likely referring to the wind ³¹ literally "which"

65 [2:41] Gk, Lat / Syr "with and through whom" / Acts(Arm) "with" / Acts([Metaphrast]) "with whom"

36 literally "rest"

37 literally "for" 38 literally "who"

39 literally "into"

⁴⁰ literally "long-ago"
41 literally "rest" 42 literally "shining-on" 43 literally "said" 44 literally "voice" 45 [2:29] Lat, Syr, Acts(Arm) (lit. "...raw beasts") / Gk "how they threw him beside the inner-sanctum" 46 literally "weighing-down-upon"
47 literally "left*over*" 48 [literally "preceded" 49 [2:32] Gk, Lat ("his holy") / Syr "righteous" / Acts(Arm) omit 51 [2:32] Lat "capsule" / Syr "money-bag" / Gk "linen-object" 52 [2:33] Gk, Lat (i.e. December 20th) / Acts(Arm) "ninth before kalends of January" / Syr "seventeenth of Later Teshri" 53 [2:33] Lat / Gk add / Acts(Arm) instead add "this is the 24 or 20 of December 54 literally "self-seers" 55 literally "according-to" 56 usually translated "we exhorted the Lord much" 58 [2:36] Gk, Syr / Lat, Acts(Arm) "were seeing" biterally "furling-around"

60 [2:36] Gk, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Lat omit "but the others...under sweat" 61 [2:36-37] Lat, Acts(Arm) / Gk, Syr omit "outspokenness and...filled-up" (by scribal error)
62 [2:37] Gk, Syr / Lat omit "we threw-together the seeings of the dream-visions" / Act(Arm) has it but edits 64 [2:40] Gk, Acts(Arm) / Syr "...in Jesus the Anointed-One our Lord" / Lat* "Slander and his snares in the end prostrating [glorifying] in self venerable and holy memory of [our] lord Jesus the Anointed-One'

be the glory and the might 1 to the Father, 2 together with the Holy Spirit $\underline{\text{in } the \text{ holy }}$ assembly, 3 into the ages!

The end of the holy testifier of the Lord, Ignatios, the overseer of Antiocheia.4

^{1 [2:41]} Gk, Lat, Acts(Arm) / Syr "be glory and honor and magnitude" 2 [2:41] Gk, Lat / Syr "to God the Father" / Acts(Arm) "with the Father" 3 [2:41] Gk, Syr, Acts(Arm) / Lat add 4 [2:41] Gk, Acts(Arm) / Syr add / Lat has a much longer additional ending