Again, as the Apostle sat in the assembly of his disciples, the sky was cloudy that day, (so) he raised his eyes and looked at this cloud and said to his disciples: This cloud, which appears before you, as you look at it, I will reveal to you and teach you how it ascended.

Know that it is stripped from Five Places, ascends above this Great Earth, is then revealed and is visible in the middle-air. The cloud that ascends from the upper fire towards the image of the Virgin of Light, which she makes visible to it, its sign is the flash found in lightning-bolts... passing away...

But it is purified towards [the image of the Virgin of Light] it becomes visible...

... the Archons are stripped off of the lightning-bolts. They go out and separate, but these angels are sent to them immediately so that they might seize them. Knowing that they never do good, (and that) every place that they touch they cause death and ruin, when the angels make for them and come beside(?)...

They flee in their distress before them and come [to] what(ever) they meet and assume it. Like a thief, (when he) is caught (and) flees from a man stronger than him, who pursues him in order to overtake him. Now, these Archons who escape to this cloud, they bear that which they meet... in...

it, which they do not... will seize this little bit, whether a tree [that] they found in the way or beasts or people. In short, every place that they assume, they burn and

\[244\ A&C: [\textit{πινε ἐπιρογνος ι}]\].

\[245\ A&C: [\textit{νεκ αραλ}]\].
241.17 destroy with the fire of their bodies—that is the Archons, the
241.18 sons of fire, those who are stripped of the fire.
241.19 The cloud, however, that rises up from the
241.20 water and ascends to the Virgin of
241.21 Light, its sign(s) are this thunder and this noise which
241.22 is in the air in various forms and (which people) hear.
241.23 ... when the Archons who belong
241.24 to those found in the cloud find time, they strip themselves
241.25 of this cloud,246 flee from it and leave it behind
241.26 [them. But, their sign]247 is this, that in every place which [they]
241.27 [destroy] they make frost and hail and snow,
241.28 and they lay waste248 to seeds and fruit and plants, and they
241.29 ... every place [that] they destroy. Angels are also sent
241.30 [down]249 to seize them. But,

242.1 the angels,250 while pursuing them in order to seize them, cause this
destruction.
242.2 [The] cloud, however, which rises up from the wind,
242.3 comes up to the middle-air; towards the image of the
242.4 Virgin who makes it visible—its sign is
242.5 [the] dark wind that blows bitterly.
242.6 By these winds, however, and these storm, living beings
242.7 are purified in her. But, the Archons who are stripped of the wind
242.8 cloud descend from it, being secure in
242.9 their image. All these rivers and seas, which
242.10 they reach and attain, they make waves in them and
242.11 raise ... and they ... the ships and they
242.12 cause destruction among those who they destroy251 and they seize

242.13 and bring them ... astray(?).
242.14 Also, the cloud that belongs to the Light, when they
242.15 are stripped of it ... .
242.16 ... ... the Virgin becomes visible.
242.17 sign(?) too ... but its sign is
242.18 this—so that you might find it as it journeys in rest and calm.
242.19 Living beings are purified in it by rest and calm,
242.20 but the Archons that are stripped from it and run (to) every place252

246 A&C: [ΗΗΧ]Α[ΩΩ]ΔΗ ΝΗΛΑΥ.
247 A&C: [ΚΩΓ] ΔΟ[Γ]ΗΙΛΕΝ.
248 A&C: [ΝΙΕΕΓ]ΑΠ.
249 A&C: [ΑΤ]ΠΟΓΑΠΑΟΥ.
250 A&C: [ΝΗΑΤ]ΕΛΟΧ.
251 A&C: ΝΟΥΤΕΡΟ ΝΗΘΗΠΤΕ ΝΕΛΕΤΟ[Υ]Ν[Λ]ΤΕΛΑΥ.
252 A&C: ΝΕΕΝΠΤ ΝΑ ΝΗ[Η].