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 in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,   
 89and knew not until the flood came, and took them all   
 away ; 80 shall [1 a/so] the coming of the Son of man be.   
 4 Then shall two be in the field; the one ™ shad/ be taken,   
 and the other left. 4! Two women shall be grinding at   
 the mill; the one ™ sha// be taken, and the other left.   
   
   
 ech, xxv. “2 ¢ Watch therefore: for ye know not what ® dour your   
 £1, v. 3. doth come. 48! But know this, that if the goodman   
 9 Pet, 10, the house had known in what watch the thief would   
 Rev. 8: come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered   
 schov.it, his house to be ° droken up. \*&Therefore be ye also   
 ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of   
   
 bh Acta % man cometh. \* \* Who then is a faithful and wise servant,   
 1Cor, Whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give   
   
 1 omit. ™ render, is.   
 2 read, day. ° i.e, broken into.   
   
 with the addition of ‘the days of to jadgment of ch. xxv. 81, then (ver. 82)   
 it: see also 2 Pet. 4—10; iii. 5,6. It all shall be summoned: but they refer   
 is important to notice the confirmation, to the millennial dispensation, the   
 by His mouth who is Trath itself, the gathering of the elect to the Lord then.   
 historic of the flood Noah. e “women grinding at the mill” has   
 The expression ing may serve to been abundantly illustrated travellers,   
 shew that it is mistake to imagine that even now seen in the East. See especially   
 we have in Gen. ix. the account of the The Land and the Book, pp. 7.   
 Sfirst and its effects. The security 42—44,] Our Lord here resumes the tone   
 here spoken of is in no wise inconsistent of direct with which He com-   
 with the anguish and fear prophesied, menced. To the secure and careless He   
 Luke xxi. 25, 26. They say, there is will come as a thief in the to His   
 peace, and occupy themselves as if there own, as their See Obad. 5: Rev. iii.   
 were: but fear is their hearts. On the 8; xvi. 15: 1 Thess. v. 1—10, where the   
 addition in Luke xxi. 84—86, see notes idea is oxpanded at Compare ver.   
 there. 40, 41.] From this point (or 7 there with our ver. and on the dis-   
 perhaps even from ver. 37, historic re- tinction between those are of the   
 semblance is parabolic) the and those who are of the night, notes   
 begins to assume a parabolic form, and there. 45—A7.] Our Lord had given   
 gradually passes into a series of formal this parabolic before, Luke xii.   
 parables in the next chapter. These 42—46. Many of these His last   
 verses set forth that, in the times of in public are solemn repetitions and   
 Noah, men and women shall be employed references to, already said Him.   
 in their ordinary see Exod. xi. That this was the case the present in-   
 Isa, xlvii. They also shew us that the stance, is almost. from the   
 elect of will fo the last mingled in implicit allusion in xii. 36, to the   
 companionship and partnership with the return from the wedding, which is here   
 children of world (see Mark i. 19, expanded into the parable of ch. 1 ff.   
 We may notice, that these do not How much more natural ‘that our Lord   
 refer to the same as vv. 16—18. Then should have preserved in his dis-   
 it is a question voluntary flight; now courses the same leading ideas, again   
 of being taken the angels, 81: the and again gathered his precepts round   
 ‘present tense graphically the incident them,—than that the Evangelists should   
 fore us; or perhaps the rule of have thrown into utter and inconsistent   
 proceeding. It is to know that confusion, words which would have been   
 the word “‘ is the verb in the treasured up eo carefully by them that   
 original as “receire” in John xiv. 3) or heard them ;—to say nothing of the pro-   
 left. Nor again do they to the great mised help of the Spirit bring to mind