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 V. } Go \*to now, ye rich men,] 7 1 Go to now, ye rich   
 ; se | men, weep and howl for   
 go weep, howling over your miseries your miseries that shall   
 which are coming on, 2 Your riches | come upon you. ? Your   
 are corrupted, and > your garments|7iches are corrupted, and   
 are become moth-eaten : 3 your gold your garments are moth-   
 and your silver is rusted through eaten. is cankered; and   
 and the rust of them shall be for a|¢he rust of them shall be   
   
 testimony to you, and shall eat your a witness against you, and   
 flesh as fire. ©Ye laid up treasure|werefire. eat your have heaped it   
 Rom. ii,   
   
 deed that was spoken of. It is not, sins but are the judgments connected with the   
 of omission that men are here convicted coming of the Lord: see ver. 8. It may   
 of, as so often mistakenly supposed: bat. be that this prospect was as yet intimately   
 the doing evil, as in the case of the speech bound up with approaching destruction   
 above supposed, where good is casy and of the Jewish city and polity : for it must   
 obvious), it is sin to him (j. e. reckoned to be remembered that they are Jews who are   
 him as sin). here addressed). 2.) The effect of the   
 Crap. V. 1-6.) Denunciation of woe coming judgment is depicted as already   
 on the rich in this world. These verses present, and its material as already stored   
 need not necessarily be addressed (as ‘up against them. What is meant by   
 Hnther) to the same persons as ch. iv. 13 the figure used, we learn in ver. 4. Your   
 ff, Indeed the go to now repeated seems to riches are corrupted (see Job xxxiii. 21;   
 indicate a fresh beginning. Commentator xl. 7. The expression is figurative, and   
 have differed as to whether this denuncia- to be understood of all riches ;— ‘your   
 tion has for its ohject, or not, exhortation possessions’), and your garments (the   
 to repentance, J believe the right answer general term riches is now split into its   
 to be, much as De Wette, that in the ont- component parts, clothing and treasure)   
 ward form indeed the words contain no are become moth-eaten (ref.: see also Isa.   
 such exhortation: but that we are bound li, 8; Acts xii, 23. The reference to   
 to believe all such trinmphant denuncia- Matt. vi. 19, 20 is obvious): 3.) your   
 tion to have but one ultimate view, that gold and your silver is rasted throug   
 of grace and mercy to those addressed. (the language is popular, secing that gout   
 ‘That such does not here appear, is owing does not contract rust. In the Epi   
 chiefly to the close proximity of judgmen\*, of Jeremiah, xii. 24, the same terms   
 which the writer before him, Calvin are used of golden and silver images   
 then is in the main right,—when he says, of idols. Rust, happening generally to   
 “They are wrong who imagine James metals, is predicated of gold and silver   
 is here exhorting rich men to repentance : withont care for exact precision. So th:   
 it scems to me rather to be a simple de- there is no need to seek for sume inte!   
 uunciation of the judgment of God, with pretation which may make the expression   
 which he wished fo alarm them withort true of gold, as that [Bretschneider] cop   
 hope of pardon,”—except in those fou per vessels plated with gold are intende:   
 last rather characteristic words. —\_1.] ‘The stern and vivid depiction of propheti   
 to now (see above, ch. iv. ye rich, go denunciation does not take such tri   
 ‘weep (the fense in the original gives the into account), and the rust of them sh:   
 cominand a concentrated force, as that de for a testimony to you (not, as A. V.,   
 which ought to be done at once and “against you,” ive., the rust which you   
 without delay), howling (jt is a word in have allowed to accumulate on them’ by   
 the Old Test. confined to the prophets, want of use, shall testify against you in   
 and used, as here, with reference to the judgment, —but, as Wiesinger Huther   
 near approach of God’s judgments. See rightly, secing that the rust is the effect   
 Isa, xiii. over your miseries which are judgment begun, not of want of use,—the   
 coming on (no supply of the word “you” Tust of them is a token what shall happen   
 is required after the verb. ‘These miseries to yourselves: in the consuming of your   
 are not to be thought of as the natural wealth, you see depicted your own), and   
 and determined end of all worldly riches, shall eat your flesh as tte (ie. as firo