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 loved, I now write unto you; in tle, Beloved, I now write   
 ach. 1.18, both which \*I stir up your pure unto you; ia both which I   
 mind by way of remembrance : stir up your pure minds   
 \*that ye may be mindful of the by way of remembrance :   
 words spoken before by the holy that ye may be mindful   
 prophets, Pand of the command- of the words which were   
 bJude17, and Saviour spoken before by the holy   
 ment of by the Lord °°know- prophets, and of the com-   
 ing this first, that there shall come mandment of us the apos-   
 in the last of the days scoffers in tles of the Lord and Sa-   
 viour : 3 knowing this first,   
 that there shall come in   
 ita [their] scoffing +, “walking after the last days scoffers,   
 aueesons. their own lusts, ‘and saying, | walking after their own   
 Where is the promise of his|/or since the fathers fell   
   
 \* coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue   
 as they were from the be-   
 asleep, all things continue thus from ginning of the creation.   
 the beginning of the ereation. 5 For 5 For this they willingly   
   
   
 CERTAINTY OF CiRIst’s COMING ESTA- phetie fact with “how that they told you,”   
 BLISHED AGAINST CERTAIN SCOFFERS ver. 18), that there shall come in the last   
 WHO SMALL CALL IT INTO Dour. Ex- of the days (see note on Heb. i. 1. It   
 HORTATIONS arc intermingled, and follow slightly differs from “at the end of the   
 aS A CONCLUSION. days,” as oxtending by the plural, the ex-   
 1.) This Epistle now, beloved, a second pression, though perhaps not the meaning,   
 (so literally) write I unto you: in which over a wider space: see 18) scoffers   
 Epistles (the A. V. well, “in both which 2? in [their] scoffing (scoffers use of   
 viz, this and the first) I stir your pure scofling : see Rev. xiv. 2, “harpers harp-   
 mind (the original word signifies that ing with their harps 2? 2 Sam. xx. 22, “   
 aspect of the spiritnal being of man, in wise woman in her wisdom went unto all   
 which it is towards the outer world the people.” On the sense, sce Inde   
 his mind for business and onter interests, 18), walking according to their own lusts   
 guiding him in action, And this may be (So Jude 11 and 16, here combined), and   
 said to be pure, when, the will and alfec- saying, Where is the promise of his coming   
 tion being turned to God, it is not obscured ing that it is nowhere, has passed   
 by fleshly and selfish regards: the opposite and disappeared: His, viz. of :   
 being “darkened in their mind,” Fiph. iv. whose name would be understood as of   
 18. It seems impossible to reproduce in course) ? for from the day when the fathers   
 English these distinctions; we ean only fell asleep, all things continue thus from   
 give them a general rendering, and lea the beginning of creation (we cannot after   
 all besides for explimatory notes) in thus supply “as they were,” as A. Vez   
 minding (see the same expression, ch thus simply referring to the present; as   
 13); that ye should remember the words they are, as we now see them: aud the   
 spoken before by the holy prophets (i. e. words “from the beginning of the crea-   
 the Old Test. prophets, as referred to tion,” belonging only to the verb continue.   
 ch, i. 19 ff.), the commandment of the ‘This being so, we still two predicatory   
 Lord and Saviour given by your apostles clauses belonging to the verb: “since the   
 (your Apostles” as we call St. Paul He fathers fell asleep,” and “from the begin-   
 Apostle of the Gentiles. It is quite im- ning of the creation.” The way of explai   
 possible that the common reading ean ing this must, be, that the time of waiting   
 stand,—having absolutely no authority : for the promise necessarily dates from the   
 and difficult, even it to render as the: death of the fathers, and the duration of   
 A.V. “of us the Apostles”):—knowing things continuing as they are now extends   
 this first (Jude introduces the sume pro- Lack beyond the death of the fathers: so