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 h Matto kept in store, reserved unto fire! serced wato fire against the   
 2 Thess, against the day of judgment anc y day of judgment and per   
 perdition of ungodly men. dition “of ungodly men.   
 beloved, be not ignorant of this But, 5 But, beloved, be not ig-   
 thing, that one day is with the Lord norant of this one thing,   
 < a thousand years, and 'a thousand that a one day is years the   
 9™The Lord is Lord as a thousand years,   
 IPs. xe. not slack coneerning his promise, |   
 mu Mab. ti as some one day. slackness; one day. °The Lord is   
 longsuffering to fyou-ward, °not not slack concerning his   
 willing that any should perish, but promise, as some men count   
 - P that all should come to repentance. come to repentance. ts long-   
 10 But Ithe day of the Lord will suffering to us-ward, not   
 come as a thief +; in which "the willing that any should   
 heavens shall pass away with a ‘perish, but that all should   
 yushing noise, and the heavenly the day of the Lord witl   
 bodies shall be scorched up and, jeome as a thisf in the   
 night; in the which the   
 heavens shall pass away   
 xvi. 15. with a great noise, and the   
 tin the’night ‘elements shall melt with   
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 ur three rPs, 6. Tea. 6. Matt. Mark xiii.81, viii.12, i.   
 ohieat Rey. xx.11, xx, wards you (the readers of the Epistle; not   
 which has announced that which comes as a separate class, as representing all ;   
 to ‘camein word are treasured as shewn below), not willing that any   
 up (perfect: “have been, and are still,” should perish, but (willing) that all should   
 Kept in store, put by, against a certain go forward to repentance,   
 time), being kept (present tense, denoting 10.] Assertion of the conelusion as   
 that it is only God’s constantly wateh- against the scoffers—the certainty, sud-   
 fal Providence which holds together the denness, and effect of the day of the Lord.   
 present state of things till His time for But (notwithstanding the delay) the day of   
 ending it) for fire the day of judg- the Lord (i. ¢. of God; see below, ver. 12)   
 ment and perdition of impious men. shall (or, will) come (this verb has the em-   
 8-10.] Second contradiction to the phasis, as to all the of the scof-   
 seollers: we are nol to judge God, in the fers. It is than me: shall come,”   
 case of delay, as we do men, seeing that though no oue word will give the exact   
 His thoughts are not as our thoughts. foree in English: “shall be here,” “shall   
 But let this thing not escape you, be upon you”) as a thief (1 Thess. v. 2:   
 beloved (this one, as especially importimnt = from which place probably the expression   
 escape you, in allusion to ver. 5), that one is taken, as reference is made below to the   
 day is with the Lord as a thousand years, Epistles of St. in which the heavens   
 and a thousand years as one day (the shall pass away (Matt. v. 18, xxiv. 34,   
 saying is the completion of that in Ps. xe. 35; and Rev. xxi. 1) with a rushing   
 setting forth also in a wonderful way, tha noise (the word imports the rush of a   
 y be in God’s sight as\_produe- bird, or of an arrow, or of any thing   
 tive of events as a millennium: in other rapidly moving, Some understand it of   
 words, when both ckinses are considered, the actual noise of the flames which shall   
 ing Him far above all human limits of consume the heavens; others, of the erash   
 ti»). The Lord e. God, the Father with which they shall fall), and the hea-   
 se often in this and in the first Epistle) is venly bodies (the word signifies,   
 not tardy (the verb signifies, not merely to to Bede, the four elements, fire, air,   
 delay, but to be late, beyond an appointed and water: but he is obliged to modily   
 time; slack, as A. V.) concerning his pro- the meaning of the verb, inasmuch as fire   
 mise, as some (viz. the scoffers juestion, cannot dissolve or consume fire: according   
 who are pointed at) account (Tis conduct) to Bengel, the sun, moon, and stars, de-   
 tardiness: but He is long-suffering to-