

James 5:3~ Your gold and silver are rusted away, and their rust will be as a witness against you, and will eat your fleshy parts.¹ Something like fire, is what you have stored up in the last days.

Footnote: And will eat your fleshy parts like fire You have stored up treasure in the last days Vulgate

1· James shows that the rust upon these collected riches will act as a witness against them, that they did not share their excess things with others and be generous and liberal like their God in heaven.

[Question] What will the very rust collecting on these excess riches, say about them as a witness?

[Question] Who have they failed to become like?

2· It will eat up their fleshy parts for their organism will die, and they will not have attained to a closeness to Yehowah God through imitation of his generous ways. Thus they are storing up only fiery judgment against themselves, when Yehowah comes in judgment of all men in the last days.

[Question] How then, will it eat up their fleshy parts?

[Question] What then, are they storing up for themselves in the day of judgment, for who must they then answer to?

3· Look! The name of Yehowah is coming from far **away**, burning with his anger and with heavy clouds. As for his lips, they **have** become full of denunciation, and his tongue is like a devouring **fire**. (**Isaiah 30:27**)

[Question] How does the prophet Isaiah describe this coming judgment day?

4· But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and of the revealing of God's righteous judgment. (**Romans 2:5**)

[Question] How does their hardness of heart and lack of repentance affect their future?

5· Into the streets they **will** throw their very **silver**, and an abhorrent thing their own **gold will** become. Neither their **silver** nor their **gold will** be able to deliver them in the day of Yehowah's fury. Their souls they **will** not satisfy, and

their intestines they **will** not fill, for it has become a stumbling block causing their error. (**Ezekiel 7:19**)

[Question] What will people who have trusted in these things like material wealth do, when Yehowah's great day arrives?

- 6· **A man of loving-kindness is dealing rewardingly with his own soul, but the cruel person is bringing ostracism upon his own organism. (Proverbs 11:17)**

[Question] How does the man of loving-kindness deal with his own soul?

- 7· **In the house of the righteous one there is an abundant store, but in the produce of the wicked one there is a becoming ostracized. (Proverbs 15:6)**

[Question] What is there in abundance in the house of the righteous one?

- 8· **There exists a grave calamity that I **have** seen under the sun. Riches being kept for their grand owner to his calamity. (Ecclesiastes 5:13)**

[Question] What calamity did the congregator reveal that he had seen?

- 9· **Therefore this is **what** the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Woe to the city of deeds of bloodshed, the widemouthed cooking pot, the **rust** of which is in it, and the very **rust** of which has not gone forth from it! Piece by piece of it, bring it out, no lot must be cast over it. (Ezekiel 24:6)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God show by illustration that the wicked would be brought out and rejected?

- 10· **Do there yet exist in the house of a wicked one the treasures of wickedness, and the scrimped ephah measure that is denounced? (Micah 6:10)**

[Question] How do many of those who gain riches shortchange those with whom they deal with?

- 11· **I **have** caused it to go forth, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, and it must enter into the house of the thief and into the house of the one making a sworn oath in my name**

falsely, and it must lodge in the midst of his house and exterminate it and its timbers and its stones. (Zechariah 5:4)

[Question] How does Yehowah God through Zechariah, show how he would deal with the thief?

12· Stop storing up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19)

[Question] What did Jesus Christ counsel regarding the storing up of treasures here on the earth, and why?