

CHRISTIAN WOMEN – Pt.2: PANTS, CROSSDRESSING, MALE and FEMALE

****Warning in teaching on pants, some things will be discussed that will not be appropriate for children. You can watch and share what needs to be shared in a way that is on their level when it is needed.****

I will say again to the men out there, this teaching series will bless you too because there is always something new to be learned and you all have women in your lives somewhere. You will learn new things in this teaching because I did and I never heard these things in church.

Disclaimer: I like dresses, and have nothing against them. I wore dresses and pants all my life until I got sick with rheumatoid arthritis. There is nothing wrong with wearing dresses, and as a woman, if you only want to wear dresses, there is nothing wrong with that. However, if a woman also wants to wear pants, then she should be free to do that without anyone condemning her. I sure hope this teaching will free many from the bondage they have been in and that others have subjected them too because of this very subject.



I grew up on these tv shows. On the left is Leave it to Beaver and on the right is The Waltons. These mom's always wore dresses. So did the women co-stars and all the girls on the Waltons wore dresses. I remember what a big deal it was when the Walton girls started wearing pants. I never really understood why.

I grew up wearing dresses and pants. We went to an Assembly of God church and we always wore dresses to church. But at home and to school I mostly wore pants. I was never taught why we were only wearing dresses to church. I wonder if my mother knew why. I believe it was because that religion required it back then. Pants were frowned on and I never saw my pastor in pants.

PANTS

Where is this idea that women should not be wearing pants coming from?

Deut.22:5 - The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment (neither shall a man wear women's clothing): for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

What did men and women wear in Biblical times? Robes. The woman wore a robe. The man wore a robe. I had run across some information in research some years ago that indicated that there was a type of stitching that distinguished the ladies robe from the man's. But everyone was in robes. In ancient times, the Romans, the men and women wore tunics. The women wore a stola and the men wore a toga with their tunics.

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L: Is the woman and R: Is the man They both look like a bunch of sheets draped around to me. And here, the woman looks more covered up than the man. There seems to have been a distinguishment in how the wrapping or draping of the material was done as well. I used these examples because the Hebrews or Israelites were dressed very similar to this. So that you can get this picture in your mind. They looked very similar. To us today, this looks like dresses. That the man and the woman both wore dresses.

Now today, men are wearing pants. Women have the choice to wear a dress or pants. Some Christian women only wear dresses. Let's get the real meaning of this passage so we are clear on it.

Note from Geneva Bible: For that were to alter the order of nature, and to despise God.

Their note pertains to altering the order of nature. There is something deeper being conveyed in this scripture than what we have understood.

Note from the KJ 1611: The sex is to be distinguished by the apparel.

Pulpit Commentary

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This verse of scripture was making it clear that a woman was not to pass herself off as a man and not to be trying to do manly things either.



She was not to be wearing weapons of war or items that were only used by men. Think about the old blacksmiths who would shoe horses and work with bending and shaping hot metals. This was not women's work. I may offend a lot of you but God's plan was for the man to be the breadwinner, to protect and provide for his family. The woman to be the homemaker and take care of the children. Satan has done such a number on this world that we can hardly make ends meet now without both the husband and wife working to support the family. For us, we had to make some sacrifices in order for me to be able to stay at home.

The same goes for the man, he was not to be trying to pass himself off as a woman. The sense of the passage is that they were not to wear clothing so as to deceive anyone as to what gender they really are. They were not to pass themselves off as the opposite sex is what is meant here.



Do you think when a man offers a woman his coat because she is cold that God hates her because she now has a man's coat on? No, He doesn't. Scott has lent me his jacket many times when I'm cold at a restaurant.

God made the human race, male and female in His own image. There is a difference between the two. If we try to change the sexes around, we are directly coming against the order that God Himself set in place regarding the sexes or genders. I am using those words interchangeably and thought it was interesting that in research I saw a sight that said that sex is biological but gender is culturally defined. That's a new one on me. They are trying to blur the lines between the sexes. I asked Scott if there was a difference between sex and gender and he said no. That's right. What is happening today is that the lgbtq etc. and the worldly liberals who serve satan are getting legislation passed to support their pervertedness against God. They are rewriting definitions, redefining gender and if you don't go along with the conditioning then you will have to be reeducated about it and they will do their best to make your life a living hell with fines and legal fees and just try to break you. They are now conditioning the world to believe when you are ready you can choose your gender and they call it gender identity.



Today men are losing their masculinity for many reasons, and a big one is the estrogen in the water and the plastics. But still, for the most part, the man is naturally stronger, more muscular than the woman. That is why certain things used to only apply to men until the women's rights movement came along and changed all of that. Now women want to do everything that men do and that is not God's way. I'm not saying that everything they have accomplished is bad but a lot of it is. I just can't see King David commanding women in his military.

Who said pants are men's clothes? Pants are not in the Bible. It was our culture. The Bible's only dress code is to dress modestly. And as we have learned from Deuteronomy 22:5, we are not to wear clothes so as to deceive. That is, we are not to wear clothing of the opposite sex in order to pass ourselves off as the opposite sex. That is the real meaning of that verse.



This is a depiction of ancient Hebrew dress. Both the man and the woman are in robes.



Here are some more Hebrews, you see their shepherd attire and daily dress here. All robes on the men and women. Jesus wore a robe.

John 19:23 - Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *His* coat (robe): now the coat (robe) was without seam, woven from the top throughout (from top to bottom). They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for my vesture (robe) they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

In Biblical times, they wore robes.

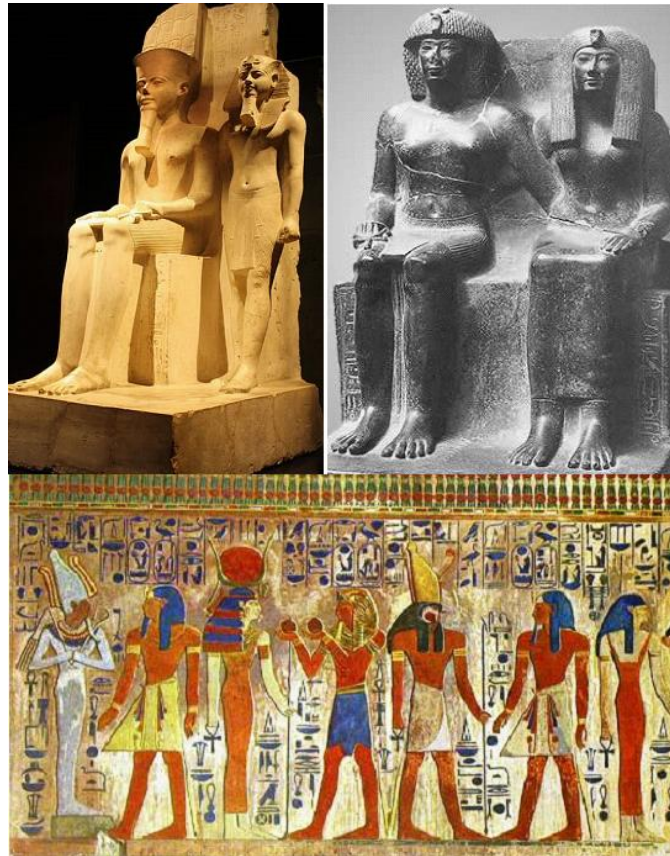
1 Kings 18:46 – And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Gird up your loins meant for them to take their robe and tuck it in their belts so they could fight or run and move freely and do what they needed to do. He tucked his mantle, his garments up into his belt so that he could run without being hindered. That’s what it meant to “gird up your loins.”

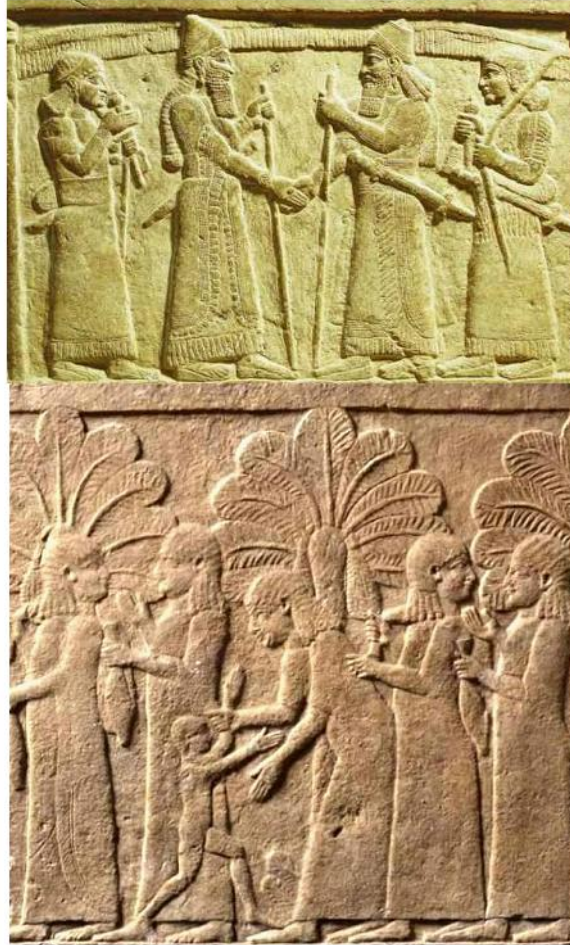
Luke 12:35 – Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

Eph.6:14, 1 Peter 1:13 – have the picture of girding up their robe or garments into their belts so that they could stand and fight and run the Christian race with

perseverance. So from the Old Testament to the New, we see that they were still wearing robes in the time of Jesus.



Let's look at ancient Egypt one of the big influencers on Israel. Top L: satan as the god amen and the pharaoh both wearing skirts. Top R: A pharaoh in a short skirt and "the god's wife of amen" in a long dress. Remember she was the pharaoh's wife and she was the priestess of the amen cult. Bottom is an array of Egyptians deities and possibly some servants too. They are all in skirts and dresses except for Osiris who is wrapped as a mummy, representing his status over the underworld.



Another culture that influenced Israel against God was Babylon. This is how they dressed, these are all in robes. So the dress was much alike in ancient cultures.

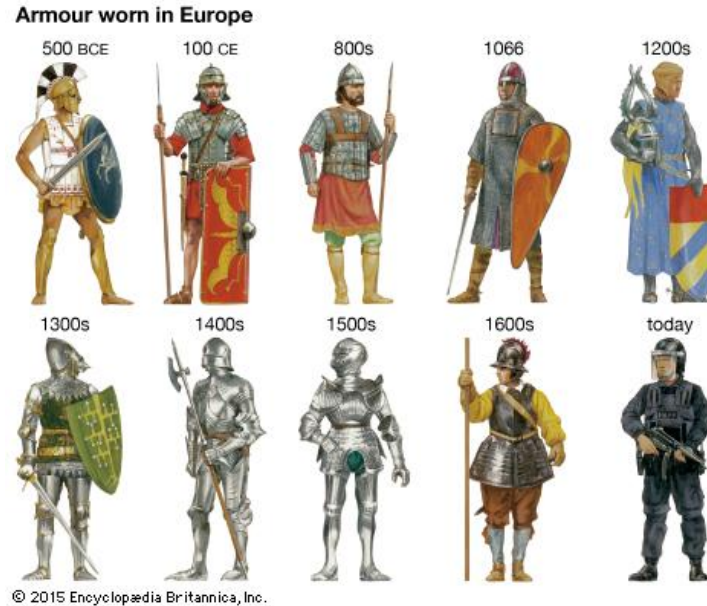
ANCIENT GREECE c. 300-150 BC



Here is ancient Greece, not too far off from earlier Biblical times and we see them still in dresses and the men in short dresses or skirts.



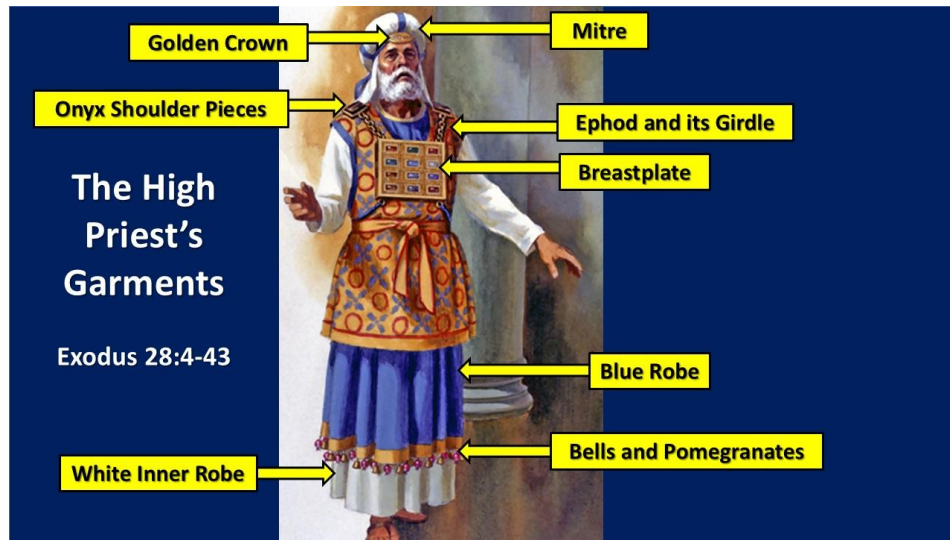
Here is ancient Rome, all in robes as I had shown earlier.



Look at how the armor in Europe has changed over time. The first guy in 500 BC really has a short skirt on. The next 2 are knee length, then they went below the knee. Then in the 1300's they are wearing metal shielding and by the 1600's they have puffy pants or bloomer looking pants. And finally the modern day military pants.

CLOSING

In all of this confusion that has played out over this verse of scripture, let's not forget that Jesus fulfilled the law. **(Matt.5:17-20)** We are living under a New Covenant, grace through faith in Christ Jesus. He removed all the bondage we were living under. The sacrificial system was done away with. The ceremonial laws have been fulfilled. The moral statutes are still in place.



The high priest had all of these things he was required to wear in his ministry work in the Temple. Today, Jesus is our High Priest. **(Heb.4:14-16)** The pope is trying to look holy wearing a robe and the things he wears. He serves a different god. God's true ministers have been released from wearing all of the ceremonial clothing. Thank You Jesus!

When Deuteronomy was written, men and women wore robes. We don't hear of pants throughout the entire Bible. Apparently according to research pants existed as far back as the 13 century and in ancient times, in certain countries, both men and women wore pants. Since men and women for so long a time and throughout all nations wore robes and skirts, why then would men begin to wear pants and it be only considered something for men? Our nation's government decided that pants were only for men until the mid 20th century.

As long as a woman wearing pants still looks like a woman, there is nothing wrong with it. It is not a sin Biblically. Just be modest in the way you dress.

Next week we are going to go deeper into our study and God's revelation of that scripture. I want us to have the fullness of what is being said and addressed in that scripture so we do not remain in ignorance about it.

PRAYING