

CHRISTIAN WOMEN Pt.7: JEWELRY, MEN'S JEWELRY

Isaiah 3:13-24 – The LORD standeth up to plead (He takes His place in court), and standeth to judge the people (He rises to make His case against His people). The LORD will enter (enters) into judgment with the ancients (elders) of His people, and the princes (rulers) thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard (You have ruined Israel, My vineyard); the spoil (plunder) of the poor *is* in your houses. What mean ye *that* ye beat My people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts. Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion (women of Zion) are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes (flirting with their eyes), walking and mincing *as* they go (swaying their hips / walking with dainty steps / shameless and immodest), and making a tinkling with their feet (tinkling their ankle bracelets composed of small silver bells): Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab (or sores on) the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts (He will make their scalps bald). In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet* (*He will take away their tinkling ankle bracelets*), and *their* cauls (adornments), and *their* round tires like the moon (their head bands / tiaras / head dresses), The chains (necklaces), and the bracelets (bangles), and the mufflers (veils or scarves), The bonnets (head dresses), and the ornaments of the legs (ankle chains and bracelets), and the headbands (sashes), and the tablets (perfumes), and the earrings, The rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of apparel (party clothes or festive robes), and the mantles (tunics), and the wimples (capas or shawls), and the crisping pins (purses), The glasses (mirrors), and the fine linen (garments), and the hoods (tiaras or head ornaments), and the veils (shawls). And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink (instead of smelling fragrant she will stink); and instead of a girdle a rent (instead of a sash, a rope); and instead of well set hair baldness (her elegant hair will fall out); and instead of a stomacher (fine clothes) a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty (shame will replace her beauty).

The women were very prideful. The phrase wanton eyes in the Geneva Bible is “wandering eyes” signifying that they were not chaste.

The LORD took the Israelite women's beauty away as a punishment for how they were living. "The daughters of Zion were haughty" - that is proud. They were acting just like the prostitutes of the nations around them. They had adopted their glances with wanton eyes and their walk to show that they desired the attention of men. So God took away all of her adornments, and accessories and jewelry. From the crown of her head all the way down to her feet, God took away all the things she used to make herself beautiful. This was not because God hates jewelry, but because they were not behaving as righteous, godly women. It was a punishment for their sin.

Isaiah 61:10 – I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments (decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress), and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

This is a picture of Jesus and the church which is His bride. Notice she adorns herself with her jewels. This passage mentions ornaments and jewels.

Jeremiah 2:32 – Can a maid forget her ornaments (her jewelry), or a bride her attire (her wedding dress)? yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

It is believed that this passage is referencing a beautifully adorned girdle that was only worn by brides, that set her apart as a married woman. When God says they have forgotten Him, He is speaking in the sense of Him as their Husband because just as Christ is the Bridegroom, God was and is the Husband of Israel. Now, He has drawn all nations to Himself through Christ.

Abraham sent his servant to find a bride for Isaac. When the servant felt that he had found her the following scriptures tell us what he did:

Genesis 24:22,53-54 – And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight (nose ring or a gold ring), and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold; And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things

(expensive, costly presents). And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

So we see that Abraham's servant brought earrings and bracelets and jewels of gold and fine clothes and all sorts of things to woo a bride for Isaac.

Isaiah 49:18 - Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee (all your children will come back to you). As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament (a jewel), and bind them *on thee*, as a bride *doeth*.

God references jewels and adornments a lot.

MEN'S JEWELRY

Last week one of the commentaries indicated that at an earlier date, the household of Jacob, chiefly men, had worn earrings (Genesis 35:4). Let's read that passage:

Genesis 35:4 - And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods (pagan idols) which *were* in their hand (in their possession), and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak (great tree) which *was* by Shechem.

God revealed something here to me that I want to bring out to you all.

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Pulpit Commentary

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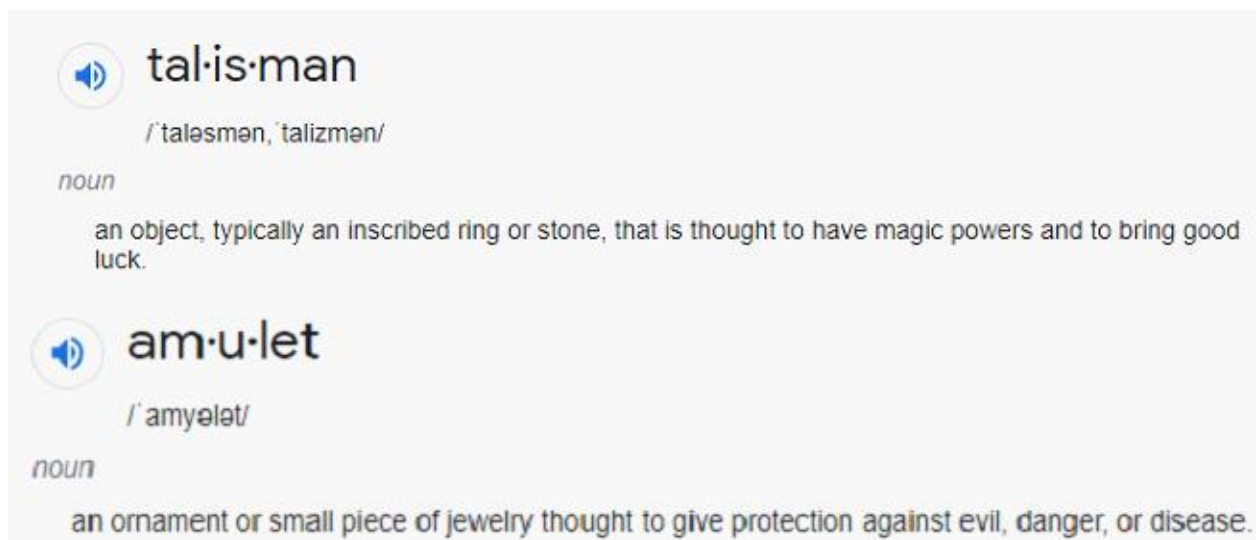
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****When you look up [Genesis 21:33](#) and look at the other translations you find out that the word "grove" should not have been there at all. Groves are associated with idolatry and pagan worship of false gods. He planted a single tree, an oak or a tamarisk or a terebinth tree. But you read the KJ and think, what was Abraham doing planting a grove? There has been so much Bible tampering.****

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Talisman – an object, typically an inscribed ring or stone, that is thought to have magic powers and to bring good luck.

Amulet – an ornament or small piece of jewelry thought to give protection against evil, danger or disease.

This is superstition, which is always tied to witchcraft and idolatry against God. Remember Jacob had gone back to Mesopotamia where God called Abraham out from. They were a very idolatrous country and when he left with his wives and his children, Rachel had stolen her father's household gods, called teraphim. **(Gen.31:19)** Supposedly they were more for inquiring at than worshipping but

either way, it is idolatry against God. As Christians, we don't use good luck charms, or things to ward evil spirits away or things to protect us. Our protector is Jesus Christ, and if you are not in Him then you are open game for the devil to torment your life any way he chooses.



Top are stone talismans and amulets probably worn as necklaces. Bottom L: Babylon, Assyrian earrings for \$ 980. These are amulets with a winged sphinx on them. Btm M: Babylon amulet earrings with another winged creature on them for \$ 915.00. Btm R: 8-7th century BC Assyrian demonic amulet.

So we are learning that they probably had carved things that were in honor of the fallen angels for protection and fortune and they would also write their charms and spells on them too.

So the putting away of these things, seems to be a time when there was a sort of cleansing and returning to the purity and holiness that God expects of His people. They seem to have gotten lax and were doing a mixing of serving God and letting some idolatrous things creep in. So they put away their earrings and their idols and traveled to where God told them to go, to build an altar to Him and get back to serving Him in righteousness.

In Exodus 32:2, Aaron asked for the earrings - **Upon your sons.**--The Egyptian men of the Rameside period wore gold and silver ornaments almost as freely as the women. Their ornaments included armlets, bracelets, anklets, and collars.

The idolatrous nations were big influencers on God's people just as the world today has just about taken over the church.

2 Samuel 1:10 – So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet (arm band) that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

King Saul wore a bracelet or maybe it was one of those cuffs like they show in the super hero movies or that men of war may have worn. But only one is mentioned and not two. We don't see Samuel rebuke King Saul in scripture for having worn a bracelet.

The next passage of scripture is when Tamar, Judah's daughter-in-law, tricked Judah into sleeping with her under the pretense that she was a prostitute.

Gen.38:18 – And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that *is* in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

So we see that Judah had on a bracelet and a signet ring. Signet rings are all over the Bible and not just with pagan kings. Many of the other translations say that what he gave her was his signet and cord indicating that he wore his signet ring on a cord around his neck. Some would actually wear the ring and some would string it on a cord or ribbon and wear it that way.

Haggai 2:23 - In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee (that is I will honor you), O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet (ring on My finger): for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

Luke 15:22 – But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

The father in this story is a picture of God the Father. The putting of the ring on his son's hand indicated his status as one of the house. He had been forgiven and restored.

James 2:1-4 – My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord of glory*, with respect of persons (Christians are not to show favoritism). For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment (filthy clothes); And ye have respect (give special attention) to him that weareth the gay clothing (the fine clothes or that is the rich person), and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool (sit on the floor): Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts (judges who are guided by evil motives)?

It was common to see a man wear a ring or wearing some jewelry.

CLOSING

God likes jewels and gold and precious things and will have wonderful treasures laid up for us in heaven. Remember heaven will have streets of gold and its foundation is made of precious stones. God does not forbid us to have jewelry and fine things, but in modesty and as the Bible describes, not as fads or as worship to idols and false gods or in superstition.

The Bible references a bride being adorned for her bridegroom in several places. **(Isaiah 49:18, 61:10, Jeremiah 2:32, Rev. 21:2)** God is not against jewelry. If God hated jewelry, He would never have referred to it in a positive way in so many instances in Scripture.

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Check your jewelry because there can be a satanic root underlying it. Depending on what it is and the meaning behind it, or even who gave it to you, satanic doors can be opened. If you don't feel right about a piece of jewelry, destroy it or tear it up and throw it in the trash. Ask forgiveness for ever having bought it or having worn it. And repent, don't buy that kind of satanic trash again. Ask God to break off any demonic attachments or curses that came into your life because of what you did and plead the blood of Jesus Christ over yourself. You can speak out that you bind any demonic activity in your life because of your jewelry and ignorance of these things and cast it out in Jesus name.

Let your beauty be the inward adornment of holiness instead of focusing too much on the outside adornments, jewelry and accessories.

PRAYER

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<https://biblehub.com/genesis/31-19.htm>