

Isaiah 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

Analysis

The detailed inventory of adornments—'tinkling ornaments' (anklets), 'cauls' (headbands), and 'round tires like the moon' (crescent necklaces)—emphasizes the extent of luxury that will be removed. Some ornaments, like moon crescents, may have pagan associations (cf. Judges 8:21, 26). The comprehensive list demonstrates both material excess and possible idolatrous syncretism. God's judgment strips away what displaced or competed with devotion to Him.

Historical Context

Archaeological discoveries from Iron Age Judah include numerous jewelry items matching Isaiah's description. The crescent ornaments particularly link to fertility cult worship.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What material adornments or luxuries might compete with simple devotion to Christ?
2. How do we discern between appropriate enjoyment of beauty and idolatrous excess?

Interlinear Text

בַּיּוֹם	הַהוּא	יִסֹּף	אֶת־יְהוָה	אֶת־תִּפְאֶרֶת	
In that day	H1931	will take away	the Lord	H853	the bravery
H3117		H5493	H136		H8597
הַעֲכָסִים		וְהַשְּׁבִיטִים			
of their tinkling ornaments		about their feet and their cauls			
H5914		H7636			
וְהַשְּׁהָרִים:					
and their round tires like the moon					
H7720					

Additional Cross-References

Judges 8:21 (Parallel theme): Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.