

# 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

תִּפְאֶרֶת אֶת־אָדָנִי יְסִירָה בְּהָאָתָה בְּיַמִּים

**In that day** H1931 **will take away** H5493 **the Lord** H136 **the bravery** H853 **H8597**

וְשָׁבֵבָס יָמָם  
בְּעֵכֶס יָמָם  
of their tinkling ornaments      about their feet and their cauls

וְשָׁבְּרִים:  
and their round tires like the moon

## 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.

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