

Isaiah 3:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

Analysis

Chains, bracelets, and mufflers (veils) continue the inventory of luxury items facing removal. The progression through various ornamental categories emphasizes totality of coming loss. This reversal—from abundance to deprivation—illustrates covenant curse outworking (Deuteronomy 28:47-48). The imagery anticipates Jesus' warning against laying up treasure on earth where moth and rust corrupt (Matthew 6:19), and Paul's exhortation that godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Timothy 6:6).

Historical Context

Elite women's extensive jewelry indicated social status and wealth. Its removal through conquest would signal complete social reversal and economic devastation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How might excessive focus on adornment distract from cultivating inner beauty of character?
2. What 'treasures' do we cling to that divine discipline might need to remove?

Interlinear Text

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The chains and the bracelets and the mufflers

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 16:11 (Parallel theme): I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

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