

Isaiah 3:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the
wimples, and the cringing pins,

Analysis

The inventory shifts to clothing—changeable suits (festive robes), mantles, wimples (cloaks), and cringing pins (purses). The inclusion of multiple garment changes ('changeable suits') suggests excessive wardrobe far beyond necessity, indicating luxury and vanity. Jesus later contrasted Solomon's splendor with lilies that neither toil nor spin (Matthew 6:28-29), teaching that anxiety over clothing reveals misplaced trust.

Historical Context

Multiple changes of clothing were luxury items in the ancient world where most owned only one or two garments. This excess among Jerusalem's elite contrasted with the naked and poor (Isaiah 58:7).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does our approach to clothing and appearance reflect contentment versus vanity?

2. In what ways can wardrobe excess evidence misplaced values?

Interlinear Text

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The changeable suits of apparel

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וְהַמַּעֲטָפֹת

and the mantles

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וְהַמְטָפָחִים

and the wimples

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וְהַחֲרִיטִים:

and the cringing pins

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