

Isaiah  
Chapter 3

- v. 19-- Chains, bracelets and mufflers--this represents the people and churches who tend to cover up with rituals, or Christian talk, but underneath they have not a true heart for the Lord.
- v. 20-- Bonnets, headbands represent listening to others instead of the Lord. Church leaders telling the people what to think instead of encouraging them to go to the Lord themselves with everything. We should all fellowship together, and exchange our thoughts, and listen to ideas from pastors, etc., but the final decision has to be within ourselves, listening to the voice of the Lord within each of us. The ornaments of the legs refers to slowing ourselves down in our walk with The Lord, and not being bold enough to speak out what He tells us. The earrings represent listening to what others say about us, instead of what Jesus wants from us. We should strive to be loving and please others. This is important, but if they disapprove of us because they don't understand the ways of the Spirit, we are to follow the True Voice.
- v. 21-- Depending on the society, rings on the finger or in the nose establish ownership or loyalty to someone or something. He does not want us so loyal to an individual denomination that we stifle our growth in Him.
- v. 22-- Changeable suits of apparel refers to being so shallow in our beliefs that we change with the times, fads, opinions of those we're with, etc.--although God doesn't want us to argue over doctrine or details, but to question if it is for us individually to believe, and stand firm on what He tells us through the Spirit.
- v. 23-- Hoods and veils hinder the person's sight--this refers to closing one's eyes to hearing God's real Word in our lives, and believing that He really will guide us in our whole life. Sometimes we only let Him into part of our lives, and close our eyes to Him in the other areas. He needs us to be open to Him in every detail of our lives.
- v. 24-26-- And when the Spirit of God comes in His fullness, people will see how they're in bondage to themselves or their churches, where every "hair" was in place, and the pews full, and the people in perfect ritualistic discipline, there will be no one, and instead of the girdle (belt) of rules keeping everyone in line, there will be "rips" as each person is guided by the Spirit of the Lord and not by men, and people will see the organization of the church for how shallow it really is without the leading of the Spirit. The real beauty is in a personal relationship with Jesus.