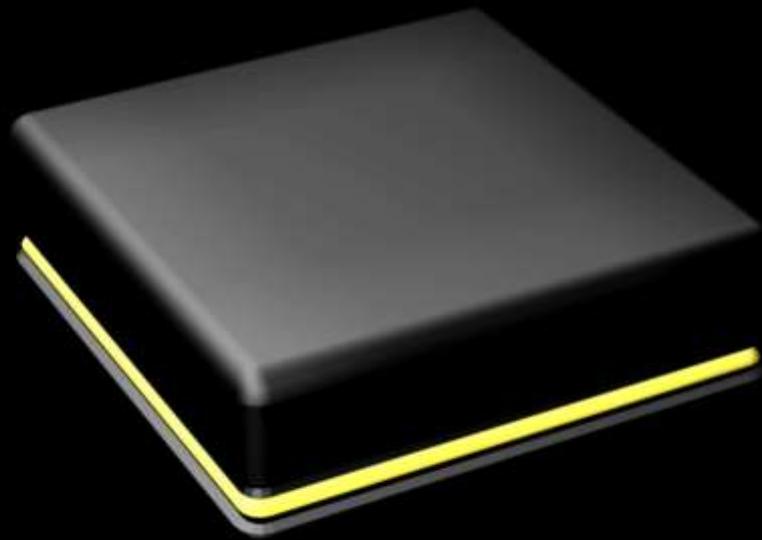


# God's Jewels







# Cosmetics ~ Cosmos



“... the whole land  
of Havilah, where  
*there is* gold;  
And the gold of that  
land *is* good ...”  
(Gen 2:11-12).



“A violent wind which was caused to blow for the purpose of drying up the waters, moved them with great force, in some instances even carrying away the tops of the mountains and heaping up trees, rocks, and earth above the bodies of the dead.

**By the same means the silver and gold, the choice wood and precious stones, which had enriched and adorned the world before the Flood, and which the inhabitants had idolized, were concealed from the sight and search of men, the violent action of the waters piling earth and rocks upon these treasures, and in some cases even forming mountains above them." PP 107**



# Idolatry

“God saw that the more He enriched and prospered sinful men, the more they would corrupt their ways before Him. The treasures that should have led them to glorify the bountiful Giver had been worshiped, while God had been dishonored and despised” (PP 107).



# 1 Samuel 16:7

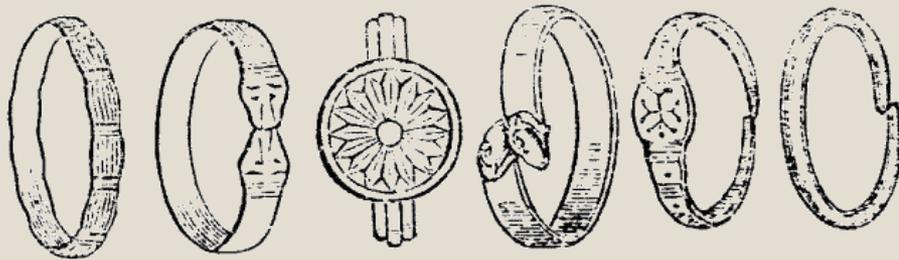


“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for *the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***”

# Yahweh



# Assyrian and Egyptian Jewelry





“And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty”  
(Ex 28:2)

## Proverbs 25:12

“As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so *is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.”



# Genesis 24:22

“And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold.”



# Exodus 35:22





# Ezekiel 16:11

"I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck."

# Ezekiel 28:13

“You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.”



# Old Testament



- **Currency** (Gen 24:22)
- **Wealth** (2 Chr 32:27; 1 Kgs 10:2; Gen 24:35)
- **Wedding** (Jer 2:32; Isa 49:18; 61:10)
- **Victory** (Ex 3:22; 11:2; 12:36)
- **Social Status** (2 Kgs 11:12; Ps 21:3; 89:39; 132:18)
- **Negative: God's People**  
(Ezek 23:40; Isa 3:16-3; Jer 4:30; 2 Kgs 9:30)
- **Idolatry** (Gen 35:2; Josh 24:14, 23; Hos 2:13, 15)
- **Religious Function**  
(High Priest; Num 13:23; Deut 8:8)

# #wisdom>bling



“Wisdom *is* more precious than rubies,  
And all the things you may desire  
cannot compare with her” (Prov 3:15)

“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her  
worth *is* far above rubies” (Prov 31:10)

# #getwisdom



“Wisdom cannot be purchased for gold, Nor can silver be weighed for its price. <sup>16</sup> It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, In precious onyx or sapphire. <sup>17</sup> Neither gold nor crystal can equal it, Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold. <sup>18</sup> No mention shall be made of coral or quartz, For the price of wisdom *is* above rubies. <sup>19</sup> The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, Nor can it be valued in pure gold.”

# Genesis 35:2-4



“And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that *are* among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.”<sup>3</sup> “Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone.”<sup>4</sup> So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, **and the earrings which were in their ears**; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem.”



# Exodus 33:3-6

"Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." <sup>4</sup> **And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.** <sup>5</sup> For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. **Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.**'" <sup>6</sup> So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb."



# “from Mount Horeb onward”

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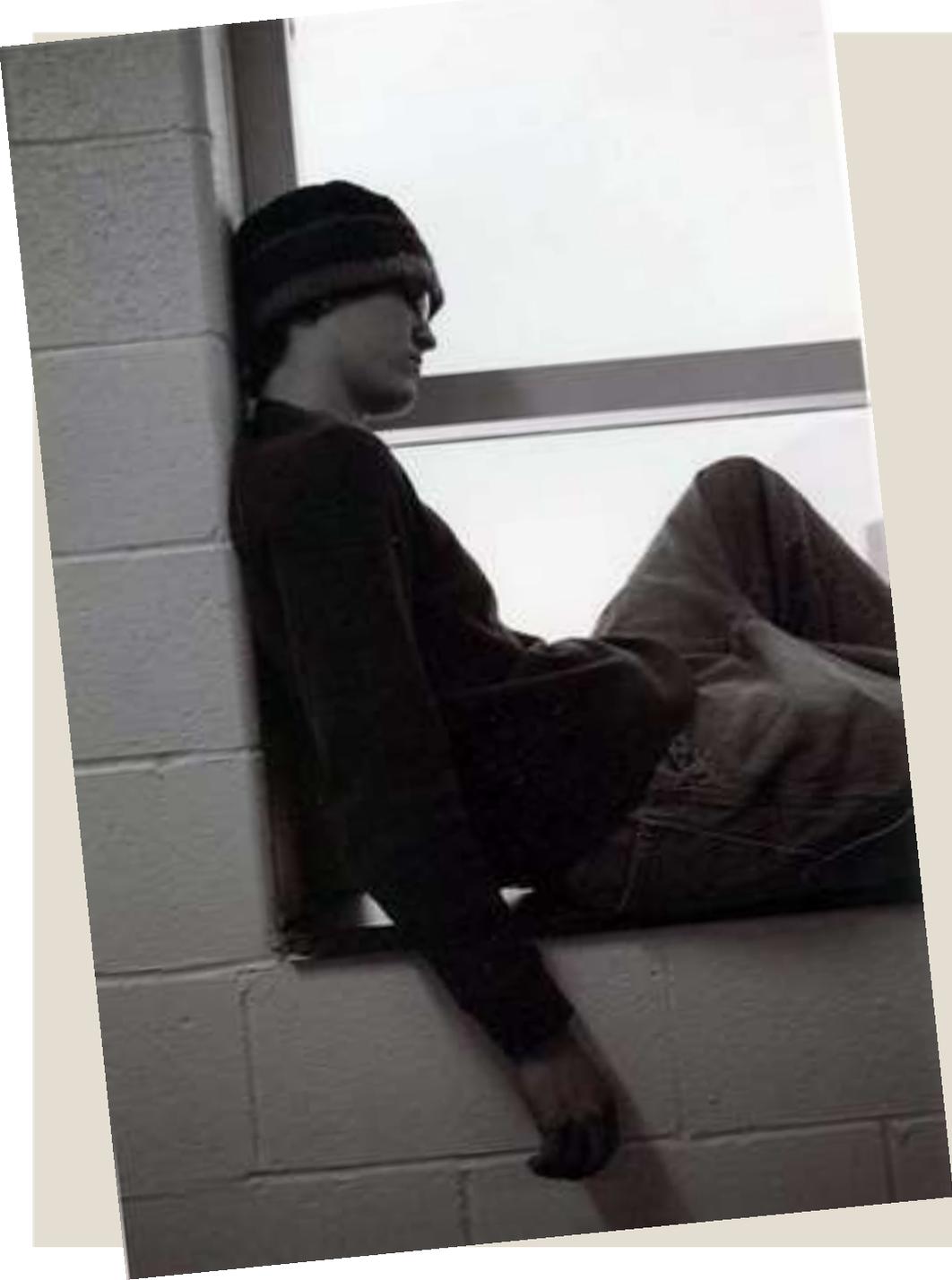
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# Holman Christian Standard Bible

## **Ex 33:6**

“So the Israelites remained stripped of their jewelry from Mount Horeb onward.”



“I’m  
gonna  
tell that  
judge . . .”



# Numbers 31:50

“Therefore we have brought an offering for the LORD, what every man found of ornaments of gold: armlets and bracelets and signet rings and earrings and necklaces, **to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD.**”



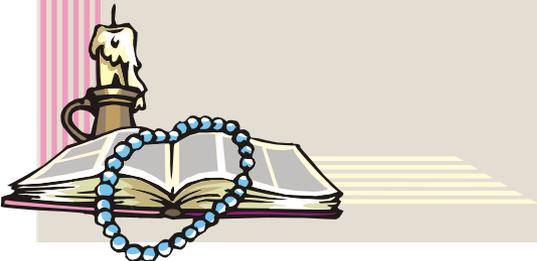
# New Testament



**Money:** Acts 3:6; 20:33; Mt 10:9; Mk 6:8; Lk 9:3

**Wealth:** Rev 18:16; Jam 2:2; 5:3; Mt 2:11; 7:6;  
13:45-46

◦ **Social Status:** Jam 2:2; Rev 14:14; Lk 15:22





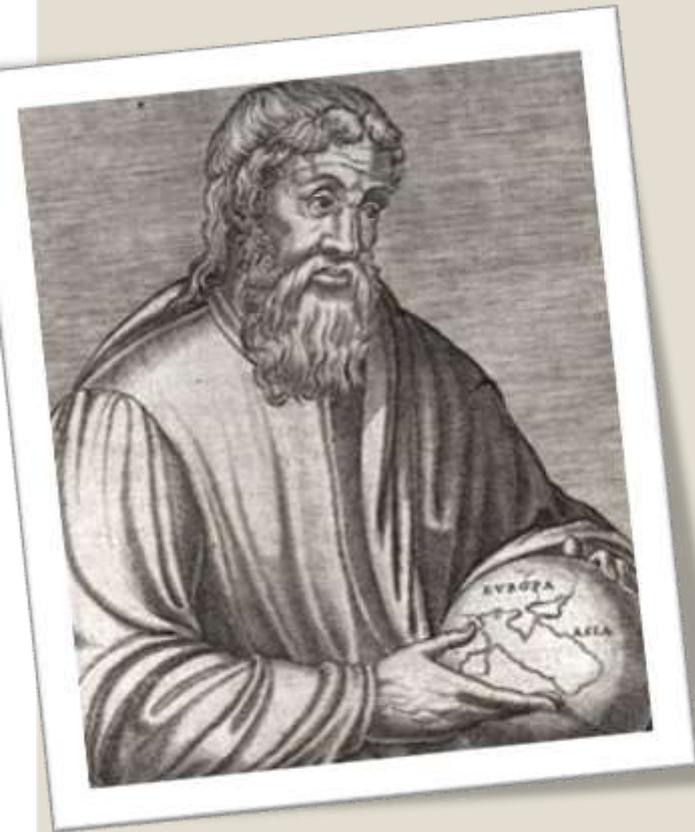
# 1 Timothy 2:8-9

“I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; <sup>9</sup> in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing.”

# 1 Peter 3:3-4

“Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel-- <sup>4</sup> rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”





“. . . They beautify their appearance by braiding their hair, growing beards, wearing golden ornaments . . . And only rarely can you see them touching one another in walking, for fear that the adornment of their hair may not remain intact.”  
Strabo, *Geo.*, 17.3.7

# Revelation 17:4; 18:16

“The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication”

“Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!”



# Revelation's Two Women

# Hosea 2:13

I will punish her For the days of the Baals to which she burned incense. She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry, And went after her lovers; But Me she forgot," says the LORD.



# *The Wedding Ring*





**1980 General Conference**



“In countries where the custom is imperative, we have no burden to condemn those who have their marriage ring; let them wear it if they can do so conscientiously; but let not our missionaries feel that the wearing of the ring will increase their influence one jot or tittle.” TM&GW 180f.





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## *Sister Kerr's Silk Scarf*

**Sister Kerr took me into her parlor** bedroom and opened a box of ruches for the neck, and desired me to accept the entire box. Her husband is a merchant in Honolulu and, though not a believer, he is a very liberal man. She also presented me with three yards and a half of silk, costing three dollars a yard with which I was to make a sack. I saw that she was very desirous that I should have this, and I could not refuse without greatly disappointing her. It was beautiful silk left from a dress which she had. She also gave me a silk scarf and a ten-dollar pin composed of white stones, very plain and serviceable. **I thought I could not accept this, but she looked so sorry that I finally did take it and have worn it ever since, for it is handy and becoming, while it is not showy at all.** {Lt32a-1891 (Dec. 7, 1891) par. 7}

“God calls upon the young to deny themselves of needless ornaments and articles of dress, even if they cost but a few dimes, and place the amount in the charity box. He also calls upon those of mature age to stop when they are examining a gold watch or chain, or some expensive article of furniture, and ask themselves the question: Would it be right to expend so large an amount for that which we could do without or when a cheaper article would serve our purpose just as well? By denying yourselves and lifting the cross for Jesus, who for your sakes became poor, you can do much toward relieving the suffering of the poor among us; and by thus imitating the example of your Lord and Master, you will receive His approval and blessing” {4T 511.2}.



# S(k)in



- >50% wished they hadn't
- Chemists, National Center for Toxicological Research: low carcinogens in tattoo ink
- Laser irradiation: toxic molecules from red/yellow pigments increased 70x!
- FDA unregulated (contra cosmetics)
- no blood donation 12 months
- Caution: MRI!
- Epidural during delivery: pigmentation into spinal canal
- Bernadine Healy, M.D., USNEWS & World Report, Aug 4/11 '08 p.69



# The Jewelry Pocket





# God's Jewels

In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet *ring*; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts" (Haggai 2:23).

[This section features pictures of my church members - God's real jewels - but has been deleted for online posting.]



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