

## ~ANKLET (110)

- The **Hebrew** words for ankle chainlets, *'ets- 'a-dhah'*.
- So let us present each one what he has found as Yehowah's offering, articles of gold, **ankle chainlets**, and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and female ornaments, in order to make atonement for our souls before Yehowah. (**Numbers 31:50**)
- And step chains **Hebrew** *tse 'a-dhah'*.
- The headdresses and the **step chains** and the breastbands and the houses of the soul and the ornamental humming shells. (**Isaiah 3:20**)
- Both come from the root *tsa- 'adh'*, meaning take steps, or to march.
- They are like a scarecrow of a cucumber field, and cannot speak. Without fail they are carried, for they cannot **take any steps**. Do not be afraid because of them, for they can do nothing calamitous and, what is more, the doing of any good is not with them. (**Jeremiah 10:5**)
- Passing along on the street near her corner, and in the way to her house he marches. (**Proverbs 7:8**)
- The **Hebrew** *'e'khes* bangle or **anklet**, comes from the root *'a-khas'*, meaning make a tinkling sound or shake bangles.
- And Yehowah says; For the reason that the daughters of Zion have become haughty and they walk with their throats stretched forth and ogling with their eyes, they go walking **with tripping steps**, and with their feet they make a tinkling sound. (**Isaiah 3:16**)
- In that day Yehowah will take away the beauty of the **bangles** and the headbands and the moon-shaped ornaments. (**Isaiah 3:18**) Footnotes
- **Ankle** bracelets or ornamental rings worn on the legs above the **ankles** were in common use in the ancient Middle East. They were

made of such materials as brass, gold, silver, iron, glass, and ivory. On Egyptian monuments persons of both sexes are depicted as wearing them, and in Egypt **anklets** and bracelets were frequently made as matching ensembles.

- Heavy **anklets** might make a ringing sound as they knocked together while the wearer walked along. However, at times pebbles were placed in hollow bangles or anklets in order to produce a sound, and Arabian girls of more recent times have also occasionally worn **anklets** with small bells attached to them. Too, **ankle** chainlets were sometimes fastened to the **anklets** worn by a woman, thus tying these ornaments together.
- The **chainlets** would make **tinkling sounds** as the wearer walked, and of course, they and the **anklets** themselves would attract attention. **Ankle** chainlets or **step chains** would also restrict or shorten the woman's step, so that she would walk with **tripping steps** and what might be considered a graceful or genteel feminine gait.
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- **Ankle chainlets** were among pieces of jewelry the Israelites took from the Midianites as war booty and contributed as Yehowah's offering.
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- Accordingly Moses and Eleazar the priest accepted the gold from them, all the jewelry. (**Numbers 31:51**)
- The haughty daughters of Zion of later times are described as women who go walking with **tripping steps**, and with their feet they make a **tinkling sound**, or on their feet they shake bangles. Through Isaiah, Yehowah warned them that he would take away their ornamental articles and **the beauty of the bangles**, or **anklets**, as well as their **step chains**.

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- The Babylonian conquest of Judah and Jerusalem in **607 B.C.E.** surely made inroads into the lives of these women, resulting in the loss of their many ornaments and of their freedom.

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