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.. Ornamentation In Prophecy

- An adornment, not always essential in itself, but meant to enhance the appearance of something. Ornaments were used especially by women but also by men, they were used to decorate buildings, at times, they were put on animals.
- Bible references and the evidence unearthed by archaeologists reveal not only an interest in ornamentation from very ancient times but also great ability and skill in producing ornamentation of high artistic caliber.
- Artisans did highly decorative work in weaving, in embroidery, in carving wood and ivory, and in metalworking. The remains of palaces in Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and the city of Mari all give evidence of rich decorating, with large murals on interior walls and finely carved bas-reliefs depicting scenes of war, hunting, and palace affairs, to adorn both inner and outer walls.
- Palace doorways were often guarded by great figures of mighty beasts. The representations of the king and others in the reliefs reveal fine embroidery on their garments. Even the gear of the horses is highly decorated with tassels and engravings, the necklaces of the Midianites camels.
- So Zebah and Zalmunna said; Get up yourself and assault us, for as a man is, so is his mightiness. Accordingly Gideon got up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna and took the moon-shaped **ornaments** that were on the necks of their camels. (**Judges 8:21**)
- And the weight of the nose rings of gold that he had requested amounted to one thousand seven hundred gold shekels, besides the moon-shaped **ornaments** and the eardrops and the garments of wool dyed reddish purple that were upon the kings of Midian and besides the necklaces that were on the necks of the camels. (**Judges 8:26**)
- Tomb paintings provide the principal source of evidence from Egypt, although some artifacts in the form of throne chairs, royal chariots, and other items have survived.

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- **Early mention is made of jewelry in the form of a gold nose ring and also bracelets given to Rebekah by Abraham's servant.**
- **Consequently it came about that, when the camels had finished drinking, then the man took a gold nose ring of a half shekel in weight and two bracelets for her hands, ten shekels of gold was their weight. ([Genesis 24:22](#))**
- **And it came about that on seeing the nose ring and the bracelets on the hands of his sister and on hearing the words of Rebekah his sister, saying; This is the way the man spoke to me, then he came to the man and there he was, standing by the camels at the fountain. ([Genesis 24:30](#))**
- **After that I asked her and said; Whose daughter are you? To which she said; The daughter of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. Accordingly I put the nose ring on her nostril and the bracelets on her hands. ([Genesis 24:47](#))**
- **And the servant began to bring out articles of silver and articles of gold and garments and to give them to Rebekah, and he gave choice things to her brother and to her mother. ([Genesis 24:53](#))**
- **Joseph, upon becoming Pharaoh's prime minister, received a gold necklace and the monarchs own signet ring.**
- **And Pharaoh added to Joseph; See, I do place you over all the land of Egypt. ([Genesis 41:41](#))**
- **With that Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his own hand and put it upon Joseph's hand and clothed him with garments of fine linen and placed a necklace of gold about his neck. ([Genesis 41:42](#))**
- **Moreover, he had him ride in the second chariot of honor that he had, so that they should call out ahead of him, Avrèkh! Thus putting him over all the land of Egypt. ([Genesis 41:43](#))**
- **Such signet rings, or seal rings, were common in all the Bible lands, frequently being worn on a cord around the neck.**

- **And he continued; What is the security that I shall give you? To which she said; Your seal ring and your cord and your rod that is in your hand. Then he gave them to her and had relations with her, so that she became pregnant by him. ([Genesis 38:18](#))**
- **They served to affix the signature, or official seal, of the individual to documents and hence, if granted to another person to carry, identified him as a bona fide and authorized representative of the rings owner.**
- **At the Exodus, the Israelites obtained many silver and gold articles from the Egyptians, and doubtless from these came many of the brooches, earrings, rings, and other items they contributed for the preparation of the tabernacle, even as they had wrongly contributed gold earrings for the forming of an idolatrous calf.**
- **And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses in that they went asking from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold and mantles. ([Exodus 12:35](#))**
- **And Yehowah gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, so that these granted them what was asked, and they stripped the Egyptians. ([Exodus 12:36](#))**
- **Meanwhile the people got to see that Moses was taking a long time about coming down from the mountain. So the people congregated themselves about Aaron and said to him; Get up, make for us a god who will go ahead of us, because as regards this Moses, the man who led us up out of the land of Egypt, we certainly do not know what has happened to him. ([Exodus 32:1](#))**
- **At this Aaron said to them; Tear off the gold earrings that are in the ears of your wives, of your sons and of your daughters and bring them to me. ([Exodus 32:2](#))**
- **And all the people began tearing off the gold earrings that were in their ears and bringing them to Aaron. ([Exodus 32:3](#))**
- **Then he took the gold from their hands, and he formed it with a graving tool and proceeded to make it into a molten statue of a calf. And they began to say; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of Egypt. ([Exodus 32:4](#))**
- **Accordingly all the assembly of the sons of Israel went out from**

before Moses. (**Exodus 35:20**)

- Then they came, everyone whose heart impelled him, and they brought, everyone whose spirit incited him, Yehowah's contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments. (**Exodus 35:21**)
- And they kept coming, the men along with the women, every willing-hearted one. They brought brooches and earrings and rings and female **ornaments**, all sorts of articles of gold, that is, everyone who presented the wave offering of gold to Yehowah. (**Exodus 35:22**)
- And all those with whom there were found blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine linen and goats hair and ram skins dyed red and sealskins, brought them. (**Exodus 35:23**)
- All those contributing the contribution of silver and copper brought Yehowah's contribution, and all those with whom there was found acacia wood for all the work of the service brought it. (**Exodus 35:24**)
- The tabernacle and its equipment saw much work by artisans skilled in woodworking and working with precious metals and gems as well as weaving and embroidery.
- And all the women who were wise of heart spun with their hands, and they kept bringing as yarn the blue thread and the wool dyed reddish purple, the coccus scarlet material and the fine linen. (**Exodus 35:25**)
- And all the women whose hearts impelled them with wisdom spun the goats hair. (**Exodus 35:26**)
- And the chieftains brought onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and the breastpiece. (**Exodus 35:27**)
- And the balsam oil and the oil for illumination and for the anointing oil and for the perfumed incense. (**Exodus 35:28**)
- Every man and woman whose hearts incited them to bring something for all the work that Yehowah had commanded to make by means of Moses did so, the sons of Israel brought a

voluntary offering to Yehowah. (**Exodus 35:29**)

- Then Moses said to the sons of Israel; See, Yehowah has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. (**Exodus 35:30**)
- And he proceeded to fill him with the spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in every sort of craftsmanship. (**Exodus 35:31**)
- And for designing devices, for working in gold and silver and copper. (**Exodus 35:32**)
- And in working of stones to set them and in working of wood to make ingenious products of every sort. (**Exodus 35:33**)
- And he has put it into his heart that he should teach, he and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. (**Exodus 35:34**)
- He has filled them with wisdom of heart to do all the work of a craftsman and an embroiderer and of a weaver in blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple, in coccus scarlet material and fine linen, and of a loom worker, men doing every sort of work and designing devices. (**Exodus 35:35**)
- The later temple by Solomon was even more gloriously **adorned**. Its cedarwood panels, as well as its doors of oil-tree and juniper wood, were carved with such figures as gourd-shaped **ornaments**, garlands of blossoms, cherubs, and palm-tree figures and were overlaid with gold, while the two copper pillars in front of the structure had network, chainwork, pomegranates, and lily work adorning their capitals.
- And the cedarwood on the house inside was with carvings of gourd-shaped **ornaments** and garlands of blossoms. All of it was cedarwood, there was no stone to be seen. (**1 Kings 6:18**)
- And all the walls of the house round about he carved with engraved carvings of cherubs and palm-tree figures and engravings of blossoms, inside and outside. (**1 Kings 6:29**)
- And he carved cherubs and palm-tree figures and engravings of blossoms, and overlaid gold foil upon the representations. (**1 Kings 6:35**)

- Then he cast the two pillars of copper, eighteen cubits being the height of each pillar, and a string of twelve cubits would measure around each of the two pillars. (1 Kings 7:15)
- And two capitals he made to put upon the tops of the pillars, cast in copper. Five cubits was the height of the one capital, and five cubits was the height of the other capital. (1 Kings 7:16)
- There were nets in network, twisted ornaments in chainwork, for the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. (1 Kings 7:17)
- And he went on to make the pomegranates and two rows round about upon the one network to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, and that was what he did for the other capital. (1 Kings 7:18)
- And the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars at the porch were of lily work, of four cubits. (1 Kings 7:19)
- And the capitals were upon the two pillars, also up close beside the belly that was adjoining the network, and there were two hundred pomegranates in rows all around upon each capital. (1 Kings 7:20)
- And he proceeded to set up the pillars belonging to the porch of the temple. So he set up the right-hand pillar and called its name Jachin, and then set up the left-hand pillar and called its name Boaz. (1 Kings 7:21)
- And upon the top of the pillars there was lily work. And the work of the pillars was gradually completed. (1 Kings 7:22)
- Solomon showed great appreciation for artistic beauty, and his great ivory throne overlaid with gold, with lion figures alongside each arm and 12 more on the six steps before it, was unique in the ancient world.
- And King Solomon went on to make two hundred large shields of alloyed gold, six hundred shekels of gold he proceeded to lay upon each large shield. (1 Kings 10:16)
- And three hundred bucklers of alloyed gold, three minas of gold he proceeded to lay upon each buckler. Then the king put them

in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. (1 Kings 10:17)

- Further, the king made a great ivory throne and overlaid it with refined gold. (1 Kings 10:18)
- There were six steps to the throne, and the throne had a round canopy behind it, and there were armrests on this side and on that side by the place of sitting, and two lions were standing beside the armrests. (1 Kings 10:19)
- And there were twelve lions standing there upon the six steps, on this side and on that side. No other kingdom had any made just like it. (1 Kings 10:20)
- And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. There was nothing of silver, it was considered in the days of Solomon as nothing at all. (1 Kings 10:21)
- The Bible lays greater emphasis, however, on spiritual beauty. Parental discipline is a wreath of attractiveness to one's head and a fine necklace for the throat, a crown of beauty, lips of knowledge are precious vessels superior to any gold vases of an artisan, as apples of gold in silver carvings is a word spoken at the right time for it, and an earring of gold, and an ornament of special gold, is a wise reprov-er upon the hearing ear.
- For they are a wreath of attractiveness to your head and a fine necklace to your throat. (Proverbs 1:9)
- To your head it will give a wreath of charm, a crown of beauty it will bestow upon you. (Proverbs 4:9)
- There exists gold, also an abundance of corals, but the lips of knowledge are precious vessels. (Proverbs 20:15)
- As apples of gold in silver carvings is a word spoken at the right time for it. (Proverbs 25:11)
- An earring of gold, and an ornament of special gold, is a wise reprov-er upon the hearing ear. (Proverbs 25:12)
- A pretty woman lacking sensibleness is likened to a gold nose ring in the snout of a pig.

- As a gold nose ring in the snout of a pig, so is a woman that is pretty but that is turning away from sensibleness. (**Proverbs 11:22**)
- Moderation is encouraged, particularly in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**.
- Likewise I desire the women to **adorn** themselves in **well-arranged dress, with modesty and soundness of mind**, not with styles of hair braiding and gold or pearls or very expensive garb. (**1 Timothy 2:9**)
- But in the way that befits women professing to reverence God, namely, through good works. (**1 Timothy 2:10**)
- Peter could call upon examples of pre-Christian times in urging that women seek the beauty of the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible apparel of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God, he pointed to women such as Sarah who so adorned themselves, subjecting themselves to their own husbands.
- In like manner, you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, in order, that, if any are not obedient to the word, they may be won without a word through the conduct of their wives. (**1 Peter 3:1**)
- Because of having been eyewitnesses of your chaste conduct together with deep respect. (**1 Peter 3:2**)
- And do not let your adornment be that of the external braiding of the hair and of the putting on of gold **ornaments** or the wearing of outer garments. (**1 Peter 3:3**)
- But let it be the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible apparel of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God. (**1 Peter 3:4**)
- For so, too, formerly the holy women who were hoping in God used to adorn themselves, subjecting themselves to their own husbands. (**1 Peter 3:5**)
- As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord. And you have become her children, provided you keep on doing good and not

fearing any cause for terror. (1 Peter 3:6)

- Thus, if followed, the Scriptures provide the guide to a proper evaluation of ornamentation and jewelry and good balance in its use.

• Ornamentation In Prophecy

- Because of his blessing upon Jerusalem, Yehowah likened this capital of Judah to a woman clothed with costly garments, richly ornamented and bejeweled.
- Her loss of spirituality and her spiritual prostitution with the nations led to her being stripped of her adornments and left as if naked.
- Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her detestable things. (Ezekiel 16:2)
- And I went on to clothe you with an embroidered garment and to shoe you with sealskin and to wrap you in fine linen and to cover you with costly material. (Ezekiel 16:10)
- And I went on to deck you with **ornaments** and to put bracelets upon your hands and a necklace about your throat. (Ezekiel 16:11)
- Furthermore, I put a nose ring in your nostril and earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. (Ezekiel 16:12)
- And you kept decking yourself with gold and silver, and your attire was fine linen and costly material and an embroidered garment. Fine flour and honey and oil were what you ate, and you grew to be very, very pretty, and gradually you became fit for royal position. (Ezekiel 16:13)
- And for you a name began to go forth among the nations because of your prettiness, for it was perfect because of my splendor that I placed upon you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 16:14)
- But you began to trust in your prettiness and become a prostitute on account of your name and to pour out your acts of prostitution on every passerby, his it came to be. (Ezekiel 16:15)

- **And you proceeded to take some of your garments and make for yourself high places of varied colors and you would prostitute yourself on them, such things are not coming in, and it should not happen. (Ezekiel 16:16)**
- **And you would take your beautiful articles from my gold and from my silver that I had given to you and you would make for yourself images of a male and prostitute yourself with them. (Ezekiel 16:17)**
- **And you would take your embroidered garments and cover them, and my oil and my incense you would actually put before them. (Ezekiel 16:18)**
- **And my bread that I had given to you, fine flour and oil and honey that I had had you eat, you also actually put it before them as a restful odor, and it continued to occur, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 16:19)**
- **And you would take your sons and your daughters whom you had borne to me, and you would sacrifice these to them to be devoured, is that not enough of your acts of prostitution? (Ezekiel 16:20)**
- **And you would slaughter my sons, and by making them pass through the fire you would give these to them. (Ezekiel 16:21)**
- **And in all your detestable things and your acts of prostitution you did not remember the days of your youth when you happened to be naked and nude, kicking about in your blood you happened to be. (Ezekiel 16:22)**
- **So it came about after all your badness, woe, woe to you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 16:23)**
- **That you went building for yourself a mound and making for yourself a height in every public square. (Ezekiel 16:24)**
- **At every head of the way you built your height and you began to make your prettiness something detestable and sprawl out your feet to every passerby and multiply your acts of prostitution. (Ezekiel 16:25)**
- **And you went prostituting yourself to the sons of Egypt, your**

neighbors great of flesh, and you continued making your prostitution abound in order to offend me. ([Ezekiel 16:26](#))

- And, look! I shall certainly stretch out my hand against you and I shall diminish your allowance and give you to the soulful desire of the women hating you, the daughters of the Philistines, the women humiliated on account of your way as regards loose conduct. ([Ezekiel 16:27](#))
- And you went on to prostitute yourself to the sons of Assyria because there was no satisfying of you, and you kept prostituting yourself with them and also did not get satisfaction. ([Ezekiel 16:28](#))
- So you kept making your prostitution abound toward the land of Canaan, toward the Chaldeans, and even in this you did not get satisfaction. ([Ezekiel 16:29](#))
- O how I am filled up with rage against you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, by your doing all these things, the work of a woman, a domineering prostitute! ([Ezekiel 16:30](#))
- When you built your mound at the head of every way and you made your own height in every public square, yet you became unlike a prostitute in disdaining hire. ([Ezekiel 16:31](#))
- In the case of the wife that commits adultery, she takes strangers instead of her own husband. ([Ezekiel 16:32](#))
- To all prostitutes they are accustomed to give a present, but you, you have given your presents to all those passionately loving you, and you offer a bribe to them to come in to you from all around in your acts of prostitution. ([Ezekiel 16:33](#))
- And in your case the opposite thing takes place from that of other women in your acts of prostitution, and after your style no prostitution has been committed, even in your giving hire when no hire has been given to you, and so it occurs in the opposite way. ([Ezekiel 16:34](#))
- Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 16:35](#))
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the

reason that your lustfulness has been poured out and your private parts are uncovered in your acts of prostitution toward those passionately loving you and toward all your detestable dungy idols, even with the blood of your sons whom you gave to them. (**Ezekiel 16:36**)

- Therefore here I am collecting together all those passionately loving you toward whom you were pleasurable and all those whom you loved along with all those whom you hated, and I will collect them together against you from all around and uncover your private parts to them, and they must see all your private parts. (**Ezekiel 16:37**)
- And I will judge you with the judgments of adulteresses and women shedding blood, and I will give you the blood of rage and jealousy. (**Ezekiel 16:38**)
- And I will give you into their hand, and they will certainly tear down your mound and your heights will certainly be pulled down, and they must strip you of your garments and take your beautiful articles and leave you behind naked and nude. (**Ezekiel 16:39**)
- Such stripping came not only in a spiritual way but also literally as her greedy conquerors took the city's wealth, including the bangles, headbands, moon-shaped **ornaments**, eardrops, bracelets, veils, headdresses, step chains, breastbands, houses of the soul, probably referring to perfume receptacles, ornamental humming shells, charms, finger and nose rings that the daughters of Zion had worn.
- 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**)
- Yehowah also will actually make the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion scabby, and Yehowah himself will lay their very forehead bare. (**Isaiah 3:17**)
- In that day Yehowah will take away the beauty of the bangles and the headbands and the moon-shaped **ornaments**. (**Isaiah 3:18**)
- The eardrops and the bracelets and the veils. (**Isaiah 3:19**)

- The headdresses and the step chains and the breastbands and the houses of the soul and the ornamental humming shells. (**Isaiah 3:20**)
- The finger rings and the nose rings. (**Isaiah 3:21**)
- The robes of state and the overtunics and the cloaks and the purses. (**Isaiah 3:22**)
- And the hand mirrors and the undergarments and the turbans and the large veils. (**Isaiah 3:23**)
- And it must occur that instead of balsam oil there will come to be merely a musty smell, and instead of a belt, a rope, and instead of an artistic hair arrangement, baldness, and instead of a rich garment, a girding of sackcloth, a brand mark instead of prettiness. (**Isaiah 3:24**)
- By the sword your own men will fall, and your mightiness by war. (**Isaiah 3:25**)
- And her entrances will have to mourn and express sorrow, and she will certainly be cleaned out. She will sit down on the very earth. (**Isaiah 3:26**)
- It would be a time of mourning, for in mourning, **ornaments** were customarily removed.
- When the people got to hear this evil word, they began to mourn, and none of them put his **ornaments** on himself. (**Exodus 33:4**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; Say to the sons of Israel, you are a stiff-necked people. In one moment I could go up into the midst of you and certainly exterminate you. So now put down your **ornaments** off yourself, as I want to know what I am going to do to you. (**Exodus 33:5**)
- And the sons of Israel went stripping their **ornaments** off themselves from Mount Horeb onward. (**Exodus 33:6**)
- However, when Yehowah repurchased Zion from Babylonian exile, he would figuratively build her with a sapphire foundation, with

battlements of rubies and gates of fiery glowing stones, this because of the peace and righteousness he would bring

- **For a little moment I left you entirely, but with great mercies I shall collect you together. (Isaiah 54:7)**
- **With a flood of indignation I concealed my face from you for but a moment, but with loving-kindness to time indefinite I will have mercy upon you, your Repurchaser, Yehowah, has said. (Isaiah 54:8)**
- **O woman afflicted, tempest-tossed, uncomforted, here I am laying with hard mortar your stones, and I will lay your foundation with sapphires. (Isaiah 54:11)**
- **And I will make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of fiery glowing stones, and all your boundaries of delightful stones. (Isaiah 54:12)**
- **And all your sons will be persons taught by Yehowah, and the peace of your sons will be abundant. (Isaiah 54:13)**
- **You will prove to be firmly established in righteousness itself. You will be far away from oppression, for you will fear none, and from anything terrifying, for it will not come near you. (Isaiah 54:14)**
- **And she would be clothed with bridelike attire and ornaments.**
- **But Zion kept saying; Yehowah has left me, and Yehowah himself has forgotten me. (Isaiah 49:14)**
- **Can a wife forget her suckling so that she should not pity the son of her belly? Even these women can forget, yet I myself shall not forget you. (Isaiah 49:15)**
- **Look! Upon my palms I have engraved you. Your walls are in front of me constantly. (Isaiah 49:16)**
- **Your sons have hurried up. The very ones tearing you down and devastating you will go forth even from you. (Isaiah 49:17)**
- **Raise your eyes all around and see. They have all of them been collected together. They have come to you. As I am living, is the**

utterance of Yehowah, with all of them you will clothe yourself just as with **ornaments**, and you will bind them on yourself like a bride. (**Isaiah 49:18**)

- Without fail I shall exult in Yehowah. My soul will be joyful in my God. For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, with the sleeveless coat of righteousness he has enwrapped me, like the bridegroom who, in a priestly way, puts on a headdress, and like the bride who decks herself with her **ornamental** things. (**Isaiah 61:10**)
- This latter picture resembles somewhat the description of the New Jerusalem with its pearl gates and gemlike foundations, and its being prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband.
- I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)
- And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. (**Revelation 21:9**)
- So he carried me away in the power of the spirit to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (**Revelation 21:10**)
- And having the glory of God. Its radiance was like a most precious stone, as a jasper stone shining crystal-clear. (**Revelation 21:11**)
- It had a great and lofty wall and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names were inscribed which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. (**Revelation 21:12**)
- On the east were three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. (**Revelation 21:13**)
- The wall of the city also had twelve foundation stones, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:14**)

- Now the one who was speaking with me was holding as a measure a golden reed, that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall. (**Revelation 21:15**)
- And the city lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs, its length and breadth and height are equal. (**Revelation 21:16**)
- Also, he measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to a man's measure, at the same time an angels. (**Revelation 21:17**)
- Now the structure of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold like clear glass. (**Revelation 21:18**)
- The foundations of the city's wall were adorned with every sort of precious stone, the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald. (**Revelation 21:19**)
- The fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh hyacinth, the twelfth amethyst. (**Revelation 21:20**)
- Also, the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each one of the gates was made of one pearl. And the broad way of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass. (**Revelation 21:21**)
- Again, it is evident that the **ornaments** and adornment relate to spiritual qualities and blessings that result from God's approval and favor.
- By contrast, Babylon the Great, the symbolic woman committing fornication with the kings of the earth, decks herself with royal garb and **ornaments** and lives in shameless luxury, but is to be stripped of all her gorgeous finery, made naked, and destroyed.
- Her beauty is false, and she glorifies herself, hence her ornamentation does not represent divine blessing and favor but, rather, her own pretenses and the benefits her harlotlike course pays her in the way of power and wealth.
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a

wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. ([Revelation 17:3](#))

- And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had in her hand a golden cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. ([Revelation 17:4](#))
- And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. ([Revelation 17:5](#))
- And the ten horns that you saw, and the wild beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her devastated and naked, and will eat up her fleshy parts and will completely burn her with fire. ([Revelation 17:16](#))
- To the extent that she glorified herself and lived in shameless luxury, to that extent give her torment and mourning. For in her heart she keeps saying; I sit a queen, and I am no widow, and I shall never see mourning. ([Revelation 18:7](#))
- That is why in one day her plagues will come, death and mourning and famine, and she will be completely burned with fire, because Yehowah God, who judged her, is strong. ([Revelation 18:8](#))
- And the kings of the earth who committed fornication with her and lived in shameless luxury will weep and beat themselves in grief over her, when they look at the smoke from the burning of her. ([Revelation 18:9](#))
- While they stand at a distance because of their fear of her torment and say; Too bad, too bad, you great city, Babylon you strong city, because in one hour your judgment has arrived! ([Revelation 18:10](#))
- Also, the traveling merchants of the earth are weeping and mourning over her, because there is no one to buy their full stock anymore. ([Revelation 18:11](#))
- A full stock of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and everything in

scented wood and every sort of ivory object and every sort of object out of most precious wood and of copper and of iron and of marble. ([Revelation 18:12](#))

- Also cinnamon and Indian spice and incense and perfumed oil and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and horses and coaches and slaves and human souls. ([Revelation 18:13](#))
- Yes, the fine fruit that your soul desired has departed from you, and all the dainty things and the gorgeous things have perished from you, and never again will people find them. ([Revelation 18:14](#))
- The traveling merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of their fear of her torment and will weep and mourn. ([Revelation 18:15](#))
- Saying; Too bad, too bad, the great city, clothed with fine linen and purple and scarlet, and richly adorned with gold ornament and precious stone and pearl. ([Revelation 18:16](#))
- Because in one hour such great riches have been devastated! And every ship captain and every man that voyages anywhere, and sailors and all those who make a living by the sea, stood at a distance ([Revelation 18:17](#))
- And cried out as they looked at the smoke from the burning of her and said; What city is like the great city? ([Revelation 18:18](#))
- And they threw dust upon their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, and said; Too bad, too bad, the great city, in which all those having boats at sea became rich by reason of her costliness, because in one hour she has been devastated! ([Revelation 18:19](#))
- Be glad over her, O heaven, also you holy ones and you apostles and you prophets, because God has judicially exacted punishment for you from her! ([Revelation 18:20](#))

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