

God requires simplicity in Dress

Rev 14:6-8; 18:1-5 In Christ's final 13-fold message, we are warned of Babylon's fallen condition and God's people are called *out*.

Rev 17: 1-5 Babylon (fallen churches) is represented by a harlot dressed in jewelry and vain garments.

Rev 12: 1 Christ's church is represented by a pure woman clothed in heavenly light.

Ps 4:2 Vanity turns God's glory to shame and the heavenly light is hidden.

Gen 35:1-4 Jacob's family left the vain ornaments behind when they went to meet with God.

Ex 3:21, 22 When Israel left Egypt they asked jewelry, etc., of the Egyptians who had enslaved them

Ex 33: 1-6 In their pride they wore them, became vain and stubborn. God asked them to remove them.

Ex 35:21, 22 They donated them to build the sanctuary.

Judges 8:24 Ishmaelites, not Israelites, wore jewelry.

Eze 28:16,17 Satan, the covering cherub, was lifted up because of beauty. Vanity brought ruin to us all

Isa 53:1,2 Jesus wore no outward adornment to attract attention. His life had attracting power.

1 Tim 2:8-10; 1 Pe 3:1-4 Christians, even wives, are not to wear gold or pearls, including wedding rings.

"The Christian church adopted the wedding ring from the pagans of Italy." -- The Wedding Day in all Ages, by Wood.

John Henry Cardinal Newman in Development of Christian Doctrine, p. 373, says; "Incense, candles, holy water, images, ring in marriage, etc., were all of pagan origin."

Rev 18:1-8 "Come out of her my people." She is vain. She has exalted herself and hidden Jesus. Let us hide self and let Jesus be seen in our lives.