**Rashba, *Megillah* 12b, s.v. *bematnita tanna***

You are aware that the Bible always refers to the most important extremity of a thing as its head, and refers to its inferior extremity as its tail; and that this is found in the words of the Sages, of blessed memory, as well. This is because the head is the first and most significant part of every living creature, and the tail is the last and weakest extremity in species possessing a tail, and its function is limited. This is the meaning of the statement: "He will be the head, and you will be the tail,” which is translated as “He will be strong and you will be weak.” This is also the meaning of the statement: "Be the tail of lions, and not the head of foxes.” Out of total weakness and degeneration, it is said of them: “These two smoking tails of firebrands.” This term was further borrowed for anything useless which forms on a person, such as warts which grow on a person and become an appendage. As they state in BT Eruvin Chapter 2 [18a]: “And God transformed the *tzel’a*” – Rav and Samuel disagree: One says it means a face and the other says a tail, i.e. a limb having neither visage nor use. And flesh grew on [Vashti] like a large wart, as a punishment; and it was an object of ugliness and disgust in place of beauty. This is the ‘tail’ referred to here.