

Women

"It is as if Adam had exchanged a pot of earth for a precious jewel."

"God cursed women; yet all the world runs after her; he has cursed the ground, yet all the world lives of it!"

The 4 mothers...Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel were held in great honor and highly regarded.

Rabbis—

"If death hath snatched from thee the wife of youth,
It is as if the sacred city were,
And e'en the Temple, in thy pilgrim days,
Defiled, laid low, and levelled with the dust.
The man who harshly sends from him
His first-woo'd wife, the loving wife of youth,
For him the very altar of the Lord
Sheds forth its tears of bitter agony."

Rabbis—

"Whoever allows himself to be ruled by his wife, shall call out, and no one will make answer to him."

"Of all the qualities, those most desired in women were meekness, modesty, and shamefacedness—Brawling, gossip in the streets, and immodest behavior in public were sufficient grounds for divorce."

-Edersheim, *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*

"God, I thank you that you have not made me a thief, a gentile, or a woman.

Women generally not educated