

Arranged marriages were customary, and sons and daughters were. Genesis 30:20  
Genesis 34:12 Exodus 22:171 Samuel 18:25

## Mohar

A bridal payment, or a Mohar was made, whereby the groom bought his wife from her father. This was the amount that was negotiated for the bride.

Women were responsible for:

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## Dowry

A dowry was what was actually paid and or given to the bride's father.

It was then customary for the groom give the bride gifts, and she could bring certain property to her husband's home upon marriage: slaves, cattle, real estate, etc. (Gen. 24:59–61; 29; Judg. 1:14ff.; I Kings 9:16).

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### Regulations regarding Dowry:

- Sanctioned in the Law Exodus 22:17
- Specified amount Deuteronomy 22:29
- Sometimes given by Brides Father Joshua 15:16-19

Review the Instances of Dowry's and identify what they were:

- Abraham (Isaac) for Rebekah      Genesis 24:22-23      \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacob for Rachel                      Genesis 29:15-20      \_\_\_\_\_
- Shechem for Dinah                      Genesis 34:12              \_\_\_\_\_
- David for Michal                      1 Samuel 18:20-25      \_\_\_\_\_

## Bridal Adornments



When a young woman became engaged, she had a year to prepare herself for her wedding day. Matthew 25.

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The primary adornment was a strand of silver coins that hung across the brides forehead. (See Luke 15:8) **(Other words to study: Betrothal and Wedding Feast)**

## Burials

Burials never took place on a Sabbath or a Holy Day (John 11:39). When a loved one died, it was customary to grieve with emphasis. Deep mourning and lamenting were expected. Mourning was an expression of sorrow caused by:

- Death                      Gen 50:10      \_\_\_\_\_
- Defection                      1 Sam 15:35      \_\_\_\_\_

Disobedience      Ezra 9:4-7      \_\_\_\_\_

Defeat              Rev. 18:11      \_\_\_\_\_

Discouragement   Psalm 42:9      \_\_\_\_\_



Coffin



Burial Site



A grave that was used over and over and over



Grave where the stone could be rolled away

### Features of a burial and where you can find more information in the Bible

- Body Washed                      Acts 9:37      \_\_\_\_\_
- Ointment Used                      Matt 26:21      \_\_\_\_\_
- Embalm (sometimes)              Gen 50:26      \_\_\_\_\_
- Body wrapped                      John 11:44      \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Graves provided                      Gen 23:5-20      \_\_\_\_\_

- **(Other words to study: *Embalm background and origin or the first to practice it*)**