



RABBINIC AND NEW TESTAMENT VIEWS ON WOMEN

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A. Rabbinic Tradition

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3. The *Ketubah*
4. The Wife's Position and Her Dowry
5. A Man Without a Wife
6. Betrothal
7. A Talmudic Marriage

B. The New Testament

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B. The New Testament

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A. Rabbinic Tradition

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B. The New Testament

1. The Hillel-Shammai Debate
2. The Frequency of Divorce
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B. The New Testament

1. Separation of Sexes
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4. Religious Education
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A. Rabbinic Tradition

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B. The New Testament

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A. Rabbinic Tradition

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