



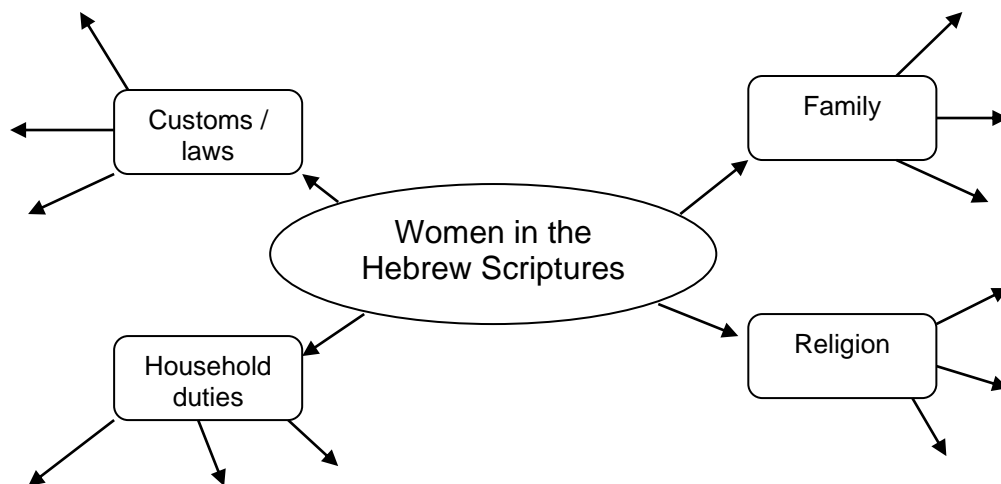
Status of Women in the Hebrew Scriptures

Women's behaviour was extremely limited in ancient times:

- Unmarried women were not allowed to leave the home of their father.
- Married women were not allowed to leave the home of their husband.
- They were normally restricted to roles of little or no authority.
- They could not testify in court.
- They could not appear in public venues.
- They were not allowed to talk to strangers.
- They had to be doubly veiled when they left their homes.

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Complete the mind map below showing the roles and responsibilities of women in the Hebrew Scriptures.



- Choose **one** of the four areas above.
- Use the Scriptures to help find out more about women's roles and responsibilities. Some examples:
 - ❖ Work of women (Proverbs 31:10-31)
 - ❖ Customs related to a Rite of Passage.
 - » (e.g. puberty & menstruation (Leviticus 15:19-30))
 - » childbearing (Leviticus 12:1-8)
- What is the place of women in the religious experience and religious history of the Hebrew People?