

CLOTHES OF THE WOMEN

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The woman did not dress like the man. She wore the same 3 garments but they were different.

The coat-tunic - The dress which you would see her wearing at home was always long - down to the ankles. The material was finely woven. It was lighter and softer than the material in a man's clothes. The coat was decorated with stitches of colored thread - yellows, reds, and greens. Quite frequently it had a decorated "bib!"

The sleeves were long and pointed. She tied these sleeves up when she was baking, weaving or grinding. She used them to carry fruits and veretable from the market.

A woman's girdle-sash was made with a larger piece of fine cloth. It was wider than a man's with more folds. It was made of various colors.

The woman always had a covering for her head. It seems to have been like a shawl. A cap of stiffer material was probably placed on the head first. A married woman had coins hanging across her forehead of this cap. Her father gave her these coins when she was married.

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We call this her dowry. If she had many coins this means she was valued by her father.

Over this stiffer "cap" a woman draped a soft material. This lay in gentle folds on her shoulders. It sometimes floated down even to the hem of her dress. It could be used



as a veil to cover her face. When Rebekah first saw Isaac she took a veil and covered herself. (Genesis 24:65)

Cloak - The cloak for a woman was more like a shawl that covered her head and reached to the ground. The cloak was decorated with colored stitches. It was made of beautiful wool or linen or silk. Even a poor woman might have a cloak made beautifully because she made it herself.

David said that King Saul had made it possible for the women of Israel to dress in fine clothes. He had "clothed you in scarlet with gold on your clothes." (II Samuel 1:24)