

GUEST LECTURE

The Side-Lining of the Pain of Women in the Hebrew Bible

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THE LECTURE

The relationship between pain and gender is currently one of the most debated topics in pain studies. Scholars have analysed the extent to which cultural constructions of gender impact experiences of physical suffering and how these experiences are represented in various historical and cultural contexts. Within biblical studies, however, the relationship between pain and gender has not been fully addressed. The present lecture aims to help fill this gap by showing that the patriarchal and androcentric society of ancient Israel resulted, among other things, in the marginalization of women's pain in the texts of the Hebrew Bible. The physical suffering of women, whether real women or literary constructions, remained largely unspoken, untold and therefore unheard.

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