Sexual assault is in the second row after homicide among the crimes committed towards humans in terms of the size of severity. What must the punishment be for the offender due to the physical and psychological trauma experienced by the victim? Throughout history, the answer to this question has been sought; and the issues like how to protect the offender of the sexual assault and how to resolve this emerging situation have been discussed. The male protectionist approach that continued from the Sumerians to Rome, from the Ottomans to the Republic of Turkey which included the actions like making the victim of the sexual assault marry the offender of the crime has been discussed in our review.

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