

~AUNT (46)

- The sister of one's mother or father, the wife of one's uncle. Only in the Hebrew Scriptures is this kinship mentioned. There, sexual intercourse with such a near relative as an aunt is classified as incest and is strictly forbidden under the Mosaic Law.
- The nakedness of your father's sister you must not lay bare. She is the blood relation of your father. (**Leviticus 18:12**)
- The nakedness of your mother's sister you must not lay bare, because she is a blood relation of your mother. (**Leviticus 18:13**)
- The nakedness of your father's brother you must not lay bare. You must not come near his wife. She is your **aunt**. (**Leviticus 18:14**)
- And the nakedness of your mother's sister and of your father's sister you must not lay bare, because it is his blood relation that one has exposed. They should answer for their error. (**Leviticus 20:19**)
- And a man who lies down with his uncle's wife has laid bare the nakedness of his uncle. They should answer for their sin. They should die childless. (**Leviticus 20:20**)
- Concerning Moses parents, the **Masoretic** text reads; Now Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as his wife.
- Now Amram took **Jochebed his father's sister as his wife**. Later she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of Amram's life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (**Exodus 6:20**)
- And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, Levis daughter, whom his wife bore to Levi in Egypt. In time she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam their sister. (**Numbers 26:59**)
- Such a marriage at that time was permissible, as it occurred over 80 years before the Law was given.

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