

~HIPS (134)

[Hebrew, *moth-na'yim*]

.. Figurative Usage

- The exterior lumbar region and small of the back. The Hebrew word *moth-na'yim* is generally translated hips or loins, although there is another Hebrew word that more specifically means loins.

See Also LOINS

- A belt was often worn at the **hips**, especially by the soldier, who slipped a sheathed sword or dagger under the belt or fastened the sword sheath to it.
- They were close by the great stone that is in Gibeon, and Amasa himself came to meet them. Now Joab was girded, clothed with a garment, and upon him there was girded a sword attached to his **hip**, in its sheath. And he himself came forth, and so it fell out. (2 Samuel 20:8)
- And the builders were girded, each one with his sword upon his hip, while building, and the one to blow the horn was alongside me. (Nehemiah 4:18)
- The secretary wore his inkhorn at the **hips**, placed under his belt or sash.
- And, look! There were six men coming from the direction of the upper gate that faces to the north, each one with his weapon for smashing in his hand, and there was one man in among them clothed with linen, with a secretary's inkhorn at his **hips**, and they proceeded to come in and stand beside the copper altar. (Ezekiel 9:2)
- Sackcloth was worn around the **hips** as a sign of mourning.
- With that Jacob ripped his mantles apart and put sackcloth upon his **hips** and carried on mourning over his son for many days. (Genesis 37:34)
- And I will turn your festivals into mourning and all your songs into a dirge, and I will bring up upon all **hips** sackcloth and upon

every head baldness, and I will make the situation like the mourning for an only son, and the end result of it as a bitter day. (Amos 8:10)

- Before engaging in any form of vigorous physical activity, a person would gird up his **hips**, often by pulling the ends of his loose, flowing garment between his legs and tucking those ends under his sash. The Israelites in Egypt ate the Passover with their hips girded, ready to march out of the land. Elijah was similarly prepared when he ran before Ahab's chariot.
- And in this way you should eat it, with your **hips** girded, sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, and you must eat it in haste. It is Yehowah's Passover. (Exodus 12:11)
- And the very hand of Yehowah proved to be upon Elijah, so that he girded up his **hips** and went running ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel. (1 Kings 18:46)

•• Figurative Usage

- The muscles in the area of the **hips** play a major part in picking up and carrying heavy loads, hence the appropriateness of the statement at;
- You have brought us into a hunting net. You have put pressure on our **hips**. (Psalms 66:11)
- You have put pressure on our **hips**. Strengthening the **hips** would denote getting ready to exert power, as for a fight.
- One that does a scattering has come up before your face. Let there be a safeguarding of the fortified place. Watch the way. Strengthen the **hips**. Reinforce power very much. (Nahum 2:1)
- The good wife is said to gird her **hips** with strength and invigorate her arms to carry out her multitudinous activities for the well-being of the household.
- She has girded her **hips** with strength, and she invigorates her arms. (Proverbs 31:17)

- Conversely, those who have been reduced to a weakened condition by fear, distress, or defeat are said to have wobbling, or shaking, **hips**.
- Let their eyes become darkened so as not to see, and cause their very **hips** to wobble constantly. (**Psalms 69:23**)
- And as for you, O son of man, sigh with shaking **hips**. Even with bitterness you should sigh before their eyes. (**Ezekiel 21:6**)
- When they took hold of you by the hand, you got to be crushed, and you caused a split in their entire shoulder. And when they supported themselves upon you, you got to be broken, and you caused all their **hips** to wobble. (**Ezekiel 29:7**)
- To ungird the **hips** of kings means to take away their strength.
- This is what Yehowah has said to his anointed one, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have taken hold of, to subdue before him nations, so that I may ungird even the **hips** of kings, to open before him the two-leaved doors, so that even the gates will not be shut. (**Isaiah 45:1**)
- Yehowah spoke of the houses of Israel and Judah as having been like a belt on his **hips**, so closely had he held them to himself, in order, that they might become to him a praise and something beautiful.
- For just as a belt clings to the **hips** of a man, so I caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling even to me, is the utterance of Yehowah, in order to become to me a people and a name and a praise and something beautiful, but they did not obey. (**Jeremiah 13:11**)
- Jesus Christ is prophetically pictured as reigning with righteousness as the belt of his **hips** and faithfulness as the belt of his loins. This may refer to the fact that all the active powers of Jesus Christ adhere unchangeably to righteousness and faithfulness. Like a belt that provides support, the moral quality of righteousness strengthens him in acting as Yehowah's appointed Judge.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And righteousness must prove to be the belt of his **hips**, and

faithfulness the belt of his loins. (Isaiah 11:5)