

## Doctrine of Incest

1. Biblical incest is properly defined as sexual intercourse with a person forbidden by the Levitical law.
2. Prior to the Law, cohabitation between direct descendants provided for the population of the world and answers the question, "Where did Cain get his wife?" Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters who mated.
  - *Genesis 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters.*
3. The Levitical Law was designed to distinguish the sexuality of the children of Abraham from the sexual practices of the Egyptians and the Canaanites.
4. The principle of separation.
  - *Leviticus 18:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God. 3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.*
5. The promise of life for gospel obedience
  - *Leviticus 18:4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. 5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord. 6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the Lord.*

### First

6. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with the mother upon penalty of death for both.
  - *Leviticus 18:7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.*

### Second

7. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with the step-mother upon penalty of death for both.
  - *Leviticus 18:8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.*

### Third

8. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with his sister or half-sister upon penalty of being cut off from society.
- *Leviticus 18:9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.*

### Fourth

9. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with a granddaughter, the daughter of either son or daughter.
- *Leviticus 18:10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.*

### Fifth

10. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with the daughter of a stepmother.
- *Leviticus 18:11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.*

### Sixth

11. A person was not to have a Sexual Relationship with an aunt, the sister of either father or mother.
- *Leviticus 18:12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. 13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman.*

### Seventh

12. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with the wife of an uncle on the father's side.
- *Leviticus 18:14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother; thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.*

### Eighth

13. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with the daughter-in-law.
- *Leviticus 18:15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.*

### Ninth

14. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with a sister-in-law, or brother's wife.

- *Leviticus 18:16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.*

### Tenth

15. A person was not to have a sexual relationship with a woman and her daughter, or a woman and her granddaughter.

- *Leviticus 18:17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.*

### Eleventh

16. A person was not to have a sexual Relationship with the Sister of a Living Wife in order to form a Rivalry.

17. Severe penalties were imposed for those who engage in incestuous acts ranging from being cut off from society and dying childless.

- *Leviticus 20:11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.*
- *Leviticus 18:18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex [trouble or rival] her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.*
- *Leviticus 20:14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.*
- *Leviticus 20:17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.*
- *Leviticus 20:19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. 20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.*