

# Numbers 12

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## **Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses**

<sup>1</sup> And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

<sup>2</sup> And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

<sup>3</sup> (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

<sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

<sup>6</sup> And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

<sup>7</sup> My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

<sup>8</sup> With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

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## **Miriam's Leprosy**

<sup>9</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

**10** And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

**11** And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

**12** Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

**13** And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

**14** And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

**15** And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

**16** And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Faith** — אֱמוּנָה (Emunah)

Faithfulness, trust

The Hebrew **emunah** (אֱמוּנָה) encompasses both faith and faithfulness—trusting God and being trustworthy. It implies steadfast reliability, as in 'The just shall live by his faith' (Habakkuk 2:4).

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### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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**Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

**Prophet** — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

**Sin** — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Numbers 12:1**

**References Moses:** Exodus 2:21. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 24:3; 24:37; 27:46; Galatians 4:16

**Numbers 12:2** **References Lord:** Numbers 11:1; 11:29; 16:3; 2 Samuel 11:27; 2 Kings 19:4; Isaiah 37:4. **References Moses:** Micah 6:4. **Parallel theme:** Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 5:5

**Numbers 12:3**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 147:6; 149:4; Matthew 5:5; 11:29; 21:5; 2 Corinthians 10:1; 11:5; 12:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; James 3:13

**Numbers 12:4** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 76:9

**Numbers 12:5** **References Lord:** Numbers 11:25; Exodus 34:5

**Numbers 12:6** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 46:2; Psalms 89:19; Ezekiel 1:1; Daniel 8:2; 10:8; Luke 1:22; Acts 10:11. **References Lord:** 1 Kings 3:5; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:11

**Numbers 12:7** **References Moses:** Joshua 1:1; Psalms 105:26. **Faith:** 1 Corinthians 4:2. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:11

**Numbers 12:8** **References Lord:** Exodus 33:11; Deuteronomy 34:10; John 15:15; 2 Corinthians 3:18. **Darkness:** 1 Corinthians 13:12. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 33:23; Isaiah 46:5; Luke 10:16; 1 Timothy 6:16; 2 Peter 2:10

**Numbers 12:10** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 24:9; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5

**Numbers 12:11** **Sin:** 2 Samuel 19:19; 24:10. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 30:32

**Numbers 12:13** **Parallel theme:** Luke 6:28; Romans 12:21. **References Lord:** James 5:15

**Numbers 12:14** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 25:9; Job 30:10; Isaiah 50:6

**Numbers 12:15** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:32; Micah 6:4; Habakkuk 3:2

**Numbers 12:16** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 10:12; 11:35; 33:18

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