

Question 1448) - Does the shari'ah set a limit for the amount of wives one may marry?

A: Yes, a free man can have a maximum of four free or slave women as his wives at a given moment. If he divorces any and her 'iddah is complete or any die, then he may marry another. A slave however cannot have more than two wives at a time. A woman cannot marry a man besides the man in whose marriage she is, until he divorces her or dies and she completes her 'iddah. This is because it is Haram for a woman to be married to two men at the same time.

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