THE QUESTION

Did baptism wash away the sin of divorce and remarriage for new converts?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Yes. The early writers taught that baptism washed away all sins committed before it, adultery included, for those who repented. But they also called marrying a divorced person while the first spouse lived adultery, and they expected the forgiven convert to stop sinning. The passages do not record exactly how a remarried convert's case was handled.

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Baptism forgives sins committed before it

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Justin explains that in baptism a person receives forgiveness for sins already committed. He ties this to the person choosing new birth and having repented, not to the water alone.

1

> “Since at birth we were born without our own knowledge or choice, due to our parents coming together, and were raised with bad habits and wicked training; so that we may not remain children of necessity and ignorance, but may become children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission of sins previously committed, the name of God the Father and Lord of the universe is pronounced over the one who chooses to be born again and has repented of sins.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 8, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Even fornicators and adulterers come up clean

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Teaching people preparing for baptism, Chrysostom says no sin is too great for the washing. He lists sexual sins by name and uses Paul's words to the Corinthians to show that such people were washed, made holy and made just.

2

> “And if any man is effeminate, or a fornicator, or an idolator, or a doer of whatever evil you please, or if he is full of all the wickedness there is among men, if he falls into this pool of waters, he comes up again from the divine fountain purer than the sun's rays.”

later in the same passage

> “We promise to show you that those who approach the laver become clean from all fornication.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Instructions to Catechumens* 1 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 39, page 8** Read it in the library ›

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Forgiven converts must not keep on sinning

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Hermas and Clement agree that baptism forgives the sins of the old pagan life, but the forgiven person is now expected to live in purity. Forgiveness is a fresh start, not permission to continue.

3 “For the person who has received forgiveness of sins ought not to sin anymore, but to live in purity.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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4 “For besides the first and only repentance from sins, which is from the sins of the former life, the first pagan life, that is, sins done in ignorance, there is also immediately set before those who have been called a repentance that cleanses the seat of the soul from transgressions, so that faith may be firmly established.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 2.13 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Marrying a divorced person was called adultery

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Chrysostom says a divorced wife still belongs to her first husband, so the man who marries her commits adultery. Tertullian reads Christ the same way: by making it unlawful to marry a woman who was put away, Christ forbids divorce.

5 “Even when she has been cast out, she still remains the wife of the man who drove her away.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Matthew* 17 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 40, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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6 “To forbid divorce, He makes it unlawful to marry a woman who has been put away.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Marcion* 34 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 19, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Hermas allowed separation but not a new marriage

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Hermas says a husband whose wife keeps on in adultery should put her away. But he must stay unmarried, because marrying another would make him an adulterer too.

7 “The husband should put her away, and remain by himself. But if he puts his wife away and marries another, he also commits adultery."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD)
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Church rules suspended members who remarried this way

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Apostolic Constitutions set a rule for church members: a layman who divorces and remarries, or marries a divorced woman, is to be suspended. This shows how seriously the churches took such unions among the baptized.

8 “If a layman divorces his own wife and takes another wife, or takes a woman divorced by another man, let him be suspended.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD)
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Source 32, page 8 Read it in the library ›

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Gentiles were welcomed to hear, then baptized

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The same book says Gentiles who repent are not shut out from life. They were let into church to hear the word, but shared in communion only after baptism. Repentance and a changed life came before full fellowship.

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9 “In the same way, life is not denied to the Gentiles if they repent and cast away their unbelief.”

later in the same passage

“But if he afterward repents and turns from his error, then, just as we receive the Gentiles, when they wish to repent, into the Church indeed to hear the word, but do not receive them to communion until they have received the seal of baptism and are made complete Christians, so we also permit such people to enter only to hear, until they show the fruit of repentance.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 31, page 8** Read it in the library ›

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Going back to old sins brings worse judgment

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Chrysostom warns that some people, freed from their former sins at baptism, quickly return to them. He says this offends the Judge more and brings a harsher punishment than before.

10 “Therefore many, after they have received it, immediately return to their former filth, become more wicked, and bring on themselves a harsher punishment.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Acts* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 36, page 8** Read it in the library ›

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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- No passage here describes a divorced and remarried Gentile asking for baptism or says what the church required of that person.
- These passages do not say whether such a convert had to leave a second marriage before or after baptism.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 44 early Christian passages and 528 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–44, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 45–391, in Bible order), then 181 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *44 passages from 15 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–4*

1 *Shepherd* **Quote 7, page 4** "he said to me, "As long as he remains ignorant of her sin, the husband commits no transgression in living with her… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Shepherd* **Quote 3, page 3** "except the one that happens when we go down into the water and receive forgiveness of our former sins." He said to me, "What you heard was sound teaching, for… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Shepherd* (on point 3) "your former sins will be forgiven, if you keep my commandments… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Shepherd* (on point 3) "when the Lord saw that their repentance was good and pure, and that they were able to remain in it, He ordered their former… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 5–11*

5 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 7) "the Gentiles, who have believed on Him, and have repented of the sins which they have committed, they shall receive the inheritance along with the patriarchs and the prophets, and… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Second Apology* a wife with a husband who sought pleasure in ways contrary to natural and moral law and wanted a divorce. Though persuaded by friends to stay with him, believing he… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) "any adulterer, let him repent; then he has kept the sweet and true sabbaths of God… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *First Apology* **Quote 1, page 2** "and ignorance, but may become children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission of sins previously committed, the name of God the Father and Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) "indeed, you repent of your sins, and recognise Him to be Christ, and observe His commandments, then you may assert this… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 1) due to the sins of God's people, as Isaiah declares, we have believed and testify that this very baptism he spoke of is the only thing that can purify… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) "therefore, and be now clean, and put away iniquity from your souls, as God bids you be washed in this laver, and be circumcised with the true circumcision… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 12*

12 *Diatessaron* 25 (on point 4) "his custom. The Pharisees came to him to test him, and they asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He said, "What did Moses command… [continues online] **read ›**

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Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · sources 13–14*

13 *To Autolycus* 13 (on point 4) “looks at a woman who is not his own wife, in order to lust after her, has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:28 And, the… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *To Autolycus* 16 (on point 1) “that human beings are meant to receive repentance and forgiveness of sins through the water and washing of regeneration—as many as come to the truth, are born again, and… [continues online] **read ›**

Athenagoras, *c. 170–190 AD · source 15*

15 *A Plea for the Christians* 33 (on point 4) “a second marriage is only a specious adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 16*

16 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (on point 8) desires? Truly, the death of the Lord became a means of healing and forgiveness of sins for the former, but Christ will not die again for those who commit sins… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Stromata* 2.13 (1885 English; on point 3) “then, who from among the Gentiles and from that old life has betaken himself to faith, has obtained forgiveness of sins once… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Stromata* 2.13 (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “in addition to the first and only repentance from sins (this is from the previous sins in the first and heathen life — I mean that in ignorance), there is immediately… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 19–23*

19 *Against Marcion* 34 **Quote 6, page 3** “19:4, 6 Now by this answer of His to the Pharisees, He both sanctioned the provision of Moses, who was His own servant… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Against Marcion* 11 (1885 English) “death or divorce does he reserve baptism… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Against Marcion* 29 (1885 English) “flesh is not, according to Marcion, immersed in the water of the sacrament, unless it be in virginity, widowhood, or celibacy, or has purchased by divorce a title to baptism… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *To His Wife* 2.1 (1885 English) “hereto by the examples of certain, who, when an opportunity for the practice of continence has been offered them, by divorce, or by the decease of the husband, have not… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *On Monogamy* 9 (on point 4) already joined in the same flesh, He has given His seal to the union. Adultery is this: when, after the two have been disjoined in whatever way, other—no, rather… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 24*

24 *Discourse on the Holy Theophany* 1 “O Lord, baptize with the baptism of repentance, and I cannot baptize those who come to me unless they first confess fully their sins… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 25–28*

25 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 4) “him. For if, while her husband is living, "she will be called an adulteress if she is joined to another man," as Romans 7:3 says, then when he puts… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Commentary on John* 6 (on point 1) repentance,” teaching that the benefit of baptism is connected with the intention of the person baptized. To him who repents it is salutary, but to him who comes to it… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 4) “now, contrary to what was written, some even of the rulers of… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (1885 English; on point 4) “whichever of these things may happen, whether the former or the latter to the wife, the former husband, it says, who sent her away, will not he able to turn… [continues online] **read ›**

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Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 29–30*

29 *Epistles* (on point 1) Since in baptism each person has his own sins forgiven, the Lord proves and declares in His Gospel that sins can be taken away only by those who have the… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 3) “because in baptism remission of sins is granted once for all, constant and ceaseless labour, following the likeness of baptism, once again bestows the mercy of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 31–32*

31 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 5** “do we also permit such as these to enter only to hear, until they show the fruit of repentance, that by hearing the word they may not utterly and irrecoverably… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 8, page 4** “If a layman divorces his own wife and… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · sources 33–34*

33 *Writings* (on point 1) “baptism, the coarse dress of your birth is washed… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Writings* (on point 8) “by example, do not sin gravely. Translated by the laver, rather have charity… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 35*

35 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 1) “said: "Is baptism, then, given on account of the remission of sins… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 36–44*

36 *Homilies on Acts* **Quote 10, page 5** “before we received it. Therefore many, after they have received it, immediately return to their former filth, become more wicked, and bring on themselves a harsher punishment. After being set… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Homilies on John* 63 (1885 English; on point 4) “if it is not permitted one who has put away and cast out his own wife to mingle with another, (for this is adultery,) how great evil does he commit… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Homilies on Ephesians* 4 (1885 English; on point 1) “does away iniquity here, both by the laver of Baptism, and by penitence… [continues online] **read ›**

39 *Instructions to Catechumens* 1 **Quote 2, page 2** “for what reason, someone says, if the laver takes away all our sins, is it called, not a laver of remission of sins, nor a laver of cleansing, but a… [continues online] **read ›**

40 *Homilies on Matthew* 17 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “He that puts away his wife, says He, causes her to commit adultery, and he that marries a woman put away, commits adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

41 *Instructions to Catechumens* 1 (on point 2) bears. For its name is not one, but very many and various. This purification is called the laver of regeneration. "He saved us," he says, "through the laver of regeneration… [continues online] **read ›**

42 *Homilies on First Thessalonians* (1885 English; on point 4) “it is said, Every one that puts away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, makes her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *Homilies on First Corinthians* 7 (1885 English; on point 1) “forgiveness of sins and the laver of regeneration… [continues online] **read ›**

44 *Homilies on Matthew* 10 (on point 1) only reason, how does Luke say that John "came into the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins"? Luke 3:3 And yet… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *347 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

45 **Genesis 2:24** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. **read ›**

46 **Genesis 12:19** Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, look, your wife is before you. Take her and hurry away.” **read ›**

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47 **Genesis 25:1** Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. **read ›**

48 **Genesis 38:19** Then she arose and went away, took off her veil, and put on her widow's garments. **read ›**

49 **Exodus 2:1** Now there was a certain man of the tribe of Levi, who took one of the daughters of Levi as his wife. **read ›**

50 **Exodus 10:17** Now therefore forgive my sin this once more, and pray to the Lord your God, and let him take this death away from me." **read ›**

51 **Exodus 12:48** And if a resident foreigner comes to you to keep the Passover to the Lord, you shall circumcise every male belonging to him, and then he shall come near to keep it; and he shall be like the native-born of the land. No uncircumcised person shall eat of it. **read ›**

52 **Exodus 18:2** Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after she had been sent away, **read ›**

53 **Exodus 20:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

54 **Exodus 20:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

55 **Exodus 21:3** If he came in alone, he shall also go out alone; but if a wife came in with him, his wife also shall go out. **read ›**

56 **Exodus 21:4** And if his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and the children shall be his master's, and he shall go out alone. **read ›**

57 **Exodus 21:10** And if he takes another wife for himself, he shall not deprive her of her necessities, her clothing, and her companionship. **read ›**

58 **Leviticus 5:5** then he shall confess the sin concerning the things in which he has sinned by that sin. **read ›**

59 **Leviticus 5:18** then he shall bring an unblemished ram from the sheep, valued in silver, as a guilt offering to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his ignorance in which he was ignorant, though he himself did not know it; and it shall be forgiven him. **read ›**

60 **Leviticus 8:6** Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons near and washed them with water. **read ›**

61 **Leviticus 10:10** to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, **read ›**

62 **Leviticus 15:8** If the man with the discharge spits on one who is clean, that one shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. **read ›**

63 **Leviticus 15:18** If a man lies with a woman and seed comes out, they shall both bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. **read ›**

64 **Leviticus 16:24** He shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garment; then he shall go out and offer his whole burnt offering and the whole burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself, for his house, and for the people, as for the priests. **read ›**

65 **Leviticus 16:26** The one who sends away the goat that was set apart for release shall wash his garments and bathe his body in water, and after that he may come into the camp. **read ›**

66 **Leviticus 18:18** You shall not take a woman in addition to her sister as a rival, to uncover her nakedness beside her, while her sister is still living. **read ›**

67 **Leviticus 19:22** The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the Lord for the sin that he sinned, and the sin that he sinned shall be forgiven him. **read ›**

68 **Leviticus 20:21** If anyone takes his brother's wife, it is uncleanness; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall die childless. **read ›**

69 **Leviticus 21:7** They shall not take a woman who is a prostitute and profaned, nor a woman cast out by her husband, for he is holy to the Lord his God. **read ›**

70 **Leviticus 21:14** A widow, a woman cast out, a profaned woman, or a prostitute, these he shall not take; but he shall take as his wife a virgin of his own people. **read ›**

71 **Leviticus 22:6** the person who touches any of these shall be unclean until evening. He shall not eat of the holy things unless he washes his body with water; **read ›**

72 **Leviticus 22:13** But if the daughter of a priest becomes a widow or is cast out, and has no seed, she shall return to her father's house as in her youth; she shall eat of her father's bread. But no stranger shall eat of it. **read ›**

73 **Leviticus 26:40** Then they shall confess their sins and the sins of their fathers, that they transgressed and disregarded me, and that they walked contrary before me, **read ›**

74 **Numbers 5:7** shall confess the sin that he has committed, and shall repay what he owes for the wrong: he shall repay the principal and add its fifth part to it, and shall repay it to the one against whom he trespassed. **read ›**

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75 **Numbers 5:19** Then the priest shall put her under oath and say to the woman, ‘If no one has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to be defiled while under your own husband, be free from this water of proof that brings the curse. **read ›**

76 **Numbers 5:31** then the man shall be free from sin, and that woman shall bear her sin.” **read ›**

77 **Numbers 7:16** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

78 **Numbers 7:22** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

79 **Numbers 7:28** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

80 **Numbers 7:34** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

81 **Numbers 7:40** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

82 **Numbers 7:46** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

83 **Numbers 7:52** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

84 **Numbers 7:58** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

85 **Numbers 7:64** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

86 **Numbers 7:70** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

87 **Numbers 7:76** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

88 **Numbers 7:82** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

89 **Numbers 8:7** And thus you shall perform their purification: you shall sprinkle them with water of purification, and a razor shall pass over their whole body, and they shall wash their garments and be clean. **read ›**

90 **Numbers 8:21** And the Levites purified themselves and washed their garments; and Aaron gave them as a gift before the Lord, and Aaron made atonement for them to purify them. **read ›**

91 **Numbers 14:18** ‘The Lord is long-suffering, great in mercy, and true, taking away lawlessness and unrighteousness and sins; yet he will by no means acquit the guilty, repaying the sins of fathers upon children to the third and fourth generation.’ **read ›**

92 **Numbers 14:19** Forgive the sin of this people according to your great mercy, just as you have been gracious to them from Egypt until now.” **read ›**

93 **Numbers 19:19** And the clean man shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day, and he shall be purified on the seventh day; and he shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and he shall be unclean until evening. **read ›**

94 **Numbers 19:20** But the man who is defiled and does not purify himself, that person shall be utterly destroyed from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the holy place of the Lord, because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled on him; he is unclean. **read ›**

95 **Numbers 28:30** for a sin offering, to make atonement for you, besides the continual whole burnt offering; and **read ›**

96 **Numbers 30:9** The vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, whatever she vows concerning her soul, shall remain on her. (Septuagint Numbers 30:10 (Numbers 30:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

97 **Numbers 30:10** If her vow is in her husband’s house, or the obligation on her soul with an oath, (Septuagint Numbers 30:11 (Numbers 30:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

98 **Numbers 30:16** These are the ordinances that the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father’s house. (Septuagint Numbers 30:17 (Numbers 30:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

99 **Numbers 31:23** everything that passes through fire shall be clean; yet it shall be purified with the water of purification. And whatever does not pass through fire shall pass through water. **read ›**

100 **Numbers 36:12** they became wives from the clan of Manasseh, of the sons of Joseph; and their inheritance came to the tribe of the clan of their father. **read ›**

101 **Deuteronomy 5:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **Deuteronomy 20:7** And what man is there who has become engaged to a woman and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the war and another man take her.” **read ›**

103 **Deuteronomy 21:11** and you see among the plunder a woman beautiful in appearance, and you desire her and take her as your wife, **read ›**

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104 **Deuteronomy 21:13** and take off from her the garments of her captivity; and she shall stay in your house and mourn her father and mother a full month. After that you may go in to her and live with her, and she shall be your wife. **read ›**

105 **Deuteronomy 22:13** If any man takes a wife and lives with her, and then hates her, **read ›**

106 **Deuteronomy 23:2** One born of a prostitute shall not enter the assembly of the Lord. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:3 (Deuteronomy 23:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

107 **Deuteronomy 23:3** An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation he shall not enter the assembly of the Lord, even forever, (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:4 (Deuteronomy 23:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

108 **Deuteronomy 23:8** If sons are born to them, in the third generation they may enter the assembly of the Lord. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:9 (Deuteronomy 23:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

109 **Deuteronomy 23:9** When you go out to encamp against your enemies, you shall keep yourself from every evil thing. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:10 (Deuteronomy 23:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

110 **Deuteronomy 23:11** And toward evening he shall wash his body with water, and when the sun has set he may come into the camp. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:12 (Deuteronomy 23:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

111 **Deuteronomy 24:1** If anyone takes a wife and lives with her, and it comes about that she does not find favor in his eyes because he has found some indecent thing in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hands, and sends her out of his house, **read ›**

112 **Deuteronomy 24:2** and she goes away and becomes another man's wife, **read ›**

113 **Deuteronomy 24:3** and the latter husband hates her, writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hands, and sends her out of his house, and the latter husband who took her as his wife dies, **read ›**

114 **Deuteronomy 24:4** the former husband who sent her away may not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord your God; and you shall not defile the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance. **read ›**

115 **Deuteronomy 24:5** If a man has newly taken a wife, he shall not go out to war, and no duty shall be laid on him; he shall be free at home for one year and shall cheer the wife whom he has taken. **read ›**

116 **Deuteronomy 25:5** If brothers live together, and one of them dies and has no seed, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a man who is not a close relative. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and live with her. **read ›**

117 **Deuteronomy 25:7** But if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife, then the woman shall go up to the gate, to the elders, and say, "My husband's brother refuses to raise up his brother's name in Israel; my husband's brother would not." **read ›**

118 **Deuteronomy 28:30** You shall take a wife, and another man shall have her; you shall build a house, and you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, and you shall by no means gather its grapes. **read ›**

119 **Joshua 5:4** And this is the way Jesus purified the children of Israel: all who had been born on the way, and all who were uncircumcised of those who had come out of Egypt— **read ›**

120 **Joshua 23:12** For if you turn away and join yourselves to these nations that are left among you, and make marriages with them, and mingle with them and they with you, **read ›**

121 **Judges 2:17** for they prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them; they turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the words of the Lord; they did not do so. **read ›**

122 **Judges 21:7** What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the Lord not to give them any of our daughters as wives?" **read ›**

123 **Judges 21:16** Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women have been destroyed out of Benjamin?" **read ›**

124 **Ruth 4:10** Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I have bought for myself as a wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance; and the name of the dead shall not be utterly destroyed from among his brothers and from the tribe of his people. You are witnesses this day." **read ›**

125 **1 Samuel 2:25** If a man surely sins against a man, then they will pray for him to the Lord; but if he sins against the Lord, who will pray for him?" But they did not listen to the voice of their father, for the Lord surely willed to destroy them. **read ›**

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126 **1 Samuel 15:25** Now, please take away my sin, and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God." **read ›**

127 **2 Samuel 13:17** He called his young man who was in charge of the house and said to him, "Put this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her." **read ›**

128 **2 Samuel 20:3** David came to his house at Jerusalem, and the king took the ten women, his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in a house under guard and provided for them, but he did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as widows. **read ›**

129 **2 Chronicles 30:19** "May the good Lord be merciful toward every heart that is directed to seek the Lord God of their fathers, though not according to the purity of the sanctuary." **read ›**

130 **Ezra 4:20** And mighty kings have been in Jerusalem, ruling over all the land beyond the River, and full tribute and a share were given to them. **read ›**

131 **Ezra 4:21** Now therefore issue a decree to stop those men, and that city shall not be built again; **read ›**

132 **Ezra 9:7** From the days of our fathers we have been in great trespass until this day; and for our acts of lawlessness we, our kings, and our sons have been handed over into the hand of the kings of the nations, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to the shame of our faces, as it is this day. **read ›**

133 **Ezra 9:9** For we are slaves; yet in our slavery the Lord our God has not forsaken us, but has extended mercy to us before the kings of the Persians, to give us reviving, so that they might raise up the house of our God and restore its desolate places, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem. **read ›**

134 **Ezra 10:19** They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and they offered a ram of the flock as a guilt offering for their trespass. **read ›**

135 **Ezra 10:44** All these had taken foreign wives, and they had fathered sons by them. **read ›**

136 **Nehemiah 9:2** The children of Israel separated themselves from every foreigner, and they stood and confessed their sins and the acts of lawlessness of their fathers. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 19:2 (Nehemiah 9:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

137 **Nehemiah 9:14** You made known to them your holy Sabbath, and you charged them with commandments, statutes, and a law by the hand of Moses your slave. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 19:14 (Nehemiah 9:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

138 **Nehemiah 10:3** Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:4 (Nehemiah 10:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

139 **Nehemiah 10:11** Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:12 (Nehemiah 10:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

140 **Nehemiah 10:19** Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:20 (Nehemiah 10:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

141 **Nehemiah 13:3** And when they heard the law, everyone of mixed descent in Israel was separated. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 23:3 (Nehemiah 13:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

142 **Job 10:3** Is it good for you if I do wrong? For you have rejected the works of your hands, and paid attention to the counsel of the ungodly. **read ›**

143 **Job 16:22** But numbered years have come, and I shall go on a way by which I shall not return. **read ›**

144 **Job 31:10** then let my wife also please another, and let my infants be humbled. **read ›**

145 **Psalms 3:8** Salvation is the Lord's, and your blessing is upon your people. (Septuagint Psalm 3:9 (Psalm 3:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

146 **Psalms 11:3** For what you fashioned they have torn down; but what has the righteous one done? (Septuagint Psalm 10:3 (Psalm 11:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

147 **Psalms 13:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

148 **Psalms 32:1** Of understanding, of David. Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Septuagint Psalm 31:1 (Psalm 32:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

149 **Psalms 32:5** I made my sin known, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my iniquity against myself to the Lord"; and you forgave the ungodliness of my heart. Pause. (Septuagint Psalm 31:5 (Psalm 32:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

150 **Psalms 51:2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. (Septuagint Psalm 50:4 (Psalm 51:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

151 **Psalms 51:7** You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; you will wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Septuagint Psalm 50:9 (Psalm 51:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

152 **Proverbs 1:15** do not walk in the way with them, but turn your foot aside from their paths. **read ›**

153 **Proverbs 5:23** Such a man dies with the untaught; he is cast out from the abundance of his own livelihood, and he has perished through foolishness. **read ›**

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154 **Proverbs 8:29** and when he made strong the foundations of the earth, **read ›**

155 **Proverbs 14:19** The evil will fall before the good, and the ungodly will wait at the doors of the righteous. **read ›**

156 **Proverbs 28:13** He who covers his own ungodliness will not prosper, but he who sets forth rebukes will be loved. **read ›**

157 **Ecclesiastes 6:4** For the untimely birth came in vanity and goes in darkness, and its name will be covered in darkness. **read ›**

158 **Ecclesiastes 6:6** And though he has lived through the circuits of a thousand years and has not seen goodness, do not all go to one place? **read ›**

159 **Ecclesiastes 6:9** Better is the sight of the eyes than wandering of the soul. This also is vanity and a choosing of the wind. **read ›**

160 **Ecclesiastes 8:4** as a king who has power; and who will say to him, “What are you doing?” **read ›**

161 **Ecclesiastes 9:15** and he should find in it a poor wise man, and that man should save the city by his wisdom; yet no one remembered that poor man. **read ›**

162 **Ecclesiastes 12:3** in the day when the keepers of the house are shaken, and the men of strength are bent, and the grinding women cease because they have grown few, and the women who look out through the openings grow dark; **read ›**

163 **Song of Solomon 3:4** Scarcely had I passed from them when I found him whom my soul has loved. I held him and did not let him go, until I brought him into my mother’s house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me. **read ›**

164 **Song of Solomon 3:7** Behold, Solomon’s couch; sixty mighty men are all around it, of the mighty men of Israel. **read ›**

165 **Isaiah 1:18** And come, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like crimson, I will make them white as snow; and though they are like scarlet, I will make them white as wool. **read ›**

166 **Isaiah 44:22** For behold, I have wiped away your iniquities like a cloud, and your sin like thick darkness. Return to me, and I will redeem you. **read ›**

167 **Jeremiah 3:1** If a man sends away his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man’s, will she ever return to him again? Will not that woman be utterly defiled? And you have prostituted yourself with many shepherds, and you were returning to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

168 **Jeremiah 3:8** And I saw that, for all the things in which she was caught, in which the household of Israel committed adultery, I sent her away and gave her a bill of divorce into her hands; yet faithless Judah did not fear, but went, and she too prostituted herself; **read ›**

169 **Jeremiah 5:7** For which of these things shall I be gracious to you? Your sons have forsaken me, and have sworn by those that are not gods; and I fed them to the full, and they committed adultery and stayed in prostitutes’ houses. **read ›**

170 **Jeremiah 18:13** Therefore thus says the Lord: Ask now among the nations, who has heard such very dreadful things as the virgin of Israel has done? **read ›**

171 **Jeremiah 33:8** And I will cleanse them from all their unrighteous deeds by which they sinned against me, and I will never remember their sins by which they sinned against me and turned away from me. (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:8 (Jeremiah 33:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

172 **Jeremiah 50:4** In those days and at that time, the children of Israel will come, they and the children of Judah together; they will go walking and weeping, seeking the Lord their God. (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:4 (Jeremiah 50:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

173 **Lamentations 1:7** Zain. Jerusalem remembered the days of her humiliation and of her rejection, all her desirable things that were from days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the oppressor, and there was none to help her; her enemies saw it and laughed at her dwelling. **read ›**

174 **Ezekiel 23:37** For they committed adultery, and blood is on their hands; they committed adultery with their imaginations, and their children whom they bore to me they made pass through the fire to them. **read ›**

175 **Ezekiel 31:10** Therefore thus says the Lord: Because you became great in stature, and set your top among the clouds, and I saw it when it was exalted, **read ›**

176 **Ezekiel 35:6** therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, surely you have sinned to the point of blood, and blood shall pursue you. **read ›**

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177 **Ezekiel 44:22** And they shall not take for themselves as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but a virgin of the seed of Israel; and if there is a widow left by a priest, they may take her. **read ›**

178 **Jonah 2:4** And I said, 'I have been driven away from your sight; shall I ever look again toward your holy temple?' (Septuagint Jonah 2:5 (Jonah 2:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

179 **Jonah 2:9** But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of praise and thanksgiving; all that I have vowed I will pay to you, the Lord of salvation." (Septuagint Jonah 2:10 (Jonah 2:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

180 **Malachi 2:15** And did he not do good? And a remnant of his spirit. And you said, "What else does God seek but seed?" So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not forsake the wife of your youth. **read ›**

181 **Malachi 2:16** But if, hating her, you send her away, says the Lord God of Israel, then ungodliness will cover your thoughts, says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and never forsake— **read ›**

182 **1 Esdras 4:20** A man leaves his own father who brought him up, and his own country, and clings to his own wife, **read ›**

183 **1 Esdras 4:21** and with his wife he spends his life, and remembers neither father nor mother nor country. **read ›**

184 **1 Esdras 4:25** And a man loves his own wife more than father and mother. **read ›**

185 **1 Esdras 8:69** "The nation of Israel, the rulers, the priests, and the Levites have not separated from themselves the foreign nations of the land and their uncleannesses, from the Gentiles: the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Moabites, Egyptians, and Edomites. **read ›**

186 **1 Esdras 8:70** For both they and their sons have married their daughters, and the holy seed has been mixed with the foreign nations of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the leaders and the nobles have shared in this lawlessness." **read ›**

187 **1 Esdras 8:93** In this let an oath be made by us to the Lord, to put away all our wives who are from the foreigners, with their children, **read ›**

188 **1 Esdras 9:7** Ezra stood up and said to them, "You have acted lawlessly and married foreign wives, so as to add to the sin of Israel. **read ›**

189 **1 Esdras 9:8** Now therefore make confession and give glory to the Lord God of our fathers, **read ›**

190 **1 Esdras 9:9** and do his will, and separate yourselves from the nations of the land and from the foreign wives." **read ›**

191 **1 Esdras 9:18** Of the priests who had come together, there were found those who had foreign wives: **read ›**

192 **1 Esdras 9:20** They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and to offer rams in atonement for their ignorance. **read ›**

193 **1 Esdras 9:36** All these had married foreign wives, and they sent them away with their children. **read ›**

194 **Tobit 2:1** Now when I came down to my house, and Anna my wife and Tobias my son were restored to me, at the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of seven weeks, a good dinner was prepared for me, and I reclined to eat. **read ›**

195 **Tobit 3:8** because she had been given to seven husbands, and Asmodeus the evil demon had killed them before they had been with her as with a wife. And they said to her, "Do you not understand that you strangle your husbands? You have already had seven, and you have not borne the name of a single one of them. **read ›**

196 **Tobit 3:14** You know, O Lord, that I am pure of all sin with a man, **read ›**

197 **Tobit 3:15** and that I have not defiled my name or the name of my father in the land of my captivity. I am my father's only child, and he has no child to be his heir, nor a close relative, nor any living son of his, for whom I should keep myself as a wife. Already seven have been lost to me; why should I live? And if it does not please you to kill me, command that I be looked upon and pitied, so that I no longer hear taunts." **read ›**

198 **Tobit 6:12** And the young woman is beautiful and sensible. And now listen to me, and I will speak to her father; and when we return from Rages, we will hold the wedding. For I know that Raguel will by no means give her to another man according to the law of Moses; otherwise he will be liable to death, because it is right for you to take the inheritance rather than any other man." **read ›**

199 **Tobit 6:15** And the angel said to him, "Do you not remember the words that your father commanded you, that you should take a wife from your own people? And now listen to me, brother, for she will be your wife; and take no account of the demon, for this very night she will be given to you as a wife. **read ›**

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200 **Tobit 7:11** I have given my child to seven men, and whenever they went in to her, they died in the night. But for the present, be merry." And Tobias said, "I will taste nothing here until you make and keep an agreement with me." **read ›**

201 **Tobit 7:14** And he called Edna his wife; and taking a scroll, he wrote a contract and sealed it. **read ›**

202 **Tobit 7:16** And Raguel called Edna his wife and said to her, "Sister, prepare the other room, and bring her in there." **read ›**

203 **Tobit 8:12** and said to Edna his wife, "Send one of the maidservants, and let them see whether he is alive; and if not, let us bury him, and let no one know." **read ›**

204 **Tobit 8:20** And before the days of the wedding were completed, Raguel told him under oath that he should not leave unless the fourteen days of the wedding were fulfilled, **read ›**

205 **Tobit 8:21** and that then he should take half of his possessions and go in good health to his father, "and the rest when my wife and I die." **read ›**

206 **Tobit 11:3** Let us run ahead of your wife and prepare the house; **read ›**

207 **Tobit 12:9** For alms delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin. Those who do acts of alms and righteous deeds will be filled with life; **read ›**

208 **Tobit 13:3** Give thanks to him, you children of Israel, before the nations; for he has scattered us among them. **read ›**

209 **Judith 4:3** for they had only lately come up from the captivity, and all the people of Judea had recently been gathered together, and the vessels and the altar and the house had been sanctified after the desecration. **read ›**

210 **Judith 10:3** She took off the sackcloth she had put on and put off the garments of her widowhood; she washed her body with water and anointed herself with rich ointment; she arranged the hair of her head and put a headband on it; and she put on the garments of her gladness, which she used to wear in the days when her husband Manasseh was alive. **read ›**

211 **Judith 16:22** Many desired her, but no man knew her all the days of her life, from the day that Manasseh her husband died and was gathered to his people. **read ›**

212 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:13** their offspring is cursed. For blessed is the barren woman who is undefiled, who has not known a bed of transgression; she will have fruit at the visitation of souls. **read ›**

213 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:14** And blessed is the eunuch who has done no lawless deed with his hand, nor devised evil things against the Lord; for to him will be given the choice grace of faith, and a more delightful lot in the temple of the Lord. **read ›**

214 **Wisdom of Solomon 11:7** as a rebuke for the decree to kill infants, you gave them abundant water beyond hope, **read ›**

215 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:24** they no longer keep either lives or marriages pure, but one either kills another by treachery, or grieves him by adultery. **read ›**

216 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:26** disturbance of the good, forgetfulness of favors, defilement of souls, confusion of sex, disorder in marriage, adultery, and shameless conduct. **read ›**

217 **Wisdom of Solomon 19:13** And the punishments came upon the sinners not without prior signs given by the violence of the thunders; for they justly suffered for their own evils, since they practiced a more bitter hatred of strangers. **read ›**

218 **Wisdom of Solomon 19:16** but these, after receiving with festivities those who had already shared the same rights with them, mistreated them with terrible labors. **read ›**

219 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:14** For an act of mercy to a father will not be forgotten, and in place of sins it will be built up for you. **read ›**

220 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:30** Water will quench a blazing fire, and an act of mercy will make atonement for sins. **read ›**

221 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:26** Do not be ashamed to confess your sins, and do not force the current of a river. **read ›**

222 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:5** Do not be so fearless about atonement as to add sin upon sins. **read ›**

223 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:1** Do not be jealous over the wife you hold close, and do not teach an evil instruction to your own harm. **read ›**

224 **Wisdom of Sirach 12:14** So it is with one who keeps company with a sinful man and is entangled in his sins. **read ›**

225 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:25** Turn back to the Lord and forsake your sins; make your prayer before his face and lessen your offense. **read ›**

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226 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:1** My child, have you sinned? Do not do so again, and pray concerning your former sins. **read ›**

227 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:22** So it is also with the woman who leaves her husband and provides an heir by another man. **read ›**

228 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:23** For first, she disobeyed the law of the Most High; second, she trespassed against her own husband; and third, she committed adultery through sexual immorality and provided children by another man. **read ›**

229 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:1** In three things I was made beautiful, and I stood up in beauty before the Lord and men: harmony among brothers, and friendship among neighbors, and a wife and husband who suit each other. **read ›**

230 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:8** blessed is he who lives with a wife of understanding, and he who has not slipped with his tongue, and he who has not served one unworthy of him; **read ›**

231 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:22** There is anger and shamelessness and great disgrace if a wife supports her husband. **read ›**

232 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:26** If she does not go as you direct, cut her off from your flesh. **read ›**

233 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:1** Blessed is the husband of a good wife; the number of his days will be doubled. **read ›**

234 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:7** An evil wife is an ox yoke that slips about; he who takes hold of her is like one who grasps a scorpion. **read ›**

235 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:2** Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then, when you pray, your sins will be released. **read ›**

236 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

237 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:29** He who acquires a wife begins a possession, a helper suited to him and a pillar of rest. **read ›**

238 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:30** Where there is no fence, a property will be plundered, and where there is no wife, a man will groan as he wanders. **read ›**

239 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:10** Put away trespass, and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. **read ›**

240 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:21** and of turning your face from a relative; of taking away a portion and a gift; and of gazing at a married woman; **read ›**

241 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:6** With an evil wife a seal is good, and where there are many hands, lock things up. **read ›**

242 **Wisdom of Sirach 48:16** Some of them did what was pleasing, but some multiplied sins. **read ›**

243 **Baruch 1:17** because we have sinned before the Lord, **read ›**

244 **1 Maccabees 1:11** In those days lawless sons came out of Israel and persuaded many, saying, “Let us go and make a covenant with the nations around us, for since we separated from them many evils have come upon us.” **read ›**

245 **1 Maccabees 1:15** and made themselves uncircumcised, and departed from the holy covenant; they joined themselves to the nations and were sold to do evil. **read ›**

246 **1 Maccabees 3:56** And they told those who were building houses, or were pledged to marry wives, or were planting vineyards, or were fearful, to return each to his own house, according to the law. **read ›**

247 **1 Maccabees 5:23** Then he took those in Galilee and in Arbatta, with their wives and children and all that they had, and brought them into Judea with great gladness. **read ›**

248 **1 Maccabees 8:29** On these terms the Romans made an agreement with the people of the Jews. **read ›**

249 **1 Maccabees 10:56** And now I will do for you what you wrote; but meet me at Ptolemais, so that we may see one another, and I will make a marriage alliance with you, as you have said.” **read ›**

250 **1 Maccabees 13:50** They cried out to Simon that they might receive his right hand, and he gave it to them; he expelled them from there and cleansed the citadel of its defilements. **read ›**

251 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

252 **1 Maccabees 16:12** for he was the high priest’s son-in-law. **read ›**

253 **2 Maccabees 4:42** As a result they wounded many of them and struck down some, and they put all the rest to flight; and they killed the temple robber himself beside the treasury. **read ›**

254 **2 Maccabees 6:4** For the temple was filled with wild living and drunken partying by the Gentiles, who amused themselves with prostitutes and had intercourse with women within the sacred courts, and who also brought in things that were not fitting. **read ›**

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255 **2 Maccabees 6:6** A man could neither keep the Sabbath, nor observe the feasts of his fathers, nor so much as confess himself to be a Jew. **read ›**

256 **2 Maccabees 6:9** and that they should slaughter those who would not choose to change over to Greek ways. So one could see the misery that had come. **read ›**

257 **2 Maccabees 8:4** and to remember the lawless destruction of the innocent infants and the blasphemies committed against his name, and to show his hatred of evil. **read ›**

258 **2 Maccabees 8:28** After the Sabbath they gave some of the spoils to those who had been tortured and to the widows and orphans, and the rest they divided among themselves and the children. **read ›**

259 **2 Maccabees 8:29** When they had done this, they made a common plea and begged the merciful Lord to be fully reconciled with his slaves. **read ›**

260 **2 Maccabees 9:15** and the Jews, whom he had decided not to consider worthy even of burial but to throw out with their infants to the wild beasts, for the birds to devour, he would make all equal to the citizens of Athens; **read ›**

261 **2 Maccabees 9:17** and besides all this, he would become a Jew and would go through every inhabited place proclaiming the power of God. **read ›**

262 **2 Maccabees 11:24** We have heard that the Jews do not agree with our father's change to Greek ways, but prefer their own way of life, and for this reason ask that their own laws be allowed to them. **read ›**

263 **2 Maccabees 12:3** And the people of Joppa committed this great ungodly act: they urged the Jews who lived among them to embark with their wives and children in boats they had provided, as though they bore them no ill will. **read ›**

264 **2 Maccabees 12:42** and they turned to pleading, asking that the sin that had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas urged the multitude to keep themselves free from sin, since they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. **read ›**

265 **2 Maccabees 12:45** And then, looking to the most splendid reward laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness—a holy and godly thought—he therefore made atonement for the dead, that they might be released from their sin. **read ›**

266 **2 Maccabees 13:8** For since he had committed many sins against the altar, whose fire and ashes were holy, in ashes he met his death. **read ›**

267 **2 Maccabees 14:25** Nicanor urged Judas to marry and have children; Judas married, settled down, and shared in the common life. **read ›**

268 **2 Maccabees 14:38** For in the former times of separation he had been brought to trial for Judaism, and he had risked body and soul for Judaism with all earnestness. **read ›**

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291 **1 Enoch 95:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
292 **Matthew 3:6** They were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **read ›**
293 **Matthew 3:8** Therefore produce fruit worthy of repentance! **read ›**
294 **Matthew 3:11** I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. **read ›**
295 **Matthew 5:31** “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ **read ›**
296 **Matthew 5:32** But I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except on account of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. **read ›**
297 **Matthew 19:3** Pharisees came to him, testing him and saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?” **read ›**
298 **Matthew 19:7** They asked him, “Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce and divorce her?” **read ›**
299 **Matthew 19:9** I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.” **read ›**
300 **Matthew 19:10** His disciples said to him, “If this is the situation of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” **read ›**
301 **Matthew 22:25** Now there were with us seven brothers. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. **read ›**
302 **Matthew 26:28** for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **read ›**
303 **Mark 1:4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. **read ›**
304 **Mark 1:5** All the country of Judea and the people of Jerusalem went out to him, and they were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. **read ›**
305 **Mark 3:28** Amen, I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may speak; **read ›**
306 **Mark 10:7** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, **read ›**
307 **Mark 10:11** He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. **read ›**
308 **Mark 10:12** If a woman herself divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” **read ›**
309 **Mark 11:30** The baptism of John—was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me.” **read ›**
310 **Mark 12:20** There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and when he died he left no seed. **read ›**
311 **Mark 12:21** The second took her and died, and he too left no seed; and the third likewise. **read ›**
312 **Mark 12:23** In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife.” **read ›**
313 **Mark 16:16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. **read ›**
314 **Luke 1:77** to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins, **read ›**
315 **Luke 3:3** He came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for remission of sins, **read ›**
316 **Luke 3:12** Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what must we do?” **read ›**
317 **Luke 7:30** But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected the counsel of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him. **read ›**
318 **Luke 7:48** He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **read ›**
319 **Luke 14:20** Another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ **read ›**
320 **Luke 16:18** Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. He who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery. **read ›**
321 **Luke 20:4** the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?” **read ›**
322 **Luke 20:29** There were therefore seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died childless. **read ›**
323 **Luke 20:30** The second took her as wife, and he died childless. **read ›**

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324 **Luke 20:34** Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and are given in marriage. **read ›**

325 **Luke 24:47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **read ›**

326 **John 3:22** After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them and baptized. **read ›**

327 **John 3:25** Therefore a dispute arose between John’s disciples and a Jew about purification. **read ›**

328 **John 4:2** (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples), **read ›**

329 **John 20:23** If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone’s sins, they have been retained.” **read ›**

330 **Acts 2:38** Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

331 **Acts 8:12** But when they believed Philip as he preached the gospel concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. **read ›**

332 **Acts 8:16** for as yet he had fallen on none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of Christ Jesus. **read ›**

333 **Acts 8:22** Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to God that perhaps the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. **read ›**

334 **Acts 8:36** As they went on the way, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Behold, here is water. What is keeping me from being baptized?” **read ›**

335 **Acts 10:47** “Can anyone withhold the water, so that these people who received the Holy Spirit just as we did should not be baptized?” **read ›**

336 **Acts 13:24** after John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to Israel before Jesus’ coming. **read ›**

337 **Acts 16:15** When she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” So she persuaded us. **read ›**

338 **Acts 16:33** That same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds, and he and all his household were baptized at once. **read ›**

339 **Acts 18:8** Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed in the Lord with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized. **read ›**

340 **Acts 19:3** He said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” **read ›**

341 **Acts 19:4** Paul said, “John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Christ Jesus.” **read ›**

342 **Acts 19:5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **read ›**

343 **Acts 21:25** But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written our decision that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled things, and from sexual immorality.” **read ›**

344 **Acts 22:16** Now why do you wait? Arise, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’ **read ›**

345 **Acts 26:20** but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. **read ›**

346 **Romans 2:22** You who say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? **read ›**

347 **Romans 4:7** “Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **read ›**

348 **Romans 6:3** Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **read ›**

349 **Romans 7:2** For the woman that has a husband is bound by law to the husband while he lives, but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law of the husband. **read ›**

350 **Romans 7:3** So then if, while the husband lives, she is joined to another man, she would be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she is joined to another man. **read ›**

351 **1 Corinthians 1:13** Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? **read ›**

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352 **1 Corinthians 1:16** I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. **read ›**

353 **1 Corinthians 6:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of our God. **read ›**

354 **1 Corinthians 6:18** Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **read ›**

355 **1 Corinthians 7:2** But because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. **read ›**

356 **1 Corinthians 7:5** Do not deprive one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to fasting and prayer, and come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **read ›**

357 **1 Corinthians 7:8** But I say to the unmarried and to widows: it is good for them if they remain as I am. **read ›**

358 **1 Corinthians 7:9** But if they do not exercise self-control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion. **read ›**

359 **1 Corinthians 7:10** But to the married I command, not I but the Lord, that a wife not separate from her husband— **read ›**

360 **1 Corinthians 7:11** but if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband—and that a husband not send away his wife. **read ›**

361 **1 Corinthians 7:12** But to the rest I say, not the Lord: if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she agrees to live with him, let him not send her away. **read ›**

362 **1 Corinthians 7:14** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. **read ›**

363 **1 Corinthians 7:27** Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek release. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. **read ›**

364 **1 Corinthians 7:28** But even if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such people will have trouble in the flesh, and I want to spare you. **read ›**

365 **1 Corinthians 7:29** But this I say, brothers: the time is shortened. For the remaining time, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, **read ›**

366 **1 Corinthians 7:33** but the married man cares for the things of the world, how he may please his wife. **read ›**

367 **1 Corinthians 7:34** There is also a distinction between the wife and the virgin. The unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the married woman cares for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **read ›**

368 **1 Corinthians 7:36** But if anyone thinks that he is acting improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the prime of youth and it must be so, let him do what he wishes; he does not sin; let them marry. **read ›**

369 **1 Corinthians 7:38** So he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better. **read ›**

370 **1 Corinthians 7:39** A wife is bound by law for as long as her husband lives. But if her husband falls asleep, she is free to marry whom she wishes, only in the Lord. **read ›**

371 **1 Corinthians 10:2** and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **read ›**

372 **1 Corinthians 12:13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all given drink to share in one Spirit. **read ›**

373 **1 Corinthians 15:29** Or else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? **read ›**

374 **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **read ›**

375 **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **read ›**

376 **1 Timothy 3:12** Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. **read ›**

377 **1 Timothy 5:9** Let no one be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, **read ›**

378 **1 Timothy 5:11** But refuse younger widows; for when their desires turn them against Christ, they want to marry, **read ›**

379 **1 Timothy 5:12** having condemnation, because they have abandoned their former faithfulness. **read ›**

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380 **1 Timothy 5:14** Therefore I desire that the younger women marry, bear children, manage the household, and give the adversary no occasion for reviling. **read ›**

381 **1 Timothy 5:16** If any faithful man or woman has widows, let that person help them, and let the church not be burdened, so that it may help those who are truly widows. **read ›**

382 **Titus 1:6** provided a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, with faithful children who are not accused of reckless living and are not insubordinate. **read ›**

383 **Hebrews 6:2** of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **read ›**

384 **Hebrews 9:10** These gifts and sacrifices concern only foods and drinks, various washings, and ordinances of the flesh, imposed until a time of reformation. **read ›**

385 **Hebrews 10:17** and their sins and their iniquities I will never remember again." **read ›**

386 **Hebrews 10:18** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. **read ›**

387 **Hebrews 13:4** Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled; but God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. **read ›**

388 **1 Peter 3:21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now also saves us—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but the appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

389 **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **read ›**

390 **Revelation 2:22** Behold, I am throwing her onto a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great distress, unless they repent of her works. **read ›**

391 **Revelation 18:5** for her sins have piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteous deeds. **read ›**

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