THE QUESTION

Did the early Christians treat the deuterocanonical books as Scripture?

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

Some early writers did treat books like Judith, Maccabees, Wisdom and Sirach as holy or worth learning, and they honored the Greek Old Testament as God's work. But they firmly rejected forged books, such as false books of Moses and Enoch. These passages show high regard, not one list every church shared.

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They honored the Greek Old Testament as divine

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Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria both tell how seventy elders translated the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek. They see God's hand in the work, and Clement even calls the translation a kind of Greek prophecy.

1 “When they gathered before Ptolemy and compared their interpretations, God was glorified, and the Scriptures were acknowledged as truly divine.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 3, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “It was not contrary to the inspiration of God, who gave the prophecy, also to bring about the translation and make it, so to speak, a Greek prophecy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.22 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Irenaeus ties this translation to the apostles

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Irenaeus argues that the apostles' preaching agrees with the Greek translation of the elders. For him this Greek Old Testament is the church's own Bible, made before Christ came.

3 “For the apostles, being older than all these heretics, agree with this mentioned translation; and the translation aligns with the tradition of the apostles.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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One church order lists Judith and Maccabees

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The Apostolic Constitutions give a list of books to be held as holy by clergy and people. Among the Old Covenant books it names Judith and three books of Maccabees.

4 “Let the following books be regarded as venerable and holy by both the clergy and the laity.”

later in the same passage

“Of the Old Covenant, these are the five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy; one book of Joshua the son of Nun, one of the Judges, one of Ruth, four of the Kings, two of the Chronicles, two of Ezra, one of Esther, one of Judith, three of the Maccabees, one of Job, one hundred and fifty Psalms, three books of Solomon: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs, and sixteen prophets.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 16, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Sirach was set apart for teaching the young

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Right after the list, the same text tells the church to have its young people learn Sirach. It is named apart from the list, which suggests it was valued for teaching even where it was not counted with the others.

5 “Besides these, be careful that your young people learn the Wisdom of the very learned Sirach.”

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Hippolytus counts Wisdom among Solomon's books

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Asking where Solomon's many writings went, Hippolytus names the books of Solomon still in existence. He places Wisdom alongside Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs, and defends Scripture's word about Solomon.

6 “For the only ones still in existence are Proverbs, Wisdom, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs. What then? Does Scripture speak falsely? God forbid.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 11, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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"Apocryphal" often meant forged books

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When these writers reject apocryphal books, they mostly mean writings forged under famous names or made up by heretics. The Apostolic Constitutions name false books of Moses, Enoch, Adam and others, and Irenaeus describes fake writings used to confuse simple believers.

7 “And among the people of old, some also wrote apocryphal books of Moses, and Enoch, and Adam, and Isaiah, and David, and Elijah, and of the three patriarchs, books that are harmful and opposed to the truth.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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8 “In addition to the above misrepresentations, they present an indescribable number of apocryphal and fake writings, which they themselves have created, to confuse the minds of foolish people and those who are ignorant of the true Scriptures.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book I* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Churches judged books by their teaching

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The Apostolic Constitutions warn that a famous name on a book is not enough; its teaching must agree with the faith. Tertullian says church councils had judged the Shepherd of Hermas to be among apocryphal and false writings.

9 “For you must not pay attention to the names of the apostles, but to the character of the writings and to their consistent teaching.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 17, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “But I would yield my ground to you if the scripture of the Shepherd, which alone favors adulterers, had deserved to find a place in the divine canon; if it had not regularly been judged by every council of the churches, even of your own, to be among apocryphal and false writings.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Modesty* 10 **Source 8, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not give one list of books that every early church agreed on.
- They say nothing here about Tobit, Baruch or the longer parts of Esther and Daniel.
- The Apostolic Constitutions list also includes books, such as its own volumes, that the wider church did not keep as Scripture.
- 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 19 early Christian passages and 349 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–19, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 20–344, in Bible order), then 24 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 *19 passages from 8 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Hortatory Address to the Greeks* (on point 1) "and learn that Ptolemy, the king of Egypt, after building the library in Alexandria and gathering books from everywhere, discovered that very ancient histories written in Hebrew were carefully preserved… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *First Apology* (on point 1) kings who were ruling among the Jews at various times. The prophets themselves arranged them into books in their own Hebrew language. When Ptolemy, the king of Egypt, established a… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 3–6*

3 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 1, page 2** "so he separated them and asked each one to write the same translation. He did this for all the books. When they gathered before Ptolemy and compared their interpretations, God… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 3, page 2** "the Scriptures have been interpreted with such faithfulness, by the grace of God, and because of this, God has prepared and renewed our faith in His Son and preserved for… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 7) "also Marcion and his followers have betaken themselves to mutilating the Scriptures, not acknowledging some books at all… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book I* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** "Besides the above [misrepresentations], they adduce an unspeakable number of apocryphal and spurious writings, which they themselves have forged, to bewilder the minds of foolish men, and of such as… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 7*

7 *Stromata* 1.22 **Quote 2, page 2** in the Scriptures and also skilled in the Greek language, and sent them to him with the divine books. Then each man translated each prophetic book separately. When all the… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *On Modesty* 10 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 5** "which in other respects, too, you derive initiation… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *On Modesty* 20 (on point 7) "of course, the Epistle of Barnabas is more generally received among the churches than that apocryphal Shepherd of adulterers… [continues online] **read ›**

Caius, *c. 200–220 AD · source 10*

10 *Fragments* 1 (on point 7) "it cannot be made public in the Church to the people. Nor… [continues online] **read ›**

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Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 6, page 4** "where is all this rich knowledge? And where are these mysteries? And where are the books? For the only ones still in existence are Proverbs, Wisdom, Ecclesiastes, and the Song… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) "so forth, as is written in the Maccabees… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Commentary on Matthew* 10 (on point 6) "asunder by the people. And if anyone does not accept the statement because it is found in the Apocryphal Isaiah, let him believe what is written in the Epistle to… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Exhortation to Martyrdom* 1 (1885 English) "answer is, that they hid from the knowledge of the people as many of the passages which contained any scandal against the elders, rulers, and judges, as they could, some… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Exhortation to Martyrdom* 1 "are not even found in the Hebrew Apocrypha, as I learned from the Jews themselves… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 16–19*

16 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quotes 4, 5, page 3** "books of Solomon: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quotes 7, 9, pages 4, 5** "to deceive you who love Christ, and us His servants. And among the people of old, some also wrote apocryphal books of Moses, and Enoch, and Adam, and Isaiah, and… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 3) "besides these, the books of Job and of Solomon, and of the sixteen prophets… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 6) completely stay away from all strange and diabolical books. No, when you read the law, do not think that you are required to keep the added precepts, if not all… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *325 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

20 **Genesis 2:4** This is the book of the generation of heaven and earth, when they came to be, in the day that the Lord God made the heaven and the earth, **read ›**

21 **Exodus 24:7** Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will listen." **read ›**

22 **Exodus 30:27** and all its utensils, the lampstand and all its utensils, and the altar of incense, **read ›**

23 **Exodus 31:7** the tabernacle of witness, the ark of the covenant, the mercy seat that is on it, and the furnishings of the tabernacle, **read ›**

24 **Exodus 31:10** Aaron's ministering garments, and the garments of his sons for serving me as priests, **read ›**

25 **Exodus 32:16** The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 35:12** the ark of the testimony and its carrying poles, its mercy seat, and the veil; the hangings of the court and its pillars; the emerald stones; the incense; and the anointing oil; **read ›**

27 **Exodus 37:29** He made the holy anointing oil and the composition of the incense, the pure work of the perfumer. (Septuagint Exodus 38:25) **read ›**

28 **Exodus 39:10** Into it was woven a setting of stones in four rows. A row of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald, the first row; (Septuagint Exodus 36:17) **read ›**

29 **Exodus 39:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

30 **Leviticus 8:11** and sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times. He anointed the altar and sanctified it and everything on it, and the washbasin and its base, and sanctified them. And he anointed the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and sanctified it. **read ›**

31 **Leviticus 21:22** He may eat the gifts of God, the most holy things, and of the holy things; **read ›**

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32 **Numbers 3:31** Their charge was the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, the covering, and all their works. **read ›**

33 **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 ›**

34 **Deuteronomy 4:2** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take away from it; keep the commandments of the Lord our God, all that I command you today. **read ›**

35 **Deuteronomy 17:9** then you shall arise and go up to the place that the Lord your God chooses, and you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge who is in office in those days; and they shall search it out and declare to you the judgment. **read ›**

36 **Deuteronomy 27:26** “Cursed is every man who does not continue in all the words of this law, to do them.” And all the people shall say, “So be it.” **read ›**

37 **Deuteronomy 29:15** but also with those who are here with you today before the Lord your God, and with those who are not here with you today. **read ›**

38 **Deuteronomy 29:29** The hidden things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, to do all the words of this law. **read ›**

39 **Deuteronomy 31:9** Moses wrote the words of this law in a book and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to the elders of the children of Israel. **read ›**

40 **Deuteronomy 31:24** When Moses had finished writing all the words of this law in a book, to the very end, **read ›**

41 **Deuteronomy 31:26** Take the book of this law and put it at the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and it shall be there among you as a testimony. **read ›**

42 **2 Samuel 20:25** Sousa was scribe; Zadok and Abiathar were priests; (Septuagint 2 Kingdoms 20:25) **read ›**

43 **1 Kings 4:3** Eliaph and Ahijah the son of Seba, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, record keeper; (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 4:3) **read ›**

44 **1 Kings 8:4** and the tabernacle of witness, and the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle of witness. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 8:4) **read ›**

45 **1 Kings 11:41** And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and all his understanding, behold, are they not written in the book of the words of Solomon? (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 11:41) **read ›**

46 **2 Kings 13:8** Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his mighty deeds, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 13:8) **read ›**

47 **2 Kings 15:11** Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 15:11) **read ›**

48 **2 Kings 16:19** Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz, all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 16:19) **read ›**

49 **2 Kings 17:9** and in all the words the children of Israel covered over, not rightly, against the Lord their God. And they built themselves high places in all their cities, from the watchmen’s tower to the fortified city, (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 17:9) **read ›**

50 **2 Kings 22:8** Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and Shaphan read it. (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 22:8) **read ›**

51 **2 Kings 22:10** Shaphan the scribe spoke to the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king. (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 22:10) **read ›**

52 **2 Kings 23:28** Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? (Septuagint 4 Kingdoms 23:28) **read ›**

53 **1 Chronicles 28:13** and of the daily courses of the priests and the Levites for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and of the storerooms of the vessels for the worship of the house of the Lord. **read ›**

54 **1 Chronicles 29:29** Now the rest of the acts of King David, the first and the last, are written in the accounts of Samuel the seer, and in the accounts of Nathan the prophet, and in the accounts of Gad the seer, **read ›**

55 **2 Chronicles 9:29** And the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, behold, they are written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the words of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Joel the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat. **read ›**

56 **2 Chronicles 13:22** And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his deeds, and his sayings are written in the book of the prophet Iddo. **read ›**

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57 **2 Chronicles 28:26** The rest of his acts and his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. **read ›**

58 **2 Chronicles 30:23** And the assembly took counsel together to keep another seven days; and they kept seven days with gladness. **read ›**

59 **2 Chronicles 33:19** behold, they are in the words of his prayer, and God heard him; and all his sins and his rebellions, and the places on which he built the high places and set up groves and carved images before he turned back, behold, they are written in the words of the seers. **read ›**

60 **2 Chronicles 34:14** When they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by the hand of Moses. **read ›**

61 **2 Chronicles 34:15** Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found a book of the law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. **read ›**

62 **2 Chronicles 34:18** Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king. **read ›**

63 **2 Chronicles 34:21** “Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for all who are left in Israel and Judah concerning the words of the book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that has been kindled among us, because our fathers did not listen to the words of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book.” **read ›**

64 **2 Chronicles 34:30** The king went up to the house of the Lord, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the Levites, and all the people, from small to great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. **read ›**

65 **2 Chronicles 35:27** and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. **read ›**

66 **Ezra 1:2** “Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians: The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he himself has charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judea. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 1:2) **read ›**

67 **Ezra 2:22** The sons of Netophah, fifty-six. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 2:22) **read ›**

68 **Ezra 3:13** And the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted with a loud voice, and the sound was heard far away. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 3:13) **read ›**

69 **Ezra 6:12** And may the God whose name dwells there overthrow every king and people who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the house of God in Jerusalem. I Darius have issued the decree; let it be done diligently. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 6:12) **read ›**

70 **Ezra 7:2** the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 7:2) **read ›**

71 **Ezra 7:3** the son of Samaria, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 7:3) **read ›**

72 **Ezra 7:6** This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel gave; and the king gave to him, because the hand of the Lord his God was upon him in all that he sought. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 7:6) **read ›**

73 **Nehemiah 7:11** The sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jesus and Joab, two thousand six hundred and eighteen. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 17:11) **read ›**

74 **Nehemiah 7:62** the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 17:62) **read ›**

75 **Nehemiah 7:64** These sought their record in the register of the company, but it was not found, and they were removed from the priesthood. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 17:64) **read ›**

76 **Nehemiah 8:2** So Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could understand, to hear it, on the first day of the seventh month. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 18:2) **read ›**

77 **Nehemiah 8:5** Ezra opened the book before all the people, for he was above the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 18:5) **read ›**

78 **Nehemiah 8:8** They read in the book of the law of God, and Ezra taught and gave clear instruction in the knowledge of the Lord, and the people understood the reading. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 18:8) **read ›**

79 **Nehemiah 8:18** And he read from the book of the law of God day by day, from the first day to the last day. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a closing festival, according to the judgment. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 18:18) **read ›**

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80 **Nehemiah 10:6** Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:7) **read ›**

81 **Nehemiah 10:29** were pressing hard upon their brothers, and they put them under a curse; and they entered into a curse and an oath to walk in the law of God, which was given by the hand of Moses the slave of God, and to keep and do all the commandments of the Lord, his judgments and his statutes; (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:30) **read ›**

82 **Nehemiah 13:1** On that day the book of Moses was read in the hearing of the people; and it was found written in it that the Ammonites and Moabites should never enter the assembly of God, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 23:1) **read ›**

83 **Job 13:10** he will rebuke you none the less; and if you also secretly show partiality, **read ›**

84 **Psalms 1:1** Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of troublemakers. **read ›**

85 **Proverbs 1:11** If they urge you, saying, “Come with us, share in blood, and let us unjustly hide a righteous man in the earth, **read ›**

86 **Proverbs 2:4** and if you seek her like silver, and search her out like treasures, **read ›**

87 **Proverbs 3:10** that your storehouses may be filled with plenty of grain, and your winepresses may overflow with wine. **read ›**

88 **Proverbs 5:10** lest strangers be filled with your strength, and your labors come into the houses of strangers; **read ›**

89 **Proverbs 5:16** Do not let waters from your spring be spilled over for you, but let your waters go through your streets. **read ›**

90 **Proverbs 7:5** that she may keep you from the woman who belongs to another, the wicked woman, if that woman assails you with flattering words. **read ›**

91 **Proverbs 7:12** For at one time she roams outside, and at another she lies in wait in the streets at every corner. **read ›**

92 **Proverbs 8:20** I walk in the ways of righteousness, and I move in the midst of the paths of ordinance, **read ›**

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

94 **Proverbs 12:9** Better is a man in dishonor who serves himself than one who puts honor on himself and lacks bread. **read ›**

95 **Proverbs 14:18** Fools will divide wickedness among them, but the shrewd will hold fast to discernment. **read ›**

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

97 **Proverbs 14:27** The command of the Lord is a spring of life, and it makes men turn aside from the trap of death. **read ›**

98 **Proverbs 15:2** The tongue of the wise knows what is good, but the mouth of the foolish declares evil things. **read ›**

99 **Proverbs 15:24** The thoughts of the man of understanding are ways of life, that he may turn aside from Hades and be saved. **read ›**

100 **Proverbs 16:23** The heart of the wise will understand what comes from his own mouth, and on his lips he will carry good judgment. **read ›**

101 **Proverbs 16:24** Good words are honeycombs, and their sweetness is healing for the soul. **read ›**

102 **Ecclesiastes 1:7** All the brooks go into the sea, yet the sea is not filled; to the place where the brooks go, there they return, to go again. **read ›**

103 **Ecclesiastes 1:10** Who is he who will speak and say, “See, this is new”? It has already been in the ages that were before us. **read ›**

104 **Ecclesiastes 1:15** What is twisted cannot be set in order, and what is lacking cannot be counted. **read ›**

105 **Ecclesiastes 2:2** I said to laughter, “Madness!” and to gladness, “What is this you are doing?” **read ›**

106 **Ecclesiastes 2:13** And I saw that wisdom has an advantage over foolishness, as light has an advantage over darkness. **read ›**

107 **Ecclesiastes 2:14** The wise man’s eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness; and I too knew that one event will happen to them all. **read ›**

108 **Ecclesiastes 2:19** And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool, and whether he will have power over all my labor at which I labored and in which I became wise under the sun? This also is vanity. **read ›**

109 **Ecclesiastes 2:23** for all his days are days of pains, and his distraction is one of anger; even at night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. **read ›**

110 **Ecclesiastes 2:25** For who will eat, and who will drink, apart from him? **read ›**

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111 **Ecclesiastes 3:15** What has been already is, and what is to be has already been; and God will seek the one who is pursued. **read ›**

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

113 **Ecclesiastes 6:11** For there are many words that increase vanity. **read ›**

114 **Ecclesiastes 6:12** What more does a man have? For who knows what is good for a man in life, during the number of the days of his life of vanity? And he has spent them in a shadow. For who will tell a man what will be after him under the sun? **read ›**

115 **Ecclesiastes 9:18** Wisdom is better than weapons of war, and one sinner will destroy much goodness. **read ›**

116 **Ecclesiastes 12:2** before the sun and the light are darkened, and the moon and the stars, and the clouds return after the rain; **read ›**

117 **Ecclesiastes 12:12** Beyond these, my son, be on your guard: of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. **read ›**

118 **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 ›**

119 **Song of Solomon 3:5** I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the strengths of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. **read ›**

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

121 **Isaiah 8:16** Then those who seal up the law so as not to learn it shall be made manifest. **read ›**

122 **Isaiah 8:20** For he has given the law as a help, so that they should not speak according to this word, for which there are no gifts to give. **read ›**

123 **Isaiah 14:3** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will give you rest from your anguish and your anger, and from your hard slavery, in which you served them. **read ›**

124 **Isaiah 15:3** Wrap yourselves in sackcloth in her squares, and lament on her rooftops and in her lanes; all of you, wail with weeping. **read ›**

125 **Isaiah 17:9** In that day your cities will be abandoned, as the Amorites and the Hivites abandoned them before the children of Israel; and they will be desolate. **read ›**

126 **Isaiah 29:11** And all these words will be to you like the words of this sealed book; if they give it to a man who knows letters, saying, 'Read this,' he will say, 'I cannot read it, for it is sealed.' **read ›**

127 **Isaiah 29:12** And this book will be given into the hands of a man who does not know letters, and one will say to him, 'Read this,' and he will say, 'I do not know letters.' **read ›**

128 **Isaiah 34:16** They passed by in number, and not one of them perished; they did not seek one another, for the Lord commanded them, and his Spirit gathered them. **read ›**

129 **Jeremiah 6:30** Call them rejected silver, because the Lord has rejected them. **read ›**

130 **Jeremiah 11:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

131 **Jeremiah 29:29** And Zephaniah read the book in the hearing of Jeremiah. (Septuagint Jeremiah 36:29) **read ›**

132 **Jeremiah 36:21** The king sent Jehudi to take the scroll; and he took it from the house of Elishama, and Jehudi read it in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the rulers who stood around the king. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:21) **read ›**

133 **Jeremiah 36:23** As Jehudi read three or four columns, he cut them off with the scribe's knife and threw them into the fire that was on the brazier, until the whole scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the brazier. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:23) **read ›**

134 **Jeremiah 36:25** Elnathan and Gedaliah urged the king to burn the scroll. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:25) **read ›**

135 **Jeremiah 36:27** The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll—all the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah—saying, (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:27) **read ›**

136 **Jeremiah 36:32** Baruch took another scroll, and wrote on it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim had burned; and still more words like these were added to it. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:32) **read ›**

137 **Ezekiel 2:9** And I looked, and behold, a hand stretched out to me, and in it a scroll of a book. **read ›**

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138 **Hosea 12:10** And I will speak to the prophets; and I have multiplied visions, and by the hands of the prophets I have been represented. (Septuagint Hosea 12:11) **read ›**

139 **Hosea 12:12** And Jacob withdrew into the plain of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept watch. (Septuagint Hosea 12:13) **read ›**

140 **Joel 1:1** The word of the Lord which came to Joel the son of Bethuel. **read ›**

141 **Amos 6:10** and the rest shall be left behind; and their relatives shall take them, and shall press hard to carry their bones out of the house; and one shall say to those in charge of the house, “Is there still anyone with you?” And he shall say, “No one else.” And he shall say, “Be silent, so as not to name the name of the Lord.” **read ›**

142 **Amos 9:9** For I command, and I will winnow the house of Israel among all the Gentiles, as grain is winnowed with a winnowing fan, and not a fragment shall ever fall upon the earth. **read ›**

143 **Obadiah 1:1** The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God to Idumea: I have heard a report from the Lord, and he has sent out a summons to siege among the nations: “Arise, and let us rise up against her to war.” **read ›**

144 **Nahum 2:7** and the foundation has been uncovered; and she went up, and her female slaves were led away like doves moaning in their hearts. (Septuagint Nahum 2:8) **read ›**

145 **Habakkuk 2:16** You also, drink your fill of dishonor instead of glory; be shaken, O heart, and quake; the cup of the right hand of the Lord has come round upon you, and dishonor has gathered upon your glory. **read ›**

146 **1 Esdras 1:24** The things concerning him have been recorded in former times, concerning those who sinned and acted ungodly toward the Lord beyond every nation and kingdom, and the things by which they grieved him; and the words of the Lord rose up against Israel. **read ›**

147 **1 Esdras 3:13** And when the king woke up, they took the writing and gave it to him, and he read it. **read ›**

148 **1 Esdras 3:17** And they said to them, “Tell us about what is written.” Then the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine, began, **read ›**

149 **1 Esdras 4:54** And he also wrote concerning the provision and the priestly robe in which they serve. **read ›**

150 **1 Esdras 5:40** And Nehemiah and Attharias told them not to share in the holy things until a high priest should arise clothed with the Manifestation and the Truth. **read ›**

151 **1 Esdras 5:45** and to give to the holy treasury of the works a thousand minas of gold and five thousand minas of silver, and a hundred priestly robes. **read ›**

152 **1 Esdras 7:2** supervised the holy works very carefully, working together with the elders of the Jews and the temple officials. **read ›**

153 **1 Esdras 7:3** And the holy works prospered while Haggai and Zechariah the prophets prophesied. **read ›**

154 **1 Esdras 8:94** as has been decided by you and by all who obey the law of the Lord. **read ›**

155 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

156 **1 Esdras 9:39** and they said to Ezra the priest and reader, “Bring the law of Moses, which was given by the Lord God of Israel.” **read ›**

157 **1 Esdras 9:45** Then Ezra took up the book before the multitude and sat in the place of honor before them all. **read ›**

158 **1 Esdras 9:55** because they had been filled with understanding by the words in which they had been instructed, and they had been gathered together. **read ›**

159 **Tobit 1:1** The book of the words of Tobit, the son of Tobiel, the son of Hananiel, the son of Aduel, the son of Gabael, of the seed of Asiel, of the tribe of Naphtali, **read ›**

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160 **Wisdom of Sirach 1:1** Since many great things have been given to us through the Law and the Prophets and the others who followed after them, for which Israel ought to be praised for its instruction and wisdom; and since not only must those who read become knowledgeable themselves, but lovers of learning must also be able to be of use to those outside, both by speaking and by writing: my grandfather Jesus, having given himself more and more to the reading of the Law and the Prophets and the other books of our fathers, and having gained considerable skill in them, was himself also led to write something pertaining to instruction and wisdom, so that lovers of learning, having become devoted to these things as well, might make still greater progress by living according to the law. You are urged, therefore, to read with goodwill and attention, and to be forgiving wherever, despite our diligent labor in translating, we may seem to fall short in some of the expressions; for what is said in Hebrew does not have the same force when it is brought over into another language. And not only these things, but the Law itself and the prophecies and the rest of the books differ not a little when they are spoken in their own language. For in the thirty-eighth year, in the reign of King Euergetes, having come into Egypt and stayed there some time, I found a copy of no small instruction; and I myself thought it most necessary to apply some diligence and labor to the translation of this book, bringing much watchfulness and skill to it in that space of time, in order to complete the book and publish it also for those living abroad who wish to love learning, preparing their character beforehand to live according to the law. All wisdom is from the Lord, and is with him forever. **read ›**

161 **Wisdom of Sirach 24:23** All these things are the book of the covenant of the Most High God, the law which Moses commanded, an inheritance for the congregations of Jacob. **read ›**

162 **Wisdom of Sirach 49:10** And may the bones of the twelve prophets flourish again from their place; and he comforted Jacob, and redeemed them in the faithfulness of hope. **read ›**

163 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:27** Jesus the son of Sirach of Jerusalem has engraved in this book instruction in understanding and knowledge, he who poured forth wisdom from his heart. **read ›**

164 **Baruch 1:1** These are the words of the book that Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Zedekiah, the son of Hasadiah, the son of Hilkiah, wrote in Babylon, **read ›**

165 **Baruch 1:14** And you shall read this book that we have sent to you, to make confession in the house of the Lord on the day of a feast and on the days of the appointed season. **read ›**

166 **Baruch 2:28** as you spoke by the hand of your servant Moses on the day when you commanded him to write your law before the children of Israel, saying, **read ›**

167 **Baruch 4:1** This is the book of the statutes of God and the law that endures forever. All who hold fast to her will come to life, but those who forsake her will die. **read ›**

168 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:1** A copy of a letter which Jeremiah sent to those who were to be led captive to Babylon by the king of the Babylonians, to declare it to them as he had been commanded by God. **read ›**

169 **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 ›**

170 **1 Maccabees 1:56** And the books of the law that they found, they tore apart and burned with fire. **read ›**

171 **1 Maccabees 1:57** Anyone with whom a book of the covenant was found, and anyone who consented to the law, was put to death by the decree of the king. **read ›**

172 **1 Maccabees 2:4** Judas, called Maccabeus; **read ›**

173 **1 Maccabees 3:10** Then Apollonius gathered nations, and a great army from Samaria, to fight against Israel. **read ›**

174 **1 Maccabees 3:48** And they spread out the book of the law, concerning the things about which the nations sought guidance from the images of their idols. **read ›**

175 **1 Maccabees 5:10** They sent letters to Judas and his brothers, saying, “The nations around us have gathered together against us to destroy us. **read ›**

176 **1 Maccabees 8:29** On these terms the Romans made an agreement with the people of the Jews. **read ›**

177 **1 Maccabees 9:22** As for the rest of the acts of Judas, and his wars, and the brave deeds he did, and their greatness, they have not been written down, for they were very many. **read ›**

178 **1 Maccabees 10:75** And he camped against Joppa, and the men of the city shut him out, because a garrison of Apollonius was in Joppa; and they fought against it. **read ›**

179 **1 Maccabees 12:9** So we too, though we have no need of these things, since we have as our encouragement the holy books that are in our hands, **read ›**

180 **1 Maccabees 14:18** they wrote to him on bronze tablets to renew with him the friendship and the alliance that they had established with Judas and Jonathan his brothers. **read ›**

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181 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

182 **1 Maccabees 14:27** So they inscribed it on bronze tablets and set them on pillars on Mount Zion. And this is the copy of the writing: “On the eighteenth day of Elul, in the hundred and seventy-second year, that is, the third year of Simon the high priest, **read ›**

183 **1 Maccabees 14:38** And King Demetrius confirmed him in the high priesthood accordingly, **read ›**

184 **1 Maccabees 15:2** Their contents were as follows: “King Antiochus to Simon the high priest and ethnarch, and to the nation of the Jews, greeting. **read ›**

185 **1 Maccabees 16:23** The rest of the acts of John, and his wars, and the brave deeds that he did, and the building of the walls that he built, and his achievements, **read ›**

186 **1 Maccabees 16:24** behold, these are written in the book of the days of his high priesthood, from the time he became high priest after his father. **read ›**

187 **2 Maccabees 1:7** In the reign of Demetrius, in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year, we Jews wrote to you in the trouble and in the extremity that came upon us in those years, after Jason and those with him revolted from the holy land and from the kingdom, **read ›**

188 **2 Maccabees 2:13** The same things were also reported in the records and in the memoirs of Nehemiah, and how he founded a library and collected the accounts of the kings and prophets, and the writings of David, and letters of kings about dedicated gifts. **read ›**

189 **2 Maccabees 2:19** Now the story of Judas Maccabeus and his brothers, and the purification of the great temple, and the dedication of the altar, **read ›**

190 **2 Maccabees 2:23** all this, set forth by Jason of Cyrene in five books, we will attempt to condense into a single work. **read ›**

191 **2 Maccabees 2:25** we have aimed to give pleasure to those who wish to read, ease to those who are eager to commit things to memory, and profit to all who come upon it. **read ›**

192 **2 Maccabees 3:15** The priests, throwing themselves down before the altar in their priestly robes, called toward heaven upon him who had given the law about deposits, that he would keep them safe for those who had deposited them. **read ›**

193 **2 Maccabees 5:27** But Judas Maccabeus, with about nine others, withdrew into the wilderness and lived in the mountains after the manner of wild animals with his companions; and they continued to eat what grew wild, so as not to share in the defilement. **read ›**

194 **2 Maccabees 6:11** Others, who had run together into the caves nearby to keep the seventh day secretly, were betrayed to Philip and were all burned together, because they had scruples about defending themselves, out of regard for the honor of that most holy day. **read ›**

195 **2 Maccabees 12:2** But among the local governors, Timothy and Apollonius the son of Gennaeus, and also Hieronymus and Demophon, and besides these Nicanor the Cypriarch, would not let them settle down and live in quiet. **read ›**

196 **2 Maccabees 12:31** they thanked the Scythopolitans and urged them to be well disposed to their race in the future also; and they came to Jerusalem, the Feast of Weeks being close at hand. **read ›**

197 **2 Maccabees 13:20** And Judas sent in what they needed to those inside. **read ›**

198 **2 Maccabees 13:23** he learned that Philip, who had been left in charge of the government in Antioch, had become desperate; the king was thrown into confusion; he appealed to the Jews, yielded, and swore to all their just terms; he was reconciled and offered sacrifice, honored the temple, and showed kindness to the place; **read ›**

199 **2 Maccabees 13:25** He came to Ptolemais. The people of Ptolemais were displeased about the agreements, for they were outraged and wanted to set aside their terms. **read ›**

200 **3 Maccabees 3:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

201 **3 Maccabees 3:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

202 **4 Maccabees 4:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

203 **4 Maccabees 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

204 **4 Maccabees 15:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

205 **4 Maccabees 17:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

206 **1 Enoch 1:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

207 **1 Enoch 10:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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214 **1 Enoch 62:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
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216 **1 Enoch 68:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
217 **1 Enoch 72:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
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227 **1 Enoch 104:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
228 **1 Enoch 108:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
229 **Matthew 22:29** But Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. **read ›**
230 **Matthew 24:11** Many false prophets will arise and will lead many astray. **read ›**
231 **Matthew 26:54** How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so?” **read ›**
232 **Mark 12:24** Jesus answered them, “Is this not why you are mistaken: you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? **read ›**
233 **Luke 1:1** Since many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, **read ›**
234 **Luke 1:2** even as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us, **read ›**
235 **Luke 4:17** The book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He opened the book, and found the place where it was written, **read ›**
236 **Luke 9:8** and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. **read ›**
237 **Luke 16:29** But Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ **read ›**
238 **Luke 24:11** These words seemed to them to be nonsense, and they did not believe them. **read ›**
239 **Luke 24:32** They said to one another, “Was not our heart burning within us while he spoke to us on the road and while he opened the Scriptures to us?” **read ›**
240 **John 2:22** Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. **read ›**
241 **John 5:39** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify about me. **read ›**
242 **John 5:47** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” **read ›**
243 **John 7:52** They answered him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” **read ›**
244 **John 10:35** If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), **read ›**
245 **John 19:37** Again another Scripture says, “They shall look on him whom they pierced.” **read ›**
246 **John 20:9** For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **read ›**

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247 **John 20:30** Therefore Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; **read ›**

248 **John 21:25** There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself would not have room for the books that would be written. Amen. **read ›**

249 **Acts 1:1** The first account I wrote, Theophilus, concerned all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, **read ›**

250 **Acts 1:16** “Brothers, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. **read ›**

251 **Acts 1:20** “For it is written in the book of Psalms: Let his dwelling be made desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it; and: Let another take his office of overseer. **read ›**

252 **Acts 1:26** They drew lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was counted with the eleven apostles. **read ›**

253 **Acts 2:42** They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **read ›**

254 **Acts 3:1** Peter and John were going up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. **read ›**

255 **Acts 3:24** And all the prophets from Samuel onward, as many as spoke, also announced these days. **read ›**

256 **Acts 5:12** By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. **read ›**

257 **Acts 5:29** But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. **read ›**

258 **Acts 6:1** In those days, as the disciples multiplied, grumbling arose among the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were being neglected in the daily service. **read ›**

259 **Acts 6:3** Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this work. **read ›**

260 **Acts 6:5** The proposal pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faithfulness and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch, **read ›**

261 **Acts 6:7** The word of God increased and the number of the disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. **read ›**

262 **Acts 6:9** But some from the synagogue called the Freedmen’s, with Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. **read ›**

263 **Acts 7:38** This is the one who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received a living word to give to us, **read ›**

264 **Acts 8:1** Saul consented to his killing. That day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. **read ›**

265 **Acts 9:31** So the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were built up. Walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they multiplied. **read ›**

266 **Acts 10:15** A voice came to him again a second time, “What God has cleansed, you must not call common.” **read ›**

267 **Acts 11:19** So those scattered by the distress that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word only to Jews. **read ›**

268 **Acts 12:1** About that time King Herod laid hands on some of the church to mistreat them. **read ›**

269 **Acts 13:1** In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **read ›**

270 **Acts 13:4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. **read ›**

271 **Acts 15:2** After considerable dissension and debate between Paul and Barnabas and these men, Paul and Barnabas and some others from among them were appointed to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question. **read ›**

272 **Acts 15:4** When they reached Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders welcomed them, and they reported all that God had done with them. **read ›**

273 **Acts 15:6** The apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter. **read ›**

274 **Acts 15:15** With this the words of the prophets agree, as it is written: **read ›**

275 **Acts 15:22** Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers. **read ›**

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276 **Acts 15:23** They wrote this letter to be delivered by them: “The apostles, the elders, and the brothers, to the brothers among the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. **read ›**

277 **Acts 15:28** For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things: **read ›**

278 **Acts 15:31** When they had read it, they rejoiced over the encouragement. **read ›**

279 **Acts 15:32** Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers with many words and strengthened them. **read ›**

280 **Acts 16:4** As they passed through the cities, they delivered the decrees decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for them to observe. **read ›**

281 **Acts 16:5** So the churches were strengthened in faithfulness and increased in number daily. **read ›**

282 **Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. **read ›**

283 **Acts 18:24** A Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures. **read ›**

284 **Acts 19:19** Many of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. They counted their price, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. **read ›**

285 **Acts 19:20** So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and becoming mighty. **read ›**

286 **Acts 23:8** For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess all of these. **read ›**

287 **Acts 23:9** A great outcry arose, and the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and argued strongly, saying, “We find no evil in this man. But if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God!” **read ›**

288 **Romans 1:2** which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, **read ›**

289 **Romans 10:11** For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” **read ›**

290 **Romans 11:2** God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel: **read ›**

291 **Romans 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that through perseverance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **read ›**

292 **Romans 16:14** Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brothers with them. **read ›**

293 **Romans 16:16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. **read ›**

294 **1 Corinthians 11:19** For there also must be factions among you, that those who are approved may be revealed among you. **read ›**

295 **1 Corinthians 14:32** The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, **read ›**

296 **1 Corinthians 14:36** Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it come to you alone? **read ›**

297 **1 Corinthians 16:20** All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

298 **2 Corinthians 3:3** You are manifestly a letter of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. **read ›**

299 **2 Corinthians 11:13** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ’s apostles. **read ›**

300 **2 Corinthians 13:12** Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

301 **Galatians 4:24** These things contain an allegory, for these are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children to slavery, which is Hagar. **read ›**

302 **Galatians 4:30** But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” **read ›**

303 **1 Thessalonians 5:20** Do not despise prophecies. **read ›**

304 **1 Thessalonians 5:26** Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. **read ›**

305 **1 Thessalonians 5:27** I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers. **read ›**

306 **1 Timothy 4:5** For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer. **read ›**

307 **1 Timothy 5:18** For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it threshes,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.” **read ›**

308 **1 Timothy 5:25** Likewise, good works are evident, and even those that are otherwise cannot remain hidden. **read ›**

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309 **2 Timothy 1:9** who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, **read ›**

310 **2 Timothy 3:15** and that from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faithfulness in Christ Jesus. **read ›**

311 **2 Timothy 3:16** Every Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **read ›**

312 **2 Timothy 4:13** When you come, bring the cloak I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. **read ›**

313 **Titus 2:15** Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. **read ›**

314 **Philemon 1:24** as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. **read ›**

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

316 **Hebrews 8:7** For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. **read ›**

317 **Hebrews 8:13** In that he says, “A new covenant”, he has made the first obsolete. But that which is becoming obsolete and grows aged is near to vanishing away. **read ›**

318 **Hebrews 9:17** For a covenant is in force upon death, since it is never in force while the one who made it lives. **read ›**

319 **Hebrews 11:38** of whom the world was not worthy—wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. **read ›**

320 **Hebrews 11:40** God having provided some better thing concerning us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect. **read ›**

321 **1 Peter 1:11** searching for the person or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he testified beforehand to the sufferings of Christ and the glories after them. **read ›**

322 **1 Peter 1:16** because it is written: Be holy, for I am holy. **read ›**

323 **1 Peter 5:13** She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you. So does Mark, my son. **read ›**

324 **2 Peter 1:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. **read ›**

325 **2 Peter 1:21** For no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

326 **2 Peter 3:2** so that you remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, **read ›**

327 **2 Peter 3:16** as also in all his letters, speaking in them about these things. In these matters are some things hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. **read ›**

328 **Jude 1:9** But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, “May the Lord rebuke you!” **read ›**

329 **Jude 1:14** And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with his holy tens of thousands **read ›**

330 **Jude 1:17** But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

331 **Revelation 1:2** who testified to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, to everything he saw. **read ›**

332 **Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near. **read ›**

333 **Revelation 2:1** To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things says he who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: **read ›**

334 **Revelation 3:7** To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one shall shut it except the one who opens; and no one shall open: **read ›**

335 **Revelation 5:1** I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals. **read ›**

336 **Revelation 5:3** No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book or to look in it. **read ›**

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337 **Revelation 5:8** Now when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **read ›**

338 **Revelation 10:2** He held an open book in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left on the land. **read ›**

339 **Revelation 20:12** I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works from what was written in the books. **read ›**

340 **Revelation 20:15** If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire. **read ›**

341 **Revelation 21:27** There will in no way enter into it anything profane, or one who causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. **read ›**

342 **Revelation 22:11** He who acts unjustly, let him act unjustly still. He who is filthy, let him be filthy still. He who is righteous, let him do righteousness still. He who is holy, let him be holy still." **read ›**

343 **Revelation 22:18** I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, may God add to him the plagues written in this book; **read ›**

344 **Revelation 22:19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, may God take away his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book. **read ›**

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