THE QUESTION

Is marrying a divorced woman whose first husband is alive a real marriage?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

No, the early writers in these passages call it adultery, not lawful marriage, when a man marries a woman whose first husband is still alive. Justin, Theophilus, Clement, Tertullian and Lactantius all repeat Jesus' words on this. They do not directly rule on whether a man who leaves such a union may marry again.

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Justin and Theophilus repeat Jesus' teaching

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

Both writers quote the Lord's words plainly. The man who marries a divorced woman is not described as starting a new marriage. He is said to commit adultery.

1 “Whoever marries a woman who is divorced from another husband commits adultery.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 3, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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2 “He who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery. And whoever puts away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 13 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 6, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Clement calls such a marriage fornication

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Clement of Alexandria counts the marriage of separated people as fornication while the other spouse lives. He also says the second man shares the guilt, because without him the woman would go back to her husband.

3 “It also counts as fornication the marriage of people who have been separated while the other spouse is still alive.”

later in the same passage

“Not only is the man who puts her away guilty of this, but also the man who takes her, because he gives the woman an opportunity to sin. For if he did not take her, she would return to her husband.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 2.23 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 9, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Tertullian says she cannot marry lawfully

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Tertullian says a divorced woman cannot even marry lawfully. He defines marriage as God joining two into one flesh, so a later union while the first spouse lives is not a marriage in God's eyes.

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"But another reason, too, combines with this; no, not another, but one that imposed the law from the beginning and moved the will of God to forbid divorce: whoever dismisses his wife, except on the ground of adultery, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman dismissed by her husband, of course commits adultery. A divorced woman cannot even marry lawfully."

later in the same passage

"Marriage is this: when God joins two into one flesh; or else, finding them already joined in the same flesh, He has given His seal to the union."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Monogamy* 9 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 12, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**

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Christ closed the door Moses had opened

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

Writing against Marcion, Tertullian explains that Christ forbids divorce by making it unlawful to marry a woman who has been put away. Moses had allowed divorce, but Christ restored the Creator's first plan.

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"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 10, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**

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Tatian's Gospel blends the same words

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Tatian's harmony of the four Gospels keeps the Lord's teaching together. Both the woman who goes to another man and the man who marries her are said to commit adultery.

6 “And he said to them, "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another has exposed her to adultery. And any woman who leaves her husband and becomes another man's has committed adultery. And whoever marries her who is divorced has committed adultery."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 25 (c. 150–180 AD)
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POINT 6 OF 7

Lactantius says God forbids tearing the body apart

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

Lactantius gives the same rule and the reason behind it. Husband and wife are one body, and God does not want that body torn apart.

7 “But so that no one may think he can limit the divine commands, these further instructions are added, so that every false charge and every occasion for deceit may be removed: that the man who marries a woman divorced by her husband is an adulterer, and also that the man who divorces his wife, except for the crime of adultery, in order to marry another, is an adulterer. For God did not want the body to be separated and torn apart.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 23 (c. 290–320 AD)
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Death, not divorce, frees a spouse

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Hermas says a widow or widower who marries again does not sin. Origen quotes Paul that a wife is bound while her husband lives. In these passages, the bond ends with death, not with a divorce.

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8 “There is no sin in marrying again. But if they remain unmarried, they gain greater honor and glory with the Lord. But if they marry, they do not sin.”"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) **Source 2, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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9 “A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord," 1 Corinthians 7:39, was said by Paul because of our hardness of heart and weakness, to those who do not want to desire earnestly the greater gifts, 1 Corinthians 12:31, and become more blessed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 15, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not say whether a man who leaves such a union is then free to marry someone else.
- None of them deals with a man who entered the union without knowing it was unlawful.
- Tertullian was stricter than most writers about any second marriage, even after a spouse dies.
- 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.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 21 early Christian passages and 367 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–21, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 22–329, in Bible order), then 59 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).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *21 passages from 10 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Shepherd* “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 8, page 5** “so patient in listening to me, will you show me this also?" "Speak," he said. And I said, "If a wife or husband dies, and the widower or widow marries… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 3*

3 *First Apology* **Quote 1, page 2** “than, having two eyes, to be cast into everlasting fire.” And, “Whoever marries a woman who is divorced from another husband commits adultery.” And, “There are some who have been… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Diatessaron* 25 **Quote 6, page 4** “to them, "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another has exposed her to adultery. And any woman who leaves her husband and becomes another man's has committed adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Diatessaron* 8 (on point 5) was said, Do not commit adultery. Matthew 5:28 But I now say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 6*

6 *To Autolycus* 13 **Quote 2, page 2** “adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:28 And, the Gospel says, "He who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery. And whoever puts away his wife… [continues online] **read ›**

Athenagoras, *c. 170–190 AD · source 7*

7 *A Plea for the Christians* 33 “a second marriage is only a specious adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Stromata* 3 no man separate." Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:9 And again: "As it was in the days of Noah, they were marrying and giving in marriage, building and planting; and… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Stromata* 2.23 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “it regards as fornication, the marriage of those separated while the other is alive… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–13*

10 *Against Marcion* 34 **Quote 5, page 3** “unlawfully put away is just as much an adulterer as the man who marries a woman not divorced. Marriage is permanent when it is not rightly dissolved. Therefore, to marry… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *On Monogamy* 11 (on point 7) “A woman is bound so long as her husband lives… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *On Monogamy* 9 **Quote 4, page 3** “A divorced woman cannot even marry lawfully. And if she does any such thing without the name of marriage, does it not fall under the category of adultery, since adultery… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *On Exhortation to Chastity* 9 another woman. Yet every woman, even to an unmarried man, is another, so long as she belongs to someone else. Nor is the means by which she becomes a married… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 4) “to oppose the teaching of our Savior, will say that when Jesus said, "Whoever puts away his own wife, except for the cause of fornication, makes her an adulteress," in… [continues online] **read ›**

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15 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 **Quote 9, page 5** "been written on account of our weakness, "But because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband," 1 Corinthians 7:2… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (1885 English; on point 4) "be that as it may, she also who has once fallen away from the former husband will not return again to him, for the former husband who sent her away… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 4) "19:14 and the Lord says: He that made them from the beginning, made them male and female… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Apostolic Constitutions* "have already said that when a bishop, a presbyter, or a deacon is appointed, he must have been married only once, whether his wife is still living or has died… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 19–21*

19 *Divine Institutes* 23 (on point 6) "of chastity. God limits this not only within private walls, but also to the lawful bounds of the marriage bed, so that when a man has a wife, he should… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Divine Institutes* 23 **Quote 7, page 4** "every false charge and every occasion for deceit may be removed: that the man who marries a woman divorced by her husband is an adulterer, and also that the man… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 66 (on point 6) "as a woman is bound by the bonds of chastity not to… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *308 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

22 **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 ›**

23 **Genesis 3:20** Adam called the name of his wife Life, because she was the mother of all the living. **read ›**

24 **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 ›**

25 **Genesis 20:7** Now then, give the man back his wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not give her back, know that you shall die, you and all that is yours." **read ›**

26 **Genesis 20:12** For indeed she is truly my sister by my father, but not by my mother; and she became my wife. **read ›**

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

28 **Genesis 39:9** and nothing in this house is above me, and nothing has been held back from me except you, because you are his wife, how then shall I do this evil thing and sin before God?" **read ›**

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

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

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

32 **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 ›**

33 **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 ›**

34 **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 ›**

35 **Exodus 22:15** But if its owner is with it, he shall not pay for the loss; and if it was hired, it shall be his in place of his hire. (Septuagint Exodus 22:14 (Exodus 22:15 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

36 **Leviticus 18:16** You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness. **read ›**

37 **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 ›**

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38 **Leviticus 18:19** You shall not go in to a woman in the separation of her uncleanness to uncover her nakedness. **read ›**

39 **Leviticus 18:20** You shall not give your seed to your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her. **read ›**

40 **Leviticus 18:23** You shall not lie with any four-footed beast to mate with it, to be defiled with it; nor shall a woman stand before any four-footed beast to be mounted by it; for it is a loathsome thing. **read ›**

41 **Leviticus 19:20** If anyone lies with a woman and seed comes out, and she is a household slave kept for a man, and she has not been redeemed with a ransom, nor has freedom been given to her, there shall be an inquiry for them; they shall not be put to death, because she was not set free. **read ›**

42 **Leviticus 20:10** A man who commits adultery with a man's wife, or who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, let them surely be put to death, the adulterer and the adulteress. **read ›**

43 **Leviticus 20:12** If anyone lies with his daughter-in-law, let them both surely be put to death, for they have committed ungodliness; they are guilty. **read ›**

44 **Leviticus 20:14** If anyone takes a woman and her mother, it is a lawless deed. They shall burn him and them with fire, so that there may be no lawlessness among you. **read ›**

45 **Leviticus 20:20** Whoever lies with his female relative has uncovered the nakedness of his own kin; they shall die childless. **read ›**

46 **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 ›**

47 **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 ›**

48 **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 ›**

49 **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 ›**

50 **Numbers 5:12** "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: If any man's wife goes astray and wholly disregards him, **read ›**

51 **Numbers 5:13** and someone lies with her and seed comes out, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and she keeps it secret, and she is defiled, and there is no witness with her, and she has not been caught; **read ›**

52 **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 ›**

53 **Numbers 5:20** But if you have gone astray while under a husband, or have been defiled, and someone besides your husband has lain with you—' **read ›**

54 **Numbers 5:29** This is the law of jealousy, when a woman under a husband goes astray and is defiled; **read ›**

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

56 **Numbers 30:6** But if she does become a man's wife, and her vows are on her according to the utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul, (Septuagint Numbers 30:7 (Numbers 30:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

57 **Numbers 30:7** and her husband hears, and keeps silent toward her on the day he hears, then all her vows shall stand, and her obligations with which she has bound her soul shall stand. (Septuagint Numbers 30:8 (Numbers 30:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **Numbers 30:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **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 ›**

60 **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 ›**

61 **Numbers 30:11** and her husband hears, and keeps silent toward her, and does not refuse her, then all her vows shall stand, and all her obligations with which she has bound her soul shall stand against her. (Septuagint Numbers 30:12 (Numbers 30:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

62 **Numbers 30:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

63 **Numbers 30:13** Every vow and every binding oath to humble the soul—her husband shall confirm it for her, or her husband shall cancel it. (Septuagint Numbers 30:14 (Numbers 30:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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64 **Numbers 30:14** But if he keeps entirely silent toward her from day to day, then he confirms for her all her vows; and the obligations that are on her he confirms for her, because he kept silent toward her on the day he heard. (Septuagint Numbers 30:15 (Numbers 30:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

65 **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 ›**

66 **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 ›**

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

68 **Deuteronomy 7:3** nor shall you ever make marriages with them; you shall not give your daughter to his son, and you shall not take his daughter for your son. **read ›**

69 **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 ›**

70 **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 ›**

71 **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 ›**

72 **Deuteronomy 21:15** If a man has two wives, one loved and the other hated, and both the loved and the hated have borne him children, and the firstborn son is the hated wife's, **read ›**

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

74 **Deuteronomy 22:22** If a man is found lying with a woman who is married to a husband, you shall kill them both, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall remove the evil person from Israel. **read ›**

75 **Deuteronomy 22:23** If there is a young girl, a virgin, engaged to a man, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, **read ›**

76 **Deuteronomy 22:29** the man who lay with her shall give the young woman's father fifty didrachms of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has dishonored her; he may not send her away all his days. **read ›**

77 **Deuteronomy 22:30** A man shall not take his father's wife, and he shall not uncover his father's covering. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:1 (Deuteronomy 22:30 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

78 **Deuteronomy 23:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **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 ›**

80 **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 ›**

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

82 **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 ›**

83 **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 ›**

84 **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 ›**

85 **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 ›**

86 **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 ›**

87 **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 ›**

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88 **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 ›**

89 **Ruth 1:3** Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she and her two sons were left. **read ›**

90 **Ruth 1:5** Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was left without her husband and without her two sons. **read ›**

91 **Ruth 1:12** Return now, my daughters, for I am too old to have a husband. For if I said, 'There is hope for me to be married to a husband, and I shall bear sons,' **read ›**

92 **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 ›**

93 **2 Samuel 5:13** David took more wives and concubines out of Jerusalem after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David. **read ›**

94 **2 Samuel 11:26** When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. **read ›**

95 **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 ›**

96 **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 ›**

97 **1 Kings 3:22** But the other woman said, "No; the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." So they spoke before the king. **read ›**

98 **1 Chronicles 2:21** Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead; he took her when he was sixty-five years old, and she bore him Serug. **read ›**

99 **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 ›**

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

101 **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 ›**

102 **Ezra 10:11** Now therefore give praise to the Lord God of our fathers, and do what is pleasing before him, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives." **read ›**

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

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

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

106 **Job 8:2** "How long will you speak these things, with the breath of your mouth so full of words? **read ›**

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

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

109 **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 ›**

110 **Psalms 7:5** let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and trample my life into the ground, and lay my glory in the dust. Pause. (Septuagint Psalm 7:6 (Psalm 7:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

111 **Psalms 7:14** Behold, he has been in labor with unrighteousness; he has conceived trouble and brought forth iniquity. (Septuagint Psalm 7:15 (Psalm 7:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

112 **Psalms 10:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

113 **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 ›**

114 **Proverbs 6:32** But the adulterer, through lack of understanding, brings destruction on his own soul; **read ›**

115 **Proverbs 19:14** Fathers divide house and property among their children, but a wife is fitted to a man by the Lord. **read ›**

116 **Proverbs 30:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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117 **Ecclesiastes 6:5** Moreover it has not seen the sun and has not known rest; to this one rather than that one. **read ›**

118 **Ecclesiastes 9:9** And see life with the wife whom you have loved, all the days of your life of vanity that are given to you under the sun; for that is your portion in your life and in your labor at which you labor under the sun. **read ›**

119 **Song of Solomon 4:6** until the day breathes and the shadows move. I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. **read ›**

120 **Song of Solomon 4:8** Come from Lebanon, O bride, come from Lebanon; you shall come and pass on from the top of Faith, from the top of Senir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards. **read ›**

121 **Isaiah 2:11** For the eyes of the Lord are high, but man is low; and the height of men shall be brought low, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. **read ›**

122 **Isaiah 16:10** And gladness and great joy will be taken away from the vineyards, and in your vineyards they will never be glad, and they will never tread wine into the vats, for it has ceased. **read ›**

123 **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 ›**

124 **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 ›**

125 **Jeremiah 3:20** But as a wife is unfaithful to her companion, so the house of Israel has been unfaithful to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

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

127 **Ezekiel 23:18** And she uncovered her prostitution, and she uncovered her shame; and my soul turned away from her, just as my soul had turned away from her sister. **read ›**

128 **Ezekiel 31:9** because of the multitude of its branches; and the trees of God's garden of Delight envied it. **read ›**

129 **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 ›**

130 **Daniel 5:18** O king. God Most High gave the kingdom and the majesty and the honor and the glory to Nebuchadnezzar your father; **read ›**

131 **Hosea 2:2** Plead with your mother, plead, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband; and I will remove her prostitution from my presence, and her adultery from between her breasts, (Septuagint Hosea 2:4 (Hosea 2:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

132 **Hosea 9:9** They have become corrupt as in the days of the hill; he will remember their unrighteousness; he will punish their sins. **read ›**

133 **Amos 4:6** And I will give you dullness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

134 **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 ›**

135 **Jonah 3:1** And the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, **read ›**

136 **Malachi 2:11** Judah has been forsaken, and an abomination has come about in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loved, and has gone after foreign gods. **read ›**

137 **Malachi 2:14** And you said, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, whom you have forsaken; and she is your companion and the wife of your covenant. **read ›**

138 **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 ›**

139 **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 ›**

140 **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 ›**

141 **1 Esdras 4:21** and with his wife he spends his life, and remembers neither father nor mother nor country. **read ›**

142 **1 Esdras 4:25** And a man loves his own wife more than father and mother. **read ›**

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143 **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 ›**

144 **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 ›**

145 **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 ›**

146 **1 Esdras 9:9** and do his will, and separate yourselves from the nations of the land and from the foreign wives." **read ›**

147 **1 Esdras 9:17** And the cases of the men who had foreign wives were brought to an end by the new moon of the first month. **read ›**

148 **1 Esdras 9:20** They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and to offer rams in atonement for their ignorance. **read ›**

149 **1 Esdras 9:36** All these had married foreign wives, and they sent them away with their children. **read ›**

150 **Tobit 1:9** And when I became a man, I took Anna as my wife from the seed of our family, and by her I fathered Tobias. **read ›**

151 **Tobit 1:20** And all my possessions were seized, and nothing was left to me except Anna my wife and Tobias my son. **read ›**

152 **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 ›**

153 **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 ›**

154 **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 ›**

155 **Tobit 6:13** Then the young man said to the angel, "Brother Azariah, I have heard that the young woman has been given to seven men, and that they all perished in the bridal chamber. **read ›**

156 **Tobit 6:14** And now I am my father's only son, and I am afraid that if I go in I will die, as the ones before me did; for a demon loves her, and it harms no one except those who come near her. And now I am afraid that I will die and bring the life of my father and my mother down to their grave in anguish on my account; and they have no other son to bury them." **read ›**

157 **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 ›**

158 **Tobit 7:5** And they said, "He is both alive and in good health." And Tobias said, "He is my father." **read ›**

159 **Tobit 7:10** And Raguel said to Tobias, "Eat, drink, and be merry; for it is right for you to take my child. But I will show you the truth. **read ›**

160 **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 ›**

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

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

163 **Tobit 8:7** And now, O Lord, I am not taking this sister of mine because of sexual immorality, but in truth. Command that mercy be shown to me, and that I may grow old together with her." **read ›**

164 **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 ›**

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165 **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 ›**

166 **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 ›**

167 **Tobit 10:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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

169 **Tobit 14:12** And when Anna died, he buried her with his father. And Tobias departed with his wife and his sons to Ecbatana, to Raguel his father-in-law, **read ›**

170 **Tobit 14:13** and he grew old in honor. And he buried his parents-in-law gloriously, and he inherited their property, and that of Tobit his father. **read ›**

171 **Judith 8:2** And her husband was Manasseh, of her tribe and of her family; and he died in the days of the barley harvest. **read ›**

172 **Judith 8:4** And Judith remained a widow in her house three years and four months. **read ›**

173 **Judith 8:7** And she was beautiful in form and very lovely to look at; and Manasseh her husband had left her gold and silver, and servants and maidservants, and cattle and fields; and she remained in charge of them. **read ›**

174 **Judith 9:4** and you gave their wives as plunder and their daughters into captivity, and all their spoils to be divided among the sons you loved, who were zealous with your zeal and detested the defilement of their blood and called on you for help. O God, my God, hear me also, a widow. **read ›**

175 **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 ›**

176 **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 ›**

177 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:16** But the children of adulterers will not come to maturity, and the seed of an unlawful bed will vanish. **read ›**

178 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:6** For children born of lawless unions are witnesses of evil against their parents when they are examined. **read ›**

179 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:9** For equally hateful to God are the ungodly man and his ungodliness. **read ›**

180 **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 ›**

181 **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 ›**

182 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:16** If you trust in her, you will inherit her, and his generations will possess her. **read ›**

183 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:2** Keep away from what is unrighteous, and it will turn away from you. **read ›**

184 **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 ›**

185 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:3** Do not go to meet a woman who works as a prostitute, lest you fall into her traps. **read ›**

186 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:9** Do not sit at all with a married woman, and do not feast with her over wine, lest your soul turn aside to her, and in your spirit you slide into destruction. **read ›**

187 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:4** A daughter of sound judgment will inherit her husband, but she who brings shame is a grief to her father. **read ›**

188 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:5** A bold daughter shames both father and husband, and she will be dishonored by both. **read ›**

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

190 **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 ›**

191 **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 ›**

192 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:18** Her husband will sit down among his neighbors, and when he hears, he sighs bitterly. **read ›**

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

194 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:23** A low spirit and a gloomy face and a wounded heart— that is an evil wife; drooping hands and weakened knees— that is she who will not make her husband happy. **read ›**

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

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

197 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:2** A courageous wife gladdens her husband, and she will fill out his years in peace. **read ›**

198 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:3** A good wife is a good portion; she will be given among the portion of those who fear the Lord. **read ›**

199 **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 ›**

200 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:9** The sexual immorality of a woman is known in the raising of her eyes, and by her eyelids. **read ›**

201 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:13** The grace of a wife delights her husband, and her knowledge will fatten his bones. **read ›**

202 **Wisdom of Sirach 30:4** His father died, and it is as though he had not died, for he has left behind him one like himself. **read ›**

203 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:28** If there is mercy and meekness on her tongue, her husband is not like the sons of men. **read ›**

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

205 **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 ›**

206 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:23** A friend and a companion meet in due season, but above both is a wife with her husband. **read ›**

207 **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 ›**

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

209 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:10** in her virginity, lest she be defiled and become pregnant in her father’s house; when with a husband, lest she transgress, and when married, lest she be barren. **read ›**

210 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:20** You put a blemish on your glory and profaned your seed, so as to bring anger upon your children; and I was pierced to the heart over your foolishness, **read ›**

211 **Baruch 4:12** Let no one rejoice over me, a widow and forsaken by many; I have been made desolate because of the sins of my children, for they turned aside from the law of God, **read ›**

212 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:43** And the women, with cords around them, sit by the roads burning bran for incense; and when one of them, led away by some passer-by, has lain with him, she taunts her neighbor for not having been thought as worthy as herself, nor having had her cord broken. **read ›**

213 **1 Maccabees 9:41** So the wedding was turned into mourning, and the sound of their musicians into a song of lament. **read ›**

214 **1 Maccabees 10:13** and each one left his place and went away to his own land. **read ›**

215 **1 Maccabees 10:54** now therefore let us establish friendship with each other. Give me now your daughter as my wife, and I will make a marriage alliance with you, and I will give you and her gifts worthy of you.” **read ›**

216 **1 Maccabees 11:10** For I regret that I gave him my daughter, for he has sought to kill me.” **read ›**

217 **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 ›**

218 **2 Maccabees 6:5** The altar was filled with unlawful things that the laws forbade. **read ›**

219 **2 Maccabees 7:41** Last of all, after her sons, the mother died. **read ›**

220 **2 Maccabees 14:25** Nicanor urged Judas to marry and have children; Judas married, settled down, and shared in the common life. **read ›**

221 **3 Maccabees 1:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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222 **3 Maccabees 4:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
223 **3 Maccabees 4:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
224 **4 Maccabees 2:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
225 **4 Maccabees 15:26** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
226 **4 Maccabees 16:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
227 **4 Maccabees 16:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
228 **4 Maccabees 16:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
229 **4 Maccabees 18:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
230 **4 Maccabees 18:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
231 **1 Enoch 8:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
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234 **1 Enoch 15:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
235 **1 Enoch 15:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
236 **1 Enoch 42:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
237 **1 Enoch 83:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
238 **Matthew 1:19** Joseph, her husband, being righteous and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, intended to divorce her secretly. **read ›**
239 **Matthew 5:27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery;’ **read ›**
240 **Matthew 5:28** but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. **read ›**
241 **Matthew 5:31** “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ **read ›**
242 **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 ›**
243 **Matthew 14:4** For John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” **read ›**
244 **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 ›**
245 **Matthew 19:6** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate.” **read ›**
246 **Matthew 19:7** They asked him, “Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce and divorce her?” **read ›**
247 **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 ›**
248 **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 ›**
249 **Matthew 22:24** saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed for his brother.’ **read ›**
250 **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 ›**
251 **Matthew 22:26** The same happened to the second, and the third, down to the seventh. **read ›**
252 **Matthew 22:28** In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her.” **read ›**
253 **Mark 6:17** For Herod himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, for he had married her. **read ›**
254 **Mark 6:18** For John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” **read ›**
255 **Mark 10:4** They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and divorce his wife.” **read ›**
256 **Mark 10:7** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, **read ›**
257 **Mark 10:8** and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **read ›**
258 **Mark 10:9** What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” **read ›**
259 **Mark 10:11** He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. **read ›**

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260 **Mark 10:12** If a woman herself divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." **read ›**

261 **Mark 12:19** "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up seed for his brother. **read ›**

262 **Mark 12:20** There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and when he died he left no seed. **read ›**

263 **Mark 12:21** The second took her and died, and he too left no seed; and the third likewise. **read ›**

264 **Mark 12:22** All seven took her and left no seed. Last of all, the woman also died. **read ›**

265 **Mark 12:23** In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife." **read ›**

266 **Luke 14:20** Another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' **read ›**

267 **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 ›**

268 **Luke 20:28** saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies having a wife, and dies childless, his brother should take the wife and raise up seed for his brother. **read ›**

269 **Luke 20:29** There were therefore seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died childless. **read ›**

270 **Luke 20:30** The second took her as wife, and he died childless. **read ›**

271 **Luke 20:31** The third took her, and likewise the seven all left no children, and died. **read ›**

272 **Luke 20:33** In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife." **read ›**

273 **John 4:16** Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." **read ›**

274 **John 4:18** for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly." **read ›**

275 **John 8:4** and said to him, testing him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. **read ›**

276 **Acts 9:41** He gave her his hand and raised her up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. **read ›**

277 **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 ›**

278 **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 ›**

279 **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 ›**

280 **1 Corinthians 5:1** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and sexual immorality of a kind not even named among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. **read ›**

281 **1 Corinthians 6:6** But brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers. **read ›**

282 **1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor men who have sexual relations with men, **read ›**

283 **1 Corinthians 6:16** Do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For he says, "The two shall become one flesh." **read ›**

284 **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 ›**

285 **1 Corinthians 7:2** But because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. **read ›**

286 **1 Corinthians 7:3** Let the husband give his wife the affection owed to her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. **read ›**

287 **1 Corinthians 7:4** The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. **read ›**

288 **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 ›**

289 **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 ›**

290 **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 ›**

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291 **1 Corinthians 7:10** But to the married I command, not I but the Lord, that a wife not separate from her husband— **read ›**

292 **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 ›**

293 **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 ›**

294 **1 Corinthians 7:13** And if a woman has an unbelieving husband, and he agrees to live with her, let her not send him away. **read ›**

295 **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 ›**

296 **1 Corinthians 7:15** But if the unbeliever separates, let him separate. The brother or sister is not enslaved in such cases; but God has called us in peace. **read ›**

297 **1 Corinthians 7:16** For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? **read ›**

298 **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 ›**

299 **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 ›**

300 **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 ›**

301 **1 Corinthians 7:33** but the married man cares for the things of the world, how he may please his wife. **read ›**

302 **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 ›**

303 **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 ›**

304 **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 ›**

305 **2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers; for what partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? **read ›**

306 **2 Corinthians 6:17** Therefore, “Go out from the midst of them and be separate,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; and I will receive you, **read ›**

307 **Galatians 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, licentiousness, **read ›**

308 **Ephesians 5:22** Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **read ›**

309 **Ephesians 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, and he is the Savior of the body. **read ›**

310 **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her, **read ›**

311 **Ephesians 5:28** Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. **read ›**

312 **Ephesians 5:31** 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 ›**

313 **Ephesians 5:33** Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband. **read ›**

314 **Colossians 3:18** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. **read ›**

315 **Colossians 3:19** Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them. **read ›**

316 **1 Timothy 1:10** for the sexually immoral, for men who lie with males, for slave traders, for liars, for perjurers, and for anything else contrary to sound doctrine, **read ›**

317 **1 Timothy 3:11** Women likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. **read ›**

318 **1 Timothy 5:9** Let no one be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, **read ›**

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319 **1 Timothy 5:11** But refuse younger widows; for when their desires turn them against Christ, they want to marry, **read ›**

320 **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 ›**

321 **2 Timothy 2:6** The farmer who labors must be the first to get a share of the crops. **read ›**

322 **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 ›**

323 **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 ›**

324 **James 4:4** You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **read ›**

325 **1 Peter 3:1** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some disobey the word, they will be won without a word through their wives' conduct, **read ›**

326 **1 Peter 3:7** You husbands, in the same way, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman as to the weaker vessel, as also being joint heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. **read ›**

327 **2 Peter 2:14** having eyes full of adultery and unable to cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, with hearts trained in covetousness—accursed children! **read ›**

328 **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 ›**

329 **Revelation 18:4** I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you do not receive her plagues, **read ›**

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