THE QUESTION

Was Origen excommunicated, and why did early writers oppose his teaching?

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

Our passages do not record Origen being excommunicated or give a reason for it. They do show that Methodius sharply opposed some of his teachings: that the same flesh will not rise, that the soul lived before the body, and that the body is a fetter. The dispute centered on the resurrection.

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Methodius says Origen denied the same flesh rises

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

Methodius reports that Origen expected only the outward form of each person to rise, stamped on a new spiritual body, rather than the same flesh being restored to the soul. This is the main charge in these passages.

1

> “Origen therefore thinks that the same flesh will not be restored to the soul, but that the form of each, according to the appearance by which the flesh is now distinguished, will rise stamped upon another spiritual body, so that each one will again appear in the same form.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (c. 270–311 AD) **Source 11, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Methodius answers from Christ, first to rise

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Methodius argues that if Moses and Elijah already showed a resurrection of form alone, Christ could not be the first to rise from the dead. So he concludes the resurrection must be of the flesh, not just its shape.

2

> “How then could Christ be proclaimed by the prophets and apostles as the first begotten of the dead?”
>
> *later in the same passage*
>
> “Therefore, there is no resurrection of the form without the flesh.”

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Methodius rejects calling the body a fetter

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Methodius lists another teaching he blames on Origen: that the soul lived without a body before the fall, and that the body was then given to it like a fetter that causes sin and holds the soul back from good works.

3

"Origen said that the body was given to the soul like a fetter after the fall, and that before this it lived without a body."

later in the same passage

"He also said that this body we wear is the cause of our sins."

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The risen body as air and fire

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Methodius also reports that Origen described the risen body as made of pure air and fire, like the angels, and so not earthly. He treats this as another way Origen moved away from a bodily resurrection.

4

"And Origen has shown that the body of man which will rise will be of this kind and made of these things, and he also said that it would be spiritual."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (c. 270–311 AD) **Source 12, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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The same objections appear under Peter's name

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Writings preserved under the name of Peter of Alexandria repeat the same charges almost word for word. This shows these objections to Origen were passed along, though both texts give his views only through a critic.

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5 “Origen said that the body was given to the soul like a chain after the fall, and that before that it lived without a body.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Peter of Alexandria,** *Genuine Acts of Peter* (c. 300–311 AD) **Source 20, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Origen himself argued about the resurrection

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In his own work, Origen questions heretics about the resurrection and asks them to explain the differences among those who rise. So he did write about the resurrection; the dispute was over what kind of body rises.

6 “We will ask them, moreover, about the differences of those who rise again.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 10 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 2, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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How the early church cut off false teachers

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Other passages show what excommunication looked like then. Bishops cut off a teacher who opposed God and refused to submit, and church rules called for rejecting the unrepentant while receiving anyone who repents. None of these passages applies this to Origen.

7 “Therefore we have been forced to excommunicate this man, because he opposes God Himself and refuses to submit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Malchion,** *Epistle Against Paul of Samosata* 1 (c. 260–280 AD) **Source 6, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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8 “But if he is willing to repent, receive him. For the church does not receive a heathen or a tax collector to communion until each one repents of his former impieties.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 5, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not say whether Origen was ever excommunicated, by whom, or when.
- They give Origen's views mostly through his critics' words, not his own fuller explanations.
- 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 20 early Christian passages and 157 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–20, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 21–158, in Bible order), then 19 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 *20 passages from 7 writers*

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 1*

1 *On Baptism* 15 (1885 English; on point 7) “however, have no fellowship in our discipline, whom the mere fact of their excommunication testifies to be outsiders… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 2*

2 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 10 **Quote 6, page 4** “statements are made in reply to those who deny… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Epistles* (on point 7) “enough the name of Fortunatus, who is one of the five presbyters who some time ago deserted the Church and were recently excommunicated by the judgment of our fellow bishops… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistles* (on point 7) hostile to divine mercy and to the salvation of the brothers. He still seems not to have been excommunicated by us. For a long time now, he has boasted and… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 5*

5 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** it to the Church: but if he neglects to hear the Church, let… [continues online] **read ›**

Malchion, *c. 260–280 AD · source 6*

6 *Epistle Against Paul of Samosata* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “Then at the close of the epistle they add the following words: — We have been compelled, therefore, to excommunicate this man, who thus opposes God Himself, and refuses submission, and… [continues online] **read ›**

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Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 7–13*

7 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* **Quote 2, page 2** “a little later, he says: "If, then, Origen, you claim that the resurrection of the body, changed into a spiritual body, is to be expected only in appearance, and if… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (on point 1) But it is the flesh that dies; the soul is immortal. So then, if the soul is immortal, and the body is the corpse, those who say that there is… [continues online] **read ›**

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11 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* **Quote 1, page 2** “he says, while refuting Origen: "Origen therefore thinks that the same flesh will not be restored to the soul, but that the form of each, according to the appearance by… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “it would then be earthy. And of such nature, and consisting of such things, Origen has shown that the body of man shall be which shall rise, which he also… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** “That Origen said that the body was given to the soul as a fetter after the fall, and that previously it lived without a body… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · sources 14–20*

14 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (on point 2) “after a little while, he says: “If, then, Origen, you maintain that the resurrection of the body, changed into a spiritual body, is to be expected only in appearance, and… [continues online] **read ›**

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20 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** “That Origen said that the body was given to the soul as a fetter after the fall, and that previously it lived without a body… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *138 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

21 **Deuteronomy 25:2** then if the ungodly man deserves lashes, you shall lay him down before the judges, and they shall whip him before them according to his ungodliness. **read ›**

22 **2 Chronicles 19:10** Whatever case comes to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between statute and commandment, ordinances and judgments, you shall instruct them, and they shall not sin against the Lord, and anger shall not come upon you and upon your brothers. Thus you shall do, and you shall not sin. **read ›**

23 **Ezra 9:4** Then everyone who followed the word of the God of Israel gathered to me because of the faithlessness of the exiles; and I sat still in silence until the evening sacrifice. **read ›**

24 **Proverbs 10:2** Treasures will not profit the lawless, but righteousness will deliver from death. **read ›**

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25 **Proverbs 11:25** Every simple soul is blessed, but a hot-tempered man is not graceful. **read ›**

26 **Proverbs 14:3** Out of the mouth of fools comes a staff of arrogance, but the lips of the wise guard them. **read ›**

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

28 **Proverbs 15:21** The paths of the senseless lack understanding, but a man of sound judgment walks on a straight course. **read ›**

29 **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 ›**

30 **Ecclesiastes 3:4** a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; **read ›**

31 **Ecclesiastes 4:14** For he will come out of the house of the prisoners to reign, for even in his kingdom he became poor. **read ›**

32 **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 ›**

33 **Isaiah 3:21** and the earrings, and the garments bordered with purple, and the garments with purple in the middle, **read ›**

34 **Isaiah 4:1** And seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes; only let your name be called upon us; take away our disgrace.” **read ›**

35 **Isaiah 13:19** And Babylon, which is called glorious by the king of the Chaldeans, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. **read ›**

36 **Isaiah 13:20** It will never be inhabited, nor will they enter it at all for many generations; nor will Arabians ever pass through it, nor will shepherds ever rest in it. **read ›**

37 **Isaiah 15:1** The word against the land of Moab. By night the land of Moab will be destroyed, for by night the wall of the land of Moab will be destroyed. **read ›**

38 **Isaiah 15:4** For Heshbon and Elealeh have cried out; their voice was heard as far as Jahaz. Therefore the loins of the land of Moab cry aloud; her soul will know. **read ›**

39 **Isaiah 16:13** This is the word which the Lord spoke concerning Moab, when he spoke. **read ›**

40 **Isaiah 30:33** For you will be called to account before your days; has it also been prepared for you to reign? A deep ravine, wood laid in place, fire and much wood; the wrath of the Lord is like a ravine burning with sulfur. **read ›**

41 **Isaiah 34:10** and it will never be quenched, and her smoke will go up; through her generations she will be made desolate, **read ›**

42 **Jeremiah 2:7** And I brought you into Carmel, to eat its fruits and its good things; and you went in and defiled my land, and made my inheritance an abomination. **read ›**

43 **Daniel 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus king of the Persians a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, and great power and understanding were given to him in the vision. **read ›**

44 **1 Esdras 3:19** it makes the mind of the king and of the orphan one mind, of the household slave and of the free man, of the poor and of the rich; **read ›**

45 **1 Esdras 4:54** And he also wrote concerning the provision and the priestly robe in which they serve. **read ›**

46 **1 Esdras 5:39** When the record of the descent of these men was sought in the register and was not found, they were excluded from serving as priests. **read ›**

47 **1 Esdras 9:4** and that whoever did not come within two or three days, according to the judgment of the ruling elders, should have his cattle given over to the temple, and he himself should be cut off from the multitude of the captivity. **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:23** For God created man for incorruption, and made him an image of his own nature. **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:16** The righteous man who has died will condemn the ungodly who are living, and youth quickly made perfect will condemn the many years of the unrighteous man’s old age. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:26** For she is a radiance of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:27** Though she is one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets. **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:15** For a father, worn down by untimely grief, made an image of his child, so quickly taken from him, and now honored as a god what was once a dead man, and handed down to his dependents mysteries and rites. **read ›**

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53 **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 ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:2** For the Lord has glorified the father over the children, and has established the judgment of the mother over the sons. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:28** My child, glorify your soul in meekness, and give it honor according to its worth. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:20** Before all things were created they were known to him, and so also after they were completed. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:18** of a trespass before a judge and a ruler, of lawlessness before a congregation and a people, of unrighteousness before a partner and a friend, and of theft before the place where you live; **read ›**

58 **Baruch 4:35** For fire will come upon her from the Everlasting for many days, and she will be inhabited by demons for a long time. **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 10:2** When King Demetrius heard of it, he gathered very great forces and went out to meet him in battle. **read ›**

60 **1 Maccabees 11:25** Some lawless men of the nation were bringing charges against him, **read ›**

61 **1 Maccabees 13:35** King Demetrius sent to him in response to these words, and answered him and wrote him a letter as follows: **read ›**

62 **1 Maccabees 13:36** “King Demetrius to Simon the high priest and friend of kings, and to the elders and the nation of the Jews, greeting. **read ›**

63 **1 Maccabees 14:3** He went and struck down the army of Demetrius, seized him, and brought him to Arsaces, who put him under guard. **read ›**

64 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

65 **1 Maccabees 14:38** And King Demetrius confirmed him in the high priesthood accordingly, **read ›**

66 **1 Maccabees 15:21** If therefore any worthless men have fled to you from their country, hand them over to Simon the high priest, so that he may punish them according to their law.” **read ›**

67 **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 ›**

68 **2 Maccabees 3:4** But a certain Simon, of the tribe of Benjamin, who had been appointed captain of the temple, fell out with the high priest about the lawlessness in the city; **read ›**

69 **2 Maccabees 4:14** that the priests were no longer eager for the services of the altar; but despising the temple and neglecting the sacrifices, they hurried to take part in the lawless exhibitions in the wrestling arena after the signal for the discus-throwing. **read ›**

70 **2 Maccabees 4:31** So the king went quickly to settle matters, leaving as his deputy Andronicus, one of the men of high rank. **read ›**

71 **2 Maccabees 4:38** Burning with anger, he immediately stripped Andronicus of his purple, tore off his garments, and led him around through the whole city to that very place where he had acted ungodly against Onias; and there he put the murderer out of the world, the Lord paying him back with the punishment he deserved. **read ›**

72 **2 Maccabees 5:23** and at Gerizim, Andronicus; and besides these, Menelaus, who lorded it over the citizens worse than the others, having a hostile attitude toward his fellow citizens the Jews. **read ›**

73 **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 ›**

74 **2 Maccabees 13:6** There they all push to destruction anyone guilty of sacrilege, or anyone who has gone to extremes in other crimes. **read ›**

75 **2 Maccabees 13:8** For since he had committed many sins against the altar, whose fire and ashes were holy, in ashes he met his death. **read ›**

76 **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 ›**

77 **3 Maccabees 2:30** But so that he might not appear hostile to all, he wrote underneath: “But if any of them choose to live among those initiated into the rites, these shall have citizenship equal to the Alexandrians.” **read ›**

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78 **3 Maccabees 6:31** Then those who before had been held in disgrace and near to Hades, or rather had already set foot in it, instead of a bitter and lamentable death held a drinking feast of salvation; and, full of joy, they divided the place prepared for their fall and their tomb into couches for feasting. **read ›**

79 **4 Maccabees 3:21** then certain men, rebelling against the common harmony, met with calamities in many ways. **read ›**

80 **4 Maccabees 12:12** For this, divine justice is storing you up for a more intense and eternal fire and for tortures that will not let you go for all eternity. **read ›**

81 **4 Maccabees 13:19** Now you are not ignorant of the affections of human nature, which divine and all-wise providence planted through the mother's womb, **read ›**

82 **4 Maccabees 13:20** in which brothers dwell for an equal time, and are formed in the same period, and grow from the same blood, and are brought to maturity through the same life, **read ›**

83 **4 Maccabees 15:1** O reason of the sons, tyrant over the passions! O godliness, more desired by the mother than her children! **read ›**

84 **4 Maccabees 15:4** O how might I describe the child-loving passions of parents, who stamp a wonderful likeness of soul and form upon the small imprint of a child, especially since mothers are more sympathetic in their feelings toward those they have borne! **read ›**

85 **4 Maccabees 16:13** But as one having a mind like steel, and as though giving birth again to her full number of sons for immortality, she rather urged them on to death for godliness, pleading with them. **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 18:23** But the children of Abraham, with their victorious mother, are gathered together into the chorus of the fathers, having received immortal souls from God. **read ›**

87 **1 Enoch 1:3** Concerning the chosen ones I now speak, and concerning them I took up my parable. My Holy Great One shall come forth from his dwelling, **read ›**

88 **1 Enoch 9:5** For you made all things, and you have all authority, and all things are plain and uncovered before you, and you see all things. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 10:13** Then they shall be led away into the chasm of fire, and into the torment, and into the prison of eternal confinement. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 16:1** from the day of slaughter and destruction and death, from which the spirits, going out from the soul of their flesh, shall bring ruin without judgment; thus they shall bring ruin until the day of completion, the great judgment, in which the great age shall be completed.' **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 22:4** And they made these places for holding them until the day of their judgment, and until the fixed time, the appointed period in which the great judgment shall be upon them." **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 22:11** Here their spirits are set apart in this great torment until the great day of judgment, of the lashes and the torments of the cursed forever; it was the repayment of the spirits. There he shall bind them forever. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 39:2** And in those days Enoch received books of zeal and wrath, and books of turmoil and expulsion. And mercy shall not be granted to them, says the Lord of Spirits. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 41:2** And there I saw the dwelling places of the chosen ones and the dwelling places of the holy; and my eyes saw there all the sinners who deny the name of the Lord of Spirits being driven from there and being dragged off; and they could not remain because of the punishment which goes out from the Lord of Spirits. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 48:6** And for this reason he has been chosen and hidden before him, before the creation of the world and forevermore. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 49:3** And in him dwells the spirit of wisdom, and the spirit which gives insight, and the spirit of understanding and of might, and the spirit of those who have fallen asleep in righteousness. **read ›**

97 **1 Enoch 51:1** And in those days the earth also shall give back what has been entrusted to it, and Hades also shall give back what it has received, and the underworld shall give back what it owes. **read ›**

98 **1 Enoch 58:3** And the righteous shall be in the light of the sun, and the chosen ones in the light of eternal life; the days of their life shall be unending, and the days of the holy without number. **read ›**

99 **1 Enoch 60:6** And when the day, and the power, and the punishment, and the judgment come, which the Lord of Spirits has prepared for those who do not worship the righteous law, and for those who deny the righteous judgment, and for those who take his name in vain, that day is prepared: for the chosen ones a covenant, but for sinners an inquiry." **read ›**

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100 **1 Enoch 60:9** And I begged the other angel to show me the might of those monsters, how they were parted on one day and cast, the one into the abysses of the sea, and the other onto the dry land of the wilderness. **read ›**

101 **1 Enoch 61:5** And these measures shall reveal all the secrets of the depths of the earth, and those who have been destroyed by the desert, and those who have been devoured by the beasts, and those who have been devoured by the fish of the sea, that they may return and rely on the day of the Elect One; for no one shall be destroyed before the Lord of Spirits, and no one can be destroyed. **read ›**

102 **1 Enoch 62:7** For from the beginning the Son of Man was hidden, and the Most High preserved him in the presence of his might, and revealed him to the chosen ones. **read ›**

103 **1 Enoch 67:13** Because these waters of judgment minister to the healing of the body of the kings and the lust of their body, therefore they shall not see and shall not believe that those waters shall change and become a fire which burns forever. **read ›**

104 **1 Enoch 70:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **1 Enoch 90:26** I saw at that time how a similar abyss was opened in the midst of the earth, full of fire, and they brought those blinded sheep, and they were all judged and found guilty and cast into this fiery abyss, and they burned; now this abyss was to the right of that house. **read ›**

106 **1 Enoch 91:14** and all mankind shall look to the path of uprightness. After that, in the ninth week, the righteous judgment shall be revealed to the whole world, and all the works of the ungodly shall vanish from all the earth, and the world shall be written down for destruction. **read ›**

107 **1 Enoch 95:4** Woe to you who pronounce curses which cannot be reversed: healing shall therefore be far from you because of your sins. **read ›**

108 **1 Enoch 103:3** that good things and joy and honor have been prepared and written down for the souls of the godly who have died, and that many kinds of good shall be given to you in return for your labors, and that your lot is abundantly beyond the lot of the living. **read ›**

109 **1 Enoch 103:8** and there they shall be in great distress and in darkness and in a trap and in a burning flame; and into great judgment your souls shall enter, in all the generations of the age. Woe to you; there is no joy for you. **read ›**

110 **1 Enoch 108:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

111 **1 Enoch 108:6** And he said to me, “This place which you see — here are cast the spirits of sinners and blasphemers, and of those who work wickedness, and of those who pervert everything that the Lord has spoken through the mouth of the prophets — even the things that shall be. **read ›**

112 **Matthew 11:27** All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and he to whom the Son desires to reveal him. **read ›**

113 **Matthew 18:17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. **read ›**

114 **Mark 15:3** The chief priests accused him of many things. **read ›**

115 **Luke 10:22** Turning to the disciples, he said, “All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” **read ›**

116 **John 1:6** There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **read ›**

117 **John 3:35** The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. **read ›**

118 **John 5:23** that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. **read ›**

119 **John 5:29** and will come out; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. **read ›**

120 **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 ›**

121 **Acts 2:31** he foresaw this and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ: his soul was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **read ›**

122 **Acts 3:21** whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things which God spoke of long ago through the mouth of all his holy prophets. **read ›**

123 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

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124 **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 ›**

125 **Acts 19:38** If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a matter against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one another. **read ›**

126 **Acts 22:5** as the high priest and the whole council of elders also bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers and traveled to Damascus to bring those there in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished. **read ›**

127 **Acts 24:8** By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him." **read ›**

128 **Acts 25:5** "Therefore," he said, "let those in authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything against this man, let them accuse him." **read ›**

129 **Acts 25:15** When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the Jews brought their case against him, asking for a sentence against him. **read ›**

130 **Romans 8:29** For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **read ›**

131 **Ephesians 2:7** that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus; **read ›**

132 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

133 **Colossians 1:18** He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence. **read ›**

134 **2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw from every brother who walks in a disorderly way and not according to the tradition which they received from us. **read ›**

135 **1 Timothy 1:3** As I urged you when I was going into Macedonia, stay at Ephesus that you might command certain men not to teach a different doctrine, **read ›**

136 **1 Timothy 1:20** of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they might be taught not to blaspheme. **read ›**

137 **1 Timothy 5:12** having condemnation, because they have abandoned their former faithfulness. **read ›**

138 **1 Timothy 5:19** Do not receive an accusation against an elder except at the word of two or three witnesses. **read ›**

139 **1 Timothy 5:20** Before everyone, rebuke those who sin, so that the rest also may fear. **read ›**

140 **1 Timothy 5:21** I command you in the sight of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the chosen angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. **read ›**

141 **2 Timothy 4:10** for Demas deserted me, having loved this present age, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens went to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. **read ›**

142 **Titus 1:2** in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began, **read ›**

143 **Titus 3:10** Reject a divisive man after a first and second warning, **read ›**

144 **Hebrews 1:5** For to which of the angels did he ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? And again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? **read ›**

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

146 **1 Peter 1:9** receiving the goal of your faithfulness, the salvation of your souls. **read ›**

147 **1 Peter 1:20** who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in this last age for your sake, **read ›**

148 **2 Peter 1:17** For he received from God the Father honor and glory when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **read ›**

149 **2 Peter 3:7** But the present heavens and earth have been stored up by his word, kept for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. **read ›**

150 **2 Peter 3:12** looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? **read ›**

151 **1 John 2:23** Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either. **read ›**

152 **1 John 5:7** For there are three who testify: **read ›**

153 **3 John 1:9** I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us. **read ›**

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154 **3 John 1:10** Because of this, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds: he speaks nonsense against us with evil words. And not content with these things, he himself does not receive the brothers, and he prevents those who wish to and casts them out of the church. **read ›**

155 **Jude 1:6** And angels who did not keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. **read ›**

156 **Revelation 20:5** The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. **read ›**

157 **Revelation 20:14** Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **read ›**

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

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