THE QUESTION

What did the early church teach about rebellion against God's authority (Jude 1:8–13)?

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

The early writers saw Jude's rebels as people who chose ungodliness and so were set for judgment, not forced into it. They warned that grabbing authority God never gave, like Korah, angers God, and that despising those He sends is despising Christ. Sin starts in the heart, and judgment over the devil belongs to the Lord.

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God did not make them ungodly

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

Clement of Alexandria, commenting on Jude, says these men were not made ungodly by God. Because they had already become ungodly by their own choice, they were marked out for judgment. Their rebellion was their own doing.

1

"This does not mean that they were made to become ungodly, but that, since they were now ungodly, they were appointed to judgment."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 13, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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Rebellion begins with thoughts of the heart

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Origen explains Christ's teaching that defilement comes from within. Evil thoughts are the spring of every sin, so the remedy is to guard the heart closely before sin reaches the mouth or the hands.

2

"The spring and source of every sin, then, is evil thoughts. For unless these gained control, neither murders nor adulteries nor any other such thing would exist."

later in the same passage

"Therefore, each man must keep his own heart with all watchfulness."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 11 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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Defiling the flesh also defiles the spirit

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Jude says these men defile the flesh. The Shepherd of Hermas warns that misusing the body is never a private matter: it also defiles the Holy Spirit who lives in the believer. It also says God can heal past sins for those who stop.

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3 “If you defile your flesh, you will also defile the Holy Spirit. And if you defile your flesh and spirit, you will not live."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Korah's sin was seizing unappointed authority

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The Apostolic Constitutions use Korah as a warning against taking church offices God never gave. Like Korah's followers and King Uzziah, those who push past their appointed place provoke God's anger.

4 “But because many think this is a small matter, and dare to confuse the orders, and to remove the ordination that belongs to each one, taking for themselves dignities that were never given to them, and allowing themselves in a tyrannical way to bestow that authority which they do not themselves have, they provoke God to anger, as did the followers of Corah and King Uzziah.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 23, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Despising God's messengers is despising God

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The Apostolic Constitutions quote Christ's words that rejecting those He sends is rejecting Him and the Father. Irenaeus says the same of those who reject the apostles' teaching: they despise Christ and the Father and stand self-condemned.

5 “And, "He who despises you despises me; and he who despises me despises Him who sent me."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 23, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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6 "If anyone does not agree with these truths, they despise the companions of the Lord; indeed, they despise Christ Himself the Lord; yes, they despise the Father also, and stand self-condemned, resisting and opposing their own salvation, as is the case with all heretics."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 11, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Cain's murder was stirred up by the devil

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In a passage addressed to the devil, the long Ignatian letters name him as the rebel against God who led the first humans away from obedience and stirred Cain against Abel. Cain's path, in this reading, follows the devil's own rebellion.

7 "You, O Belial, dragon, apostate, crooked serpent, rebel against God, outcast from Christ, alien from the Holy Spirit, exile from the ranks of the angels, reviler of the laws of God, enemy of all that is lawful, who rose up against the first-formed of men, and drove forth from obedience to the commandment of God those who had in no way injured you; you who raised up against Abel the murderous Cain; you who took arms against Job: do you say to the Lord, "If You will bow down and worship me?""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Michael disputed with the devil over Moses

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

Clement of Alexandria takes Jude's mention of Michael and the body of Moses as a sign that Moses was taken up. Hippolytus describes Michael as the angel assigned to God's people.

8 "When Michael the archangel argued with the devil and debated about the body of Moses, he confirms here that Moses was taken up."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 14, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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9 “Who is Michael except the angel assigned to the people?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 16, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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The Lord Himself rebukes the devil

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

Michael's words in Jude echo Zechariah's vision, where the Lord rebukes the devil standing beside the high priest. Justin Martyr reads that scene as a picture of believers, whose accuser is rebuked by the power of God sent through Jesus Christ.

10 “And the Lord said to the devil, The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you. Behold, is this not a brand plucked out of the fire?’"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 7, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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11 “And even though the devil is always ready to oppose us and eager to lure everyone to himself, the Angel of God, that is, the Power of God sent to us through Jesus Christ, rebukes him, and he departs from us.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 6, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages say nothing about Balaam or about Jude's pictures of clouds without water and wandering stars.
- None of these writers explains Michael's restraint in speaking against the devil.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 27 early Christian passages and 214 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–27, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 28–172, in Bible order), then 69 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 *27 passages from 12 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–3*

1 *Shepherd* **Quote 3, page 3** "you defile your flesh, you will also defile the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 4) the man who seems to have the Spirit exalts himself, and wishes to have the first seat, and is bold, and impudent, and talkative… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Shepherd* (on point 4) there is no rivalry about the chief places, or glory of any kind, but about patience and personal humility. Among such people, then, is the life of the Lord; but… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 4*

4 *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 7, page 4** "O Belial, dragon, apostate, crooked serpent, rebel against God, outcast from Christ, alien from the Holy Spirit, exile from the ranks of the angels, reviler of the laws of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 5–8*

5 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 8) "the Lord] said, 'The Lord, who has taken Jerusalem, rebuke thee.' And again, it is written in Job, as you said yourself, how that the angels came to stand before… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 11, page 5** "an eternal kingdom for us. Just as Joshua, called by the prophet a priest, was evidently wearing filthy garments because he is said to have taken a harlot for a… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 10, page 5** "the Lord said to the devil, The Lord who… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Dialogue with Trypho* there are and have been many, my friends, who, coming in the name of Jesus, taught people to speak and act in impious and blasphemous ways; and we name these… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 9–11*

9 *Against Heresies: Book IV* are upon us, evil has spread among people, not only turning them into apostates but also raising blasphemers against the Creator through various heretics already mentioned. Although these heretics come… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (on point 1) away from Him, disregard His commands, dishonor the One who made them through their actions, and blaspheme against the One who nurtures them through their beliefs, bring upon themselves the… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** "more, he despises Christ Himself the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

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Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 12–14*

12 *Stromata* 3 (on point 3) just mentioned: "Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse our hearts from every defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," 2 Corinthians 7:1… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 1, page 2** “speak evil of majesty, that is, of the angels… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 8, page 4** “Michael the archangel argued with the devil and debated about the body of Moses, he confirms here that Moses was taken up. He is called Michael here, and through an… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 15–16*

15 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (on point 7) is written in the Scripture of truth. There is no one who stands with me in these matters except Michael your prince, and I left him there. For from the… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 9, page 5** “look, Michael. Who is Michael except the angel assigned to the people? As God says to Moses, "I will not go with you on the way, because the people are… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 17–20*

17 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 2 (on point 7) of Moses, a little treatise of which the Apostle Jude makes mention in his Epistle, the archangel Michael, when disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, says that… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Commentary on Matthew* 11 **Quote 2, page 2** let us see how the things that come out and defile a man do not defile him because they come out of the mouth. Rather, the cause of their defilement… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 7) be taken from The Shepherd. It speaks about some who, as soon as they believe, are put under Michael, but after they fall away from him through love of pleasure… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 8 (1885 English; on point 7) “Gabriel, the conduct of wars; to Michael, the duty of attending to the prayers and supplications of mortals… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · source 21*

21 *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 11 (1885 English; on point 3) “profligacy and licentiousness are evil, and the filthy wantonness of our bodies carries death in it… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 22*

22 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 5) “despise those set over them with haughty swelling, would speak evil of one another with envenomed tongue, would quarrel with one another with obstinate hatred… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 23–25*

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quotes 4, 5, page 3** confuse the orders, and to remove the ordination that belongs to each one, taking for themselves dignities that were never given to them, and allowing themselves in a tyrannical way… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Apostolic Constitutions* and by this was deprived by God of his dignity, because he chose to be a devil rather than an archangel. Therefore, woman, avoid such empty words, and always remember… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 2) “You shall pour out the blood. For not those things that go into the mouth, but those that come out of it, defile a man… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · source 26*

26 *Oration on the Psalms* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) “think, indeed, under a pretence of piety, to avenge the glory of God, not understanding that he that despises Me despises My Father also.John 15:23 I came forth… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 27*

27 *Divine Institutes* 14 (on point 8) “the Lord said to the adversary, 'The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you… [continues online] **read ›**

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THE BIBLE *145 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

28 **Leviticus 20:18** And a man who lies with a woman who is sitting apart in her impurity and uncovers her nakedness has laid bare her fountain, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be utterly destroyed from among their generation. **read ›**

29 **Numbers 11:34** So the name of that place was called Graves of Craving, because there they buried the people who craved. **read ›**

30 **Judges 8:23** But Gideon said to them, “I will not rule, and my son shall not rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.” **read ›**

31 **1 Samuel 10:27** But troublemakers said, “Who is this man that will save us?” And they despised him and brought him no gifts. **read ›**

32 **1 Samuel 15:23** For sin is omen-reading; the teraphim bring grief and toil. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord also shall reject you from being king over Israel.” **read ›**

33 **Job 17:8** Wonder has seized true men at this; and may the righteous rise up against the lawless. **read ›**

34 **Job 40:8** Do not set aside my judgment; do you think that I have dealt with you for any other reason than that you might be shown to be righteous? **read ›**

35 **Psalms 50:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

36 **Psalms 94:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

37 **Psalms 139:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

38 **Proverbs 30:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

39 **Ecclesiastes 7:11** Wisdom is good with an inheritance, and an advantage to those who see the sun. **read ›**

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

41 **Song of Solomon 2:14** You are my dove, in the shelter of the rock, near the outer wall. Show me your face, and let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.” **read ›**

42 **Jeremiah 2:35** And you said, “I am innocent; only let his wrath turn away from me.” Behold, I enter into judgment with you, because you say, “I have not sinned.” **read ›**

43 **Jeremiah 11:9** And the Lord said to me: A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among those who dwell in Jerusalem. **read ›**

44 **Ezekiel 1:6** And each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. **read ›**

45 **Ezekiel 1:7** And their legs were straight, and their feet were winged, and there were sparks like flashing bronze; and their wings were nimble. **read ›**

46 **Ezekiel 2:1** This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And I looked, and I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking; and he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.” **read ›**

47 **Ezekiel 6:14** And I will stretch out my hand against them, and I will make the land a ruin and a destruction from the wilderness of Riblah, in all their dwelling places; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” **read ›**

48 **Ezekiel 16:36** Thus says the Lord: Because you poured out your bronze, your shame also shall be uncovered in your prostitution with your lovers, and in all the imaginations of your iniquities, and in the blood of your children whom you gave to them. **read ›**

49 **Ezekiel 22:10** In you they uncovered a father’s shame, and in you they dishonored her who sat apart in uncleanness. **read ›**

50 **Ezekiel 23:17** And the sons of Babylon came to her, into the bed of rest, and they defiled her in her prostitution, and she was defiled by them, and her soul turned away from them. **read ›**

51 **Ezekiel 23:20** and you lusted after the Chaldeans, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys, and their members like the members of horses; **read ›**

52 **Ezekiel 24:13** Her rust shall be put to shame, because you defiled yourself. And what if you are not cleansed again until I have fulfilled my wrath? **read ›**

53 **Ezekiel 31:3** Behold, Asshur was a cypress in Lebanon, beautiful in its shoots and lofty in stature; its top was among the clouds. **read ›**

54 **Ezekiel 40:8** and the third side room equal to the reed in length and equal to the reed in breadth. **read ›**

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55 **Daniel 9:7** To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, and to us shame of face, as at this day—to the men of Judah, and to those who dwell in Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those near and those far off in every land where you have scattered them, for their faithlessness with which they dealt faithlessly. **read ›**

56 **Daniel 10:21** But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth; and there is no one who stands with me in these things except Michael your prince. **read ›**

57 **Daniel 11:5** And the king of the south shall grow strong; and one of their rulers shall grow strong against him and shall rule with great dominion. **read ›**

58 **Amos 2:7** sandals that tread upon the dust of the earth; and they struck with their fists on the heads of the poor, and turned aside the way of the lowly; and a son and his father went in to the same maidservant, that they might profane the name of their God. **read ›**

59 **Amos 4:12** Therefore I will do this to you, O Israel; but because I will do this to you, prepare to call upon your God, O Israel. **read ›**

60 **Micah 2:7** he who says, “The house of Jacob has provoked the Spirit of the Lord.” Are these not his practices? Are not his words good with him, and have they not walked uprightly? **read ›**

61 **Zechariah 3:1** And the Lord showed me Jesus the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the devil was standing at his right hand to oppose him. **read ›**

62 **Zechariah 3:2** And the Lord said to the devil, “May the Lord rebuke you, O devil; may the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you. See, is not this like a brand plucked out of the fire?” **read ›**

63 **Zechariah 3:6** And the angel of the Lord solemnly charged Jesus, saying, **read ›**

64 **Tobit 12:15** I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the holy ones and go in before the glory of the Holy One.” **read ›**

65 **Judith 8:23** for our slavery will not be turned to favor, but the Lord our God will make it a dishonor. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:12** For the evil eye of worthlessness obscures what is good, and the roving of desire perverts an innocent mind. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:23** Therefore those who lived unrighteously in the foolishness of life you tormented through their own abominations. **read ›**

68 **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 ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:5** whose sight comes to fools as a disgrace, and they long for the breathless form of a dead image. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 17:11** For evil, when condemned, bears particularly cowardly witness, and, hemmed in by conscience, it always assumes the worst. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:22** Do not show partiality against your own soul, and do not let shame bring about your downfall. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:13** Glory and dishonor are in speaking, and a man’s tongue is his downfall. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:4** Do not seek from the Lord a position of leadership, nor from the king a seat of glory. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:6** Do not seek to become a judge, lest you be unable to remove unrighteousness, lest you be afraid of a ruler and lay a stumbling block in your uprightness. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:17** Humble your soul greatly. Remember that anger will not delay, for the punishment of the ungodly is fire and worm. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:7** Pride is hateful before the Lord and before men, and injustice is offensive to both. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:25** There is a shrewdness that is exact, yet it is unrighteous; and there is one who acts perversely to make a judgment appear. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 20:4** Like the desire of a eunuch to take a young woman’s virginity, so is he who executes judgments by force. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 20:11** There is loss because of glory, and there is one who has lifted up his head from lowliness. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:28** The gossip defiles his own soul, and will be hated where he lives. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:16** Two kinds multiply sins, and the third will bring anger: a hot soul like a burning fire will certainly not be quenched until it is consumed; a sexually immoral man in the body of his flesh will certainly not stop until he has kindled a fire. **read ›**

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82 **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 ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 51:6** a slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king. My soul drew near to death, and my life was near to Hades below. **read ›**

84 **Susanna 1:53** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

85 **1 Maccabees 2:62** And do not fear the words of a sinful man, for his glory will go to dung and worms. **read ›**

86 **2 Maccabees 7:11** and said nobly, “I received these from heaven, and for the sake of his laws I disregard them, and from him I hope to receive them back again.” **read ›**

87 **2 Maccabees 7:35** For you have not yet escaped the judgment of the Almighty God, who watches over all. **read ›**

88 **2 Maccabees 8:4** and to remember the lawless destruction of the innocent infants and the blasphemies committed against his name, and to show his hatred of evil. **read ›**

89 **2 Maccabees 10:34** Those inside, trusting in the strength of the place, blasphemed terribly and uttered unlawful words. **read ›**

90 **2 Maccabees 14:36** So now, O holy Lord of all holiness, keep undefiled forever this house that has so recently been purified.” **read ›**

91 **2 Maccabees 14:42** preferring to die nobly rather than fall into the hands of the wicked wretches and be outraged in a way unworthy of his own noble birth. **read ›**

92 **2 Maccabees 15:23** And now, O Sovereign of the heavens, send a good angel before us to bring fear and trembling. **read ›**

93 **2 Maccabees 15:24** By the greatness of your arm may those who come with blasphemy against your holy people be struck with terror.” And with these words he ended. **read ›**

94 **2 Maccabees 15:34** And toward heaven they all blessed the Lord who had appeared, saying, “Blessed is he who has kept his own place undefiled!” **read ›**

95 **3 Maccabees 2:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **3 Maccabees 3:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **3 Maccabees 3:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **3 Maccabees 3:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **3 Maccabees 5:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **4 Maccabees 5:38** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

101 **4 Maccabees 6:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **4 Maccabees 6:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **4 Maccabees 12:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **1 Enoch 7:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **1 Enoch 9:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

106 **1 Enoch 9:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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108 **1 Enoch 15:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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136 **Matthew 20:25** But Jesus summoned them, and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **read ›**
137 **Mark 10:42** Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that they who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **read ›**
138 **Luke 3:1** Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, **read ›**
139 **Luke 3:2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. **read ›**
140 **Luke 4:10** for it is written: He shall give his angels charge concerning you, to guard you; **read ›**
141 **Luke 4:35** Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” When the demon had thrown the man down in their midst, it came out of him without harming him. **read ›**
142 **Luke 12:10** And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. **read ›**
143 **Luke 19:14** But his citizens hated him, and sent an envoy after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ **read ›**
144 **Luke 22:25** He said to them, “The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ **read ›**
145 **Luke 22:65** And they said many other things against him, blaspheming. **read ›**
146 **Acts 3:7** He took him by the right hand and raised him up. Immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength. **read ›**
147 **Acts 10:16** This happened three times, and the sheet was taken up again into heaven. **read ›**
148 **Acts 11:3** saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!” **read ›**
149 **Acts 14:5** When some of both the Gentiles and the Jews, with their rulers, made a violent attempt to mistreat and stone them, **read ›**
150 **Acts 14:20** But as the disciples stood around him, he rose up, and entered into the city. On the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe. **read ›**
151 **Acts 26:15** I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **read ›**
152 **Romans 1:24** Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves; **read ›**
153 **Romans 2:1** Therefore you are without excuse, O man, whoever you are who judge. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge practice the same things. **read ›**
154 **Romans 2:3** Do you think, O man, that you will escape the judgment of God when you judge those who practice such things and do them yourself? **read ›**

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155 **Romans 2:24** For because of you the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles, as it is written. **read ›**

156 **Romans 3:2** Much in every way! For first of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God. **read ›**

157 **Ephesians 4:19** Having become callous, they gave themselves up to licentiousness, to practice every kind of uncleanness with greediness. **read ›**

158 **Colossians 3:5** Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: sexual immorality, uncleanness, depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **read ›**

159 **1 Thessalonians 4:8** Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given his Holy Spirit to you. **read ›**

160 **James 2:7** Do they not blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? **read ›**

161 **1 Peter 4:14** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. **read ›**

162 **2 Peter 2:10** but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, **read ›**

163 **2 Peter 2:11** whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring a slanderous judgment against them before the Lord. **read ›**

164 **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 ›**

165 **3 John 1:9** I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us. **read ›**

166 **Jude 1:8** Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander dignitaries. **read ›**

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

168 **Jude 1:15** to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly among them concerning all the works of their ungodliness in which they have acted ungodly, and concerning all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” **read ›**

169 **Revelation 12:7** There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought, **read ›**

170 **Revelation 12:10** I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. **read ›**

171 **Revelation 13:6** He opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, those who dwell in heaven. **read ›**

172 **Revelation 16:7** I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments.” **read ›**

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