THE QUESTION

What does a wedding ring symbolize in the Bible?

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

Early writers treat a ring as a seal for safekeeping, not an ornament. Clement of Alexandria allows a gold finger ring for sealing and keeping household goods safe, not for decoration. Other writers warn against gold worn for show and picture faithful marriage as one bride kept pure for one husband.

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Clement allows a ring for sealing, not show

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Clement says a gold finger ring is permitted for a practical reason. It is used to seal and protect things in the house while the household is being managed. He says plainly that it is not for decoration.

1 "So, the Word permits them to wear a gold finger ring. This is not for decoration, but for sealing things that should be kept safe in the house while they carry out their duty of managing the household."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 6, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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A signet ring keeps things safe

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Clement gives the same reason for men who work away from home and away from their wives. A signet may be used to seal things for safety, and only for that. Other rings, he says, should be set aside, because wisdom is the real gold ornament.

2 "And if it is necessary for us, while we are engaged in public business, or doing other work in the countryside, and are often away from our wives, to seal something for the sake of safety, He, the Word (Logos), allows us to use a signet for this purpose only. Other finger rings are to be cast off, since, according to Scripture, instruction is a golden ornament for a wise man."

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Even how a ring is worn matters

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Clement also cares about how a man wears his ring. He wants it low on the little finger so the hand stays free for work and the signet does not slip off. His concern is modest, useful wear rather than display.

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3 “But men should not wear a ring on the middle joint of the finger, because that is feminine. Instead, they should wear it at the base of the little finger.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 9, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Gold worn for show is warned against

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Cyprian repeats the apostles' teaching that women should be adorned with modesty and a good life, not with gold and costly clothing. Any ring a Christian wore would fall under this rule of modesty.

4 “Let women adorn themselves with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing, but as is fitting for women who profess chastity, with a good way of life."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 16, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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A husband should please his wife alone

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

The Apostolic Constitutions tell a husband to be kind and honoring toward his wife and to please her alone. He is warned not to dress or adorn himself in a way that draws another woman. Faithfulness, not ornament, is the mark of a married man.

5 “Let a husband not be insolent or arrogant toward his wife, but compassionate and generous, willing to please his own wife alone, and treating her with honor and kindness, trying to be pleasing to her.”

later in the same passage

“Do not adorn yourself in a way that may attract another woman to you.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 19, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Marriage pictures one bride for one husband

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Cyprian uses the apostle's words about a chaste virgin pledged to Christ to show that Christ has only one bride. The Apostolic Constitutions point back to creation, when God gave one woman to one man. Both picture marriage as a single, faithful bond.

6 “For there are not many brides of Christ, since the apostle says, "I have espoused you, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ," in”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 17, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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7 “For in creation God gave one woman to one man, for "the two shall be one flesh,"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 21, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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God's signs were never empty

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

Irenaeus is speaking of circumcision and the Sabbath, not rings. Still, he teaches that the outward signs God gave were full of meaning and pointed to something inward. This is a reminder that a sign is only as good as the reality it stands for.

8 “These things were given as signs, and the signs were not without symbolism—neither meaningless nor purposeless—since they were given by a wise Creator.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not describe a ring being given during a Christian wedding service.

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- They do not say that Scripture commands Christians to exchange rings or gives a ring one fixed meaning.
- 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 24 early Christian passages and 194 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–24, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 25–131, in Bible order), then 87 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 *24 passages from 9 writers*

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

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 7) "that was given for a sign, and not for a work of righteousness, as the Scriptures compel you [to admit… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 6) "on this account does the law term a woman betrothed to a man, the wife of him who had betrothed her, although she was as yet a virgin… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 8, page 4** you shall be circumcised, and you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins as a sign of the covenant between Me and you.'" The prophet Ezekiel speaks similarly about the… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 4–9*

4 *Stromata* 3 (on point 6) so that you may become another's, of Him who was raised from the dead," Romans 7:4, namely, the bride and the Church. And she must be chaste: from… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Instructor* 2.11 (on point 4) about love of ornament, dyeing wool, a variety of colors, fussiness about gems, delicate work in gold, and still more, artificial hair and curled arrangements? And furthermore, what should be… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Instructor* 3.11 (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "Word, then, permits them a finger-ring of gold… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Instructor* 3.11 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "finger-rings are to be cast off, since, according to the Scripture, instruction is a golden ornament for a wise man. Sirach 21:21… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Instructor* 3.11 (on point 4) the image and likeness of God to dishonor the archetype by putting on a foreign ornament, preferring the harmful device of man to the creation of God… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Instructor* 3.11 **Quote 3, page 3** our whole way of life, we must be as worthy as possible of free people. But men should not wear a ring on the middle joint of the finger, because… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–14*

10 *Apology* 6 (1885 English; on point 5) “laws, too, your fathers in their wisdom had enacted concerning the very gods themselves, you their most loyal children have rescinded… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Marcion* 34 (on point 6) 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 ›**

12 *On Modesty* 9 (1885 English; on point 7) “ring also he is then wont to receive for the first time, wherewith, after being interrogated, he publicly seals the agreement of faith, and thus thenceforward feeds upon the fatness… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *On the Veiling of Virgins* 11 “even among the heathens the betrothed are led veiled to the husband. But if they are veiled at betrothal because then, both in body and in spirit, they have mingled… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Against Marcion* 11 (on point 6) which the same Spirit says to Him, "You shall clothe Yourself with them all, as with a bridal ornament." Isaiah 49:18 Christ also invites this spouse home to Himself… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 15–18*

15 *Treatises* (on point 4) clothing, but not to think about the robe of Christ that she has lost; to receive expensive ornaments and finely made necklaces, but not to grieve over the loss of… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Treatises* **Quote 4, page 3** “but Paul answers your riches. In his own words, he sets a proper limit for your clothing and ornaments. He said, "Let women adorn themselves with modesty and self-control… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Epistles* **Quote 6, page 4** of God. For the second birth, which takes place in baptism, begets sons of God. But if the bride of Christ is one, and that is the Catholic Church, then… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Treatises* (on point 4) “Lord will uncover their appearance. The Lord will take away the beauty of their clothing, their ornaments, their hair, their curls, their round ornaments like the moon, their hairpins, their… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 19–21*

19 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 5, page 3** “innocent. You are not guilty of the act itself, but you are guilty in this way: through your adornment, you led the woman to desire you. For you are the… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) than death. Her hands are fetters." Ecclesiastes 7:26. And in another passage: "As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is beauty in a wicked woman… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 7, page 4** lest, claiming they cannot control themselves in the prime of their age, they enter a second marriage and become open to accusation. Instead, let them be helped and supported, so… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 22*

22 *Writings* (on point 4) “moreover, earrings hang down with very heavy weight… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 23*

23 *Divine Institutes* 23 (on point 5) 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 ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 24*

24 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 2) “he took them and bound them [together], and sealed them with the rings of the princes of the tribes, and laid them up in the tabernacle of witness on the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *107 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

25 **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 ›**

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26 **Genesis 9:12** And the Lord God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I give between me and you, and between every living creature that is with you, for everlasting generations: **read ›**

27 **Genesis 9:13** I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **read ›**

28 **Genesis 9:17** And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have made between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” **read ›**

29 **Genesis 17:11** You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. **read ›**

30 **Genesis 24:22** When all the camels had finished drinking, the man took gold earrings weighing a drachma each, and two bracelets for her hands weighing ten gold pieces. **read ›**

31 **Genesis 24:53** Then the servant brought out articles of silver and gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave gifts to her brother and to her mother. **read ›**

32 **Genesis 38:17** He said, “I will send you a young goat from my flock.” And she said, “If you give me a pledge until you send it.” **read ›**

33 **Genesis 38:18** He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She said, “Your ring, your necklace, and the rod in your hand.” He gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. **read ›**

34 **Genesis 38:25** As she was being brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “I am with child by the man to whom these things belong.” And she said, “Recognize whose ring, necklace, and rod these are.” **read ›**

35 **Genesis 41:42** Then Pharaoh took the ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand. He clothed him in a robe of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. **read ›**

36 **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 ›**

37 **Exodus 22:16** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

38 **Exodus 25:12** And you shall beat out four golden rings for it, and put them on its four sides: two rings on the one side and two rings on the other side. **read ›**

39 **Exodus 26:11** And you shall make fifty bronze rings, and fasten the rings through the loops, and join the skins, and it shall be one. **read ›**

40 **Exodus 28:13** You shall make settings of pure gold, **read ›**

41 **Exodus 28:14** and you shall make two tassels of pure gold, interwoven with flowers, braided work; and you shall put the braided tassels on the settings, at their shoulder straps in front. **read ›**

42 **Exodus 28:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

43 **Exodus 28:26** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

44 **Exodus 28:27** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

45 **Exodus 36:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

46 **Exodus 36:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

47 **Exodus 36:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

48 **Exodus 36:24** They put the braided pieces of gold on the rings, on both sides of the oracle, **read ›**

49 **Exodus 36:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

50 **Exodus 36:26** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

51 **Exodus 38:3** He made all the furnishings of the altar, its fire pan, the base, the bowls, and the bronze flesh hooks. (Septuagint Exodus 38:23 (Exodus 38:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

52 **Exodus 38:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

53 **Exodus 38:10** and their pillars twenty, and their bases twenty; (Septuagint Exodus 37:8 (Exodus 38:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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

55 **Numbers 5:15** then the man shall bring his wife to the priest, and he shall bring the gift for her, a tenth of an ephah of barley meal. He shall not pour oil on it or put frankincense on it, for it is a sacrifice of jealousy, a sacrifice of memorial, bringing sin to remembrance. **read ›**

56 **Numbers 30:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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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 30:10** 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 ›**

60 **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 ›**

61 **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 ›**

62 **Numbers 30:15** But if her husband does cancel them after the day he heard, then he shall bear his sin." (Septuagint Numbers 30:16 (Numbers 30:15 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

63 **Numbers 31:50** So we have brought the Lord's gift, each man what he found: an article of gold, anklets, bracelets, rings, armlets, and hair clasps, to make atonement for us before the Lord." **read ›**

64 **Deuteronomy 6:8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and it shall be immovable before your eyes. **read ›**

65 **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 ›**

66 **Deuteronomy 22:15** then the father and mother of the girl shall take and bring out the girl's proof of virginity to the elders at the gate. **read ›**

67 **Deuteronomy 24:11** You shall stand outside, and the man who owes you the loan shall bring the pledge out to you. **read ›**

68 **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 ›**

69 **Deuteronomy 29:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **Ruth 4:7** Now this was the ordinance in former times in Israel concerning redemption and concerning exchange, to confirm every matter: a man would take off his sandal and give it to his neighbor who was redeeming his right of redemption. And this was a testimony in Israel. **read ›**

71 **2 Kings 23:3** The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments, his testimonies, and his ordinances with all the heart and with all the soul, to establish the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood in the covenant. **read ›**

72 **2 Chronicles 34:31** The king stood at the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk before the Lord, to keep his commandments, testimonies, and statutes with all the heart and with all the soul, so as to do the words of the covenant written in this book. **read ›**

73 **Ezra 3:6** On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer whole burnt offerings to the Lord; but the foundation of the house of the Lord had not been laid. **read ›**

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

75 **Nehemiah 9:38** In all these things we make a firm pledge and write it, and our rulers, our Levites, and our priests set their seal to it. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:1 (Nehemiah 9:38 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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

77 **Esther 8:8** Write also in my name, as it seems good to you, and seal it with my ring; for whatever is written at the king's command and sealed with my ring cannot be contradicted." **read ›**

78 **Job 10:4** Or do you see as a mortal sees? Or will you look as a man looks? **read ›**

79 **Psalms 7:11** God is a righteous judge, and strong, and patient, not bringing on anger every day. (Septuagint Psalm 7:12 (Psalm 7:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

80 **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 ›**

81 **Proverbs 1:27** and when sudden alarm comes upon you, and your overthrow is upon you like a storm, and when trouble and siege come upon you, or when ruin comes upon you. **read ›**

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

83 **Proverbs 17:18** A foolish man applauds and rejoices over himself, as does he who gives a pledge to guarantee his own friends' debts. **read ›**

84 **Song of Solomon 1:10** How lovely your cheeks have become, like a turtledove's, your neck like chains! **read ›**

85 **Song of Solomon 1:11** We will make you likenesses of gold with studs of silver. **read ›**

86 **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 ›**

87 **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 ›**

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

89 **Isaiah 49:18** Lift up your eyes all around and see them all: behold, they have gathered together and come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall put them all on like an ornament, and put them on as a bride does her ornament. **read ›**

90 **Isaiah 62:5** And as a young man lives with a virgin, so your sons will dwell; and as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, so the Lord will rejoice over you. **read ›**

91 **Ezekiel 16:11** and I adorned you with ornaments, and put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck. **read ›**

92 **Ezekiel 16:12** And I put a ring in your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a crown of boasting on your head. **read ›**

93 **Ezekiel 40:26** and it had seven steps, and porches inside, and it had palm trees, one on this side and one on that, on the posts. **read ›**

94 **Hosea 2:19** And I will pledge you to myself in marriage forever; and I will pledge you to myself in righteousness and in judgment and in mercy and in compassion; (Septuagint Hosea 2:21 (Hosea 2:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

95 **Hosea 2:20** and I will pledge you to myself in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord. (Septuagint Hosea 2:22 (Hosea 2:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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

97 **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 ›**

98 **1 Esdras 3:6** to be clothed in purple, and to drink from gold cups, and to sleep on gold, and a chariot with gold bridles, and a cap of fine linen, and a chain around his neck; **read ›**

99 **1 Esdras 9:20** They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and to offer rams in atonement for their ignorance. **read ›**

100 **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 ›**

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

102 **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 ›**

103 **Judith 10:4** She put sandals on her feet, and put on her anklets, her bracelets, her rings, her earrings, and all her ornaments; and she made herself very beautiful, to deceive the eyes of all the men who might see her. **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:24** For on his full-length robe was the whole world, and the glories of the fathers were engraved on the four rows of stones, and your majesty was on the diadem upon his head. **read ›**

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

106 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:15** Do not forget the kindnesses of your guarantor, for he has given his life for you. **read ›**

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

108 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:3** of reckoning with a partner and with travelers, and of giving the inheritance of companions; **read ›**

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109 **Wisdom of Sirach 45:12** a golden crown upon the turban, an engraved seal of holiness, a glory of honor, a work of strength, the desires of the eyes, beautifully adorned. **read ›**

110 **Baruch 5:2** Put on the double cloak of the righteousness that comes from God; set on your head the miter of the glory of the Everlasting. **read ›**

111 **1 Maccabees 1:27** Every bridegroom took up a lament, and she who sat in the bridal chamber was in mourning. **read ›**

112 **1 Maccabees 8:29** On these terms the Romans made an agreement with the people of the Jews. **read ›**

113 **1 Maccabees 9:39** They lifted up their eyes and looked, and behold, there was a noise and much baggage; and the bridegroom came out with his friends and his brothers to meet them with tambourines and musicians and many weapons. **read ›**

114 **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 ›**

115 **1 Maccabees 10:89** And he sent him a gold clasp, such as is customarily given to the kinsmen of kings; and he gave him Ekron and all its borders as his allotted possession. **read ›**

116 **1 Maccabees 13:37** We have received the golden crown and the palm branch that you sent, and we are ready to make a great peace with you and to write to our officials to grant you exemptions. **read ›**

117 **3 Maccabees 2:29** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

118 **3 Maccabees 4:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

119 **3 Maccabees 4:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

120 **4 Maccabees 4:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

121 **1 Enoch 6:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

122 **1 Enoch 6:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

123 **1 Enoch 69:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

124 **John 3:29** He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore my joy is made full. **read ›**

125 **Acts 3:19** Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **read ›**

126 **Acts 3:20** and he may send Jesus Christ, who was appointed for you beforehand, **read ›**

127 **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 ›**

128 **1 Corinthians 5:2** And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, so that the one who did this deed might be removed from among you. **read ›**

129 **1 Corinthians 7:25** Now concerning virgins, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who has received mercy from the Lord to be faithful. **read ›**

130 **2 Corinthians 11:2** For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I promised you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. **read ›**

131 **Revelation 19:7** Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready." **read ›**

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