THE QUESTION

What does the Bible say about wedding rings?

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Read it online: thehistoricfaith.com/early-church-questions/what-does-the-bible-say-about-wedding-rings

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

The Bible passages quoted here never mention a wedding ring; they warn against gold worn for show (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-4). Clement of Alexandria allowed one plain ring for sealing goods, not for decoration. Tertullian and, later, Chrysostom used a ring as a picture of a sealed pledge, not as a wedding rule.

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Scripture warns against gold worn for display

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

Cyprian quotes Paul in 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and Peter in 1 Peter 3:3-4 to limit gold and costly dress. Clement of Alexandria repeats Peter's call to seek the hidden beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. These are the Bible verses the writers here apply to jewelry, and none of them names a wedding ring.

1

> “You call yourself wealthy and rich, 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, 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."”
>
> *later in the same passage*
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> “Peter also agrees with these same teachings and says, "Let a woman's adornment not be outward, in clothing, or gold, or fine dress, but the adornment of the heart."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 14, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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2

> “Their beauty should not be outward beauty, such as braided hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine clothes. Instead, let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 5, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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POINT 2 OF 5

Clement allowed one ring for sealing, not show

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

Clement of Alexandria, writing around AD 200, permits a gold finger ring, but only as a seal to keep household goods safe, and says plainly it is not for decoration. Other finger rings are to be put away. He does not connect this ring with marriage or a wedding.

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3 “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 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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4 “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.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 2, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Tertullian saw a ring as a sealed pledge

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Explaining a parable of a son who returns to his father, Tertullian says the son receives a ring with which he publicly seals the agreement of faith before sharing in the Eucharist. So a ring could picture a binding pledge. His subject is coming to faith, not marriage.

5 “The ring also he then receives for the first time, with which, after being questioned, he publicly seals the agreement of faith, and thus from then on feeds on the fatness of the Lord's body — the Eucharist, that is.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Modesty* 9 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 7, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Betrothal customs named here include no ring

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Tertullian, using Rebecca as an example, names the grasp of the hand, the kiss and the greeting as betrothal customs, and says even among the heathens the betrothed are led veiled to the husband. He does not name a ring. That silence does not prove rings were never used, but this passage gives no ring custom to follow.

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6 “And the betrothed certainly have the example of Rebecca. When she was being led, herself still unknown, to an unknown betrothed, as soon as she learned that the one she had seen from afar was the man, she did not wait for the grasp of the hand, or the meeting of the kiss, or the interchange of salutation.”

later in the same passage

“No, even among the heathens the betrothed are led veiled to the husband.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On the Veiling of Virgins* 11 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 6, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Chrysostom pictured God's betrothal pledge as a signet

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John Chrysostom, writing in the late 300s, later than the writers above, calls God's present gifts betrothal gifts and an earnest of what is to come. He says Paul carried the signet ring, showing that the King had espoused our nature. The ring pictures Christ's pledge to his people, not couples exchanging rings.

7 “As betrothal gifts, God has given us present blessings. They are an earnest of the future, but the full dowry remains in the other world.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Second Homily on Eutropius* 1 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 17, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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8 “He had received the earnest. He bore the signet ring and carried it about. All men saw that the King had espoused our nature.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Second Homily on Eutropius* 1 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 18, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- No passage here quotes a Bible verse that mentions a wedding ring, and none gives the King James wording itself.
- None of these passages describes Christian couples exchanging rings at a wedding, either to require it or to forbid it.

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- They do not settle which hand, finger, or metal to use, or whether a ring has anything to do with a valid marriage.
- 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 18 early Christian passages and 134 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–18, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 19–126, in Bible order), then 26 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 *18 passages from 7 writers*

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 1–5*

1 *Instructor* 2.11 (on point 1) 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 ›**

2 *Instructor* 3.11 (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "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 ›**

3 *Instructor* 3.11 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "Word, then, permits them a finger-ring of gold… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Instructor* 3.11 (on point 2) In that way, the hand will be as free as possible for work, whatever we need it for. And the signet ring will not easily fall off, because the large… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Instructor* 3.11 **Quote 2, page 2** Instructor tells them to go out in proper clothing and to dress themselves with modesty and self-control, as 1 Timothy 2:9 says, being subject to their own husbands… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 6–8*

6 *On the Veiling of Virgins* 11 **Quote 6, page 4** will time veil them? Without time they cannot be espoused. And by whose urgency, even without espousals, they cease to be virgins. Even the heathens observe time, so that, in… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *On Modesty* 9 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "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 ›**

8 *On the Apparel of Women* 2.1 (on point 1) were no need for anything outward besides this, in the matter of the arrangement of dress and ornament, the studied graces of form and brilliance. In their gait they wear… [continues online] **read ›**

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Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 9*

9 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (on point 1) are directed to the chief daughters of Zion, and where he says, "Instead of an ornament of a golden head, you will have baldness on account of your works," he… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 10–14*

10 *Treatises* (on point 1) The features of ornaments, of clothing, and of beauty meant to attract are fitting for no one except prostitutes and immodest women. No clothing is more costly than the clothing… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 1) “you who stain your hair, now at least cease in the midst of sorrows… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Treatises* (on point 1) full of the Holy Spirit, cries out and rebukes the daughters of Zion. They were corrupted by gold, silver, and clothing. He rebukes them because they were rich in harmful… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Treatises* (on point 1) virginity is appointed for the kingdom of God, what do they have to do with earthly clothing and ornaments? While they are trying to please men with these things, they… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Treatises* **Quote 1, page 2** “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 ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 15*

15 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) “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 ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 16*

16 *Writings* (on point 1) woman, that the matrons should be like the ladies of the world. You surround yourself with gold, or with the modest silken garment. You cast the terror of the law… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Second Homily on Eutropius* 1 **Quote 7, page 4** “As betrothal gifts, God has given us present blessings. They are an earnest of the future, but the full dowry remains in the other world.” **read ›**

18 *Second Homily on Eutropius* 1 **Quote 8, page 4** “He had received the earnest. He bore the signet ring and carried it about. All men saw that the King had espoused our nature.” **read ›**

THE BIBLE *108 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

19 **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 ›**

20 **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 ›**

21 **Genesis 17:10** This is the covenant that you shall keep, between me and you, and between your seed after you throughout their generations: every male among you shall be circumcised. **read ›**

22 **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 ›**

23 **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 ›**

24 **Genesis 24:30** When he saw the earrings, and the bracelets on his sister’s hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, “This is what the man said to me,” he went to the man, who was standing by the camels at the spring. **read ›**

25 **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 ›**

26 **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 ›**

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

28 **Exodus 24:8** And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold, the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.” **read ›**

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

30 **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 ›**

31 **Exodus 28:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

32 **Exodus 30:3** You shall overlay with pure gold its grate, its sides all around, and its horns, and you shall make for it a twisted rim of gold all around. **read ›**

33 **Exodus 31:17** It is a perpetual covenant between me and the children of Israel; it is a perpetual sign with me. For in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and ceased.’” **read ›**

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

35 **Exodus 36:33** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

36 **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 ›**

37 **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 ›**

38 **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 ›**

39 **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 ›**

40 **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 ›**

41 **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 ›**

42 **Deuteronomy 5:2** The Lord your God made a covenant with you in Horeb. **read ›**

43 **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 ›**

44 **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 ›**

45 **Deuteronomy 22:19** and they shall fine him a hundred shekels and give them to the young woman’s father, because he has brought an evil name upon an Israelite virgin. And she shall be his wife; he may not send her away all his days. **read ›**

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

47 **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 ›**

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

49 **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 ›**

50 **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 ›**

51 **1 Chronicles 16:16** the covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac. **read ›**

52 **1 Chronicles 16:17** He established it for Jacob as a statute, for Israel as an everlasting covenant, **read ›**

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53 **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 ›**

54 **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 ›**

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

56 **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 ›**

57 **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 ›**

58 **Psalms 105:9** which he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac. (Septuagint Psalm 104:9 (Psalm 105:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **Proverbs 1:9** For you will receive a crown of graces for your head, and a gold chain around your neck. **read ›**

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

61 **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 ›**

62 **Proverbs 2:17** she who has forsaken the teaching of youth and forgotten the divine covenant. **read ›**

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

64 **Proverbs 11:22** As an earring in a pig’s snout, so is beauty to an evil-minded woman. **read ›**

65 **Ecclesiastes 8:15** So I praised gladness, because there is no good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be glad; and this will go with him in his labor the days of his life, which God has given him under the sun. **read ›**

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

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

68 **Song of Solomon 3:11** Go out, O daughters of Zion, and look upon King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, and on the day of the gladness of his heart. **read ›**

69 **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 ›**

70 **Song of Solomon 5:14** His hands are turned work of gold, inlaid with Tharsis; his belly is an ivory tablet on a sapphire stone. **read ›**

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

72 **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 ›**

73 **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 ›**

74 **Jeremiah 49:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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

76 **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 ›**

77 **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 ›**

78 **Daniel 1:9** And God caused Daniel to find mercy and compassion before the chief eunuch. **read ›**

79 **Daniel 4:9** “Belteshazzar, chief of the enchanters, I know that the Holy Spirit of God is in you, and no mystery is too hard for you: hear the vision of the dream that I saw, and tell me its interpretation. **read ›**

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

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81 **Daniel 11:22** and the arms of the one who floods shall be flooded away before him and broken, and also a leader of the covenant. **read ›**

82 **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 ›**

83 **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 ›**

84 **Joel 3:11** Gather together and come in, all you nations round about, and assemble there; let the gentle one become a warrior. (Septuagint Joel 4:11 (Joel 3:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

85 **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 ›**

86 **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 ›**

87 **Tobit 6:12** And the young woman is beautiful and sensible. And now listen to me, and I will speak to her father; and when we return from Rages, we will hold the wedding. For I know that Raguel will by no means give her to another man according to the law of Moses; otherwise he will be liable to death, because it is right for you to take the inheritance rather than any other man.” **read ›**

88 **Tobit 6:15** And the angel said to him, “Do you not remember the words that your father commanded you, that you should take a wife from your own people? And now listen to me, brother, for she will be your wife; and take no account of the demon, for this very night she will be given to you as a wife. **read ›**

89 **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 ›**

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

91 **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 ›**

92 **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 ›**

93 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:21** Instruction is to a man of sound judgment like an ornament of gold, and like a bracelet on the right arm. **read ›**

94 **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 ›**

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

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

97 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:20** who kept the law of the Most High and entered into a covenant with him; and in his flesh he established a covenant, and when tested he was found faithful. **read ›**

98 **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 ›**

99 **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 ›**

100 **1 Maccabees 1:11** In those days lawless sons came out of Israel and persuaded many, saying, “Let us go and make a covenant with the nations around us, for since we separated from them many evils have come upon us.” **read ›**

101 **1 Maccabees 1:27** Every bridegroom took up a lament, and she who sat in the bridal chamber was in mourning. **read ›**

102 **1 Maccabees 8:29** On these terms the Romans made an agreement with the people of the Jews. **read ›**

103 **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 ›**

104 **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 ›**

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105 **2 Maccabees 13:25** He came to Ptolemais. The people of Ptolemais were displeased about the agreements, for they were outraged and wanted to set aside their terms. **read ›**

106 **3 Maccabees 4:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

107 **1 Enoch 98:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

108 **Mark 10:7** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, **read ›**

109 **Mark 10:8** and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **read ›**

110 **Mark 10:9** What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." **read ›**

111 **John 2:14** In the temple he found those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers sitting there. **read ›**

112 **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 ›**

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

114 **Acts 7:8** He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. **read ›**

115 **Romans 16:9** Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. **read ›**

116 **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 ›**

117 **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 ›**

118 **1 Corinthians 7:37** But he who stands firm in his heart, who is under no necessity but has authority over his own will, and who has decided in his heart to keep his own virgin, does well. **read ›**

119 **1 Corinthians 7:38** So he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better. **read ›**

120 **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 ›**

121 **Ephesians 5:31** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. **read ›**

122 **1 Timothy 2:9** Likewise, I desire that women adorn themselves in orderly clothing, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothing, **read ›**

123 **Hebrews 13:4** Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled; but God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. **read ›**

124 **1 Peter 3:3** Let your adornment not be outward—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothes— **read ›**

125 **1 Peter 3:4** but the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very precious before God. **read ›**

126 **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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