

VERSES ON ELDERS

Exodus 4:29 29 ...Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel.

Leviticus 4:13-15 15 ...The elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before Yahweh, and the bull shall be killed before Yahweh.

Numbers 11:16-17 16 Yahweh said to Moses, Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. 17 And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.

Deuteronomy 31:9-13 9 ...Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Israel. 10 And Moses commanded them, At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before Yahweh your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, 13 and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.

Joshua 24:31 31 Israel served Yahweh all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that Yahweh did for Israel.

2 Samuel 5:3 3 ...All the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before Yahweh, and they anointed David king over Israel.

2 Kings 23:1-3 1 ...The king [Josiah] sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. 2 And the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and with him all the men of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of Yahweh. 3 And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments, his testimonies, and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

Proverbs 31:23 23 [The] husband [of the excellent wife] is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

Isaiah 3:14-15 14 Yahweh will enter into judgment with the elders and princes of his people: It is you who have devoured the vineyard. The spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 What

do you mean by crushing my people, by grinding the face of the poor? declares Lord Yahweh of hosts.

Isaiah 24:23 23 Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for Yahweh of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.

Lamentations 2:10 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence. They have thrown dust on their heads and put on sackcloth.

Lamentations 4:16 16 Yahweh himself has scattered them. He will regard them no more. No honour was shown to the priests, no favour to the elders.

Lamentations 5:12-14 12 Princes are hung up by their hands. No respect is shown to the elders. ... 14 The elders have left the city gate, the young men their music.

Ezekiel 7:26 26 Disaster comes upon disaster. Rumour follows rumour. They seek a vision from the prophet, while the Torah perishes from the priest and counsel from the elders.

Ezekiel 8:11-12 11 ...Before them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel... Each had his censer in his hand, and the smoke of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then he said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, Yahweh does not see us. Yahweh has forsaken the land.

Ezekiel 20:1-3 1 ...Certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Yahweh and sat before me [Ezekiel]. 2 And the word of Yahweh came to me: 3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says Lord Yahweh, Is it to inquire of me that you come? As I live, declares Lord Yahweh, I will not be inquired of by you.

Ezekiel 34:2-6 2 ...Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered. 6 They wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

Ezra 5:5 5 ...The eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and [their enemies] did not stop them until the report should reach Darius and then an answer be returned by letter concerning it.

Ezra 6:7-8 7 Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site. 8 Moreover, I [Darius] make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God. The cost is to be paid to these men

in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River.

Ezra 6:14 14 ...The elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building by decree of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Acts 6:1-6 1 ...When the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 11:29-30 29 ...The disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 14:23 23 ...When [Paul and Barnabas] had appointed (χειροτονέω) elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 15:2 2 ...After Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with [the men from Judea], Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.

Acts 15:4 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church, the apostles, and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.

Acts 15:6 6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.

Acts 15:22-23 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas...and Silas, leading men among the brothers, 23 with the following letter: The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, greetings.

Acts 16:4 4 As [Paul, Silas, and Timothy] went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Acts 20:28-35 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 And from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver, gold, or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Philippians 1:1 1 To all the saints in Messiah Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers (ἐπισκόποις) and deacons (διακόνους).

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 12 We ask you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Timothy 2:12-14 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man. Rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer (ἐπισκοπή), he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer (ἐπίσκοπος) must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 4:14-15 14 Do not neglect the gift you [Timothy] have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders (τοῦ ἡρεσβυτερίου) laid their hands on you.

1 Timothy 5:17-22 17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain, and, The labourer deserves his wages. 19 Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. 21 In the presence of God and of Messiah Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. 22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

Titus 1:5-9 5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant, quick-tempered, a drunkard, violent, or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Hebrews 13:7 7 Keep remembering those who led (ἡγήομαι) you (pl.), who spoke the word of God to you. And considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:17 17 Obey your leaders (ἡγήομαι) and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

James 5:14 14 Is anyone among you sick? He must call for the elders (πρεσβυτέρους) of the church (ἐκκλησία), and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

1 Peter 5:1-5 1 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, 2 shepherd (ποιμαίνω, aor.) the flock of God among you, exercising oversight (ἐπισκοπέω) not under compulsion, but voluntarily according to God, and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness, 3 nor domineering over (κατακυριεύω) those in your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd (τοῦ ἀρχιποιέμενος) appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to the elders. And all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Revelation 4:4 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

Revelation 4:9-11 9 ...Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour, and thanks to [the Father] who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne saying, 11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honour, and power, for you created all things, and by your desire (θέλημα) they existed and were created.

Revelation 5:6-14 6 ...Between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And

they sang a new song saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing! 13 And I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea, and all that is in them saying, To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing, honor, glory, and might forever and ever! 14 And the four living creatures said, Amen! and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 11:16 16 ...The twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God 17 saying, We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

Revelation 19:4 4 ...The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne saying, Amen. Hallelujah!