1. **I Macc. 2:23-27 (Anchor Bible trans.)**

When he had finished uttering these words, a Jewish man came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice upon the altar in Modein in accordance with the king’s decree. When Mattathias saw this, he was filled with zeal and trembled with rage and let his anger rise, as was fitting; he ran and slew him upon the altar…He acted zealously for the sake of the Torah, as Phineas acted against Zimri the son of Salom. Mattathias cried out throughout the town in a loud voice, “All who are zealous for the sake of the Torah, who uphold the covenant, march out after me!”

2. **I Macc. 2:49-50, 54 (Anchor Bible trans.)**

When the time drew near for Mattathias to die, he said to his sons, “…my children, be zealous for the Torah, and be ready to give your lives for the covenant of our fathers…Phineas, our ancestor, through his act of zeal received a pact of priesthood for all time.”

3. **Jerusalem Talmud Sanhedrin 9:7 (27b)**

Pinehas did not act in accordance with the Sages. R. Judah b. Pazi said: the Sages wanted to excommunicate him, were it not for the divine spirit that jumped in and said that he and his descendants shall have an eternal covenant of priesthood.

4. **Mishnah Avot 1:12**

Hillel used to say: Be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people and bringing them near to the Torah.

5. **Zechariah 4:2, 6**

He said to me, “What do you see?” And I answered, “I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl above it…” Then he explained to me as follows: “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit—said the Lord of Hosts.”
6. **Megillah 14a**

Only the prophecy which contained a lesson for future generations was written down, and that which did not contain such a lesson was not written.

מגילה ד: הכרב נביאים עמדה laut ישראל, וכלים כרורא מצרים, אלא, נבואות וחזורותいろות, ושלא הוזכרה ולא נכתבה.

7. **Mishnah Sanhedrin 10:1**

All Israel have a portion in the World to Come, for it is written, your people are all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. But the following have no portion therein: he who maintains that resurrection is not a biblical doctrine, the Torah was not divinely revealed, and an Epikoros. R. Akiba added: one who reads uncanonical books.

משנה סנהדרין י: כל ישראל יש להם חלק לעולם הבא שנאמר (ישעיה ס') עמך כולם צדיקים לעולם יירשו הארץ... והנה משמיעי כי כלちゃん ויהלמה אולא שיאפשר להם חלוף הזה האומר ואנחנו ויחי ההיסטוריה מהתורה והן

8. **Jerusalem Talmud Sanhedrin 10:1 (28a)**

R. Akiba added: one who reads uncanonical books, such as the books of Ben Sira and the books of Ben La’aga. But he who reads the books of Homer and all other books that were written from then on, is considered like one who is reading a secular document.

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9. **Sanhedrin 100b**

R. Akiba added: one who reads uncanonical books: A Tanna taught: this means the books of the heretics. R. Joseph said, it is also forbidden to read the book of Ben Sira.

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