

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah** chapter **40** verses **25-31**, which can be found on page **862** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

²⁵To whom will you liken me, whom set up as my equal? Asks the Holy One. Lift up your eyes to the heavens; consider who created it all, led out their host one by one and called them all by their names; through his great might, his might and power, not one is missing. Why do you complain, O Jacob, and you Israel, why do you say, 'My plight is hidden from the Lord and my cause has passed out of God's notice'? Do you not know, have you not heard? The Lord, the everlasting God, creator of the wide world, grows neither weary nor faint; no man can fathom his understanding. He gives vigour to the weary, new strength to the exhausted. Young men may grow weary and faint, even in their prime they may stumble and fall; but those who look to the Lord will win new strength, they will grow wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will march on and never grow faint.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Revelation** chapter **20** verses **1-6**, which can be found on page **333** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hands. He seized the dragon, that serpent of old, the Devil or Satan, and chained him up for a thousand years; he threw him into the abyss, shutting and sealing it over him, so that he might seduce the nations no more till the thousand years were over. After that he must be let loose for a short while.

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Then I saw thrones, and upon them sat those to whom judgement was committed. I could see the souls of those who had been beheaded for the sake of God's word and their testimony to Jesus, those who had not worshipped the beast and its image or received its mark on forehead or hand. These came to life again and reigned with Christ for a thousand years, though the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over. This is the first resurrection. Happy indeed, and one of God's own people, is the man who shares in this first resurrection! Upon such the second death has no claim; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him for the thousand years.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.