

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Genesis** chapter **15** verses **1-12**, which can be found on page **15** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹After this the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am giving you a very great reward.' Abram replied, 'Lord God, what canst thou give me? I have no standing among men, for the heir to my household is Eliezer of Damascus.' Abram continued, 'Thou hast given me no children, and so my heir must be a slave born in my house.' Then came the word of the LORD to him: 'This man shall not be your heir; your heir shall be a child of your own body.' He took Abram outside and said, 'Look up into the sky, and count the stars if you can. So many,' he said, 'shall your descendants be.' Abram put his faith in the LORD, and the LORD counted that faith to him as righteousness; he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldees to give you this land to occupy.' Abram said, 'O Lord God, how can I be sure that I shall occupy it?' The LORD answered, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a fledgling.' He brought him all these, halved the animals down the middle and placed each piece opposite its corresponding piece, but he did not halve the birds. When the birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, Abram scared them away. Then, as the sun was going down, a trance came over Abram and great fear came upon him.

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³¹At that time a number of Pharisees came to him and said, 'You should leave this place and go on your way; Herod is out to kill you.' He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "Listen: today and tomorrow I shall be casting out devils and working cures; on the third day I reach my goal." However, I must be on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it is unthinkable for a prophet to meet his death anywhere but in Jerusalem. 'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that murders the prophets and stones the messengers sent to her! How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings; but you would not let me. Look, look! There is your temple, forsaken by God. And I tell you, you shall never see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!"'

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