

Scripture Readings

*The first Scripture reading is received from **Revelation** chapter 7 verses 9-17, which can be found on page 323 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

After this I looked and saw a vast throng, which no one could count, 9
from every nation, of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing in front
of the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white and had
palms in their hands, and they shouted together: 10

‘Victory to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood round the throne and the elders and the four 11
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and wor-
shipped God, crying: 12

‘Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power
and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders turned to me and said, ‘These men that are robed 13
in white—who are they and from where do they come?’ But I answered, 14
‘My lord, you know, not I.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are the men who
have passed through the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb. That is why they stand before 15
the throne of God and minister to him day and night in his temple; and he
who sits on the throne will dwell with them. They shall never again feel 16
hunger or thirst, the sun shall not beat on them nor any scorching heat,
because the Lamb who is at the heart of the throne will be their shepherd 17
and will guide them to the springs of the water of life; and God will wipe all
tears from their eyes.’

*The second Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter 21 verses 1-19, which can be found on page 141 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

22 IT WAS WINTER, and the festival of the Dedication was being held in
23 Jerusalem. Jesus was walking in the temple precincts, in Solomon’s
24 Portico. The Jews gathered round him and asked: ‘How long must you
25 keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah say so plainly.’ ‘I have told
you,’ said Jesus, ‘but you do not believe. My deeds done in my Father’s
26 name are my credentials, but because you are not sheep of my flock you
27 do not believe. My own sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they
28 follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one shall
29 snatch them from my care. My Father who has given them to me is greater
30 than all, and no one can snatch them^a out of the Father’s care. My Father
and I are one.’

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