

## Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Jeremiah** chapter **33** verses **14-16**, which can be found on page **960** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>14</sup>Wait, says the Lord, the days are coming when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I have promised them. <sup>15</sup>In those days, at that time, I will make a righteous Branch of David spring up; he shall maintain law and justice in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah shall be kept safe and Jerusalem shall live undisturbed; and this shall be her name: The Lord is our Righteousness.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Luke** chapter **21** verses **25-36**, which can be found on page **104** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>25</sup>Portents will appear in sun, moon, and stars. On earth nations will stand helpless, not knowing which way to turn from the roar and surge of the sea; <sup>26</sup>men will faint with terror at the thought of all that is coming upon the world; for the celestial powers will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power and glory. <sup>28</sup>When all this begins to happen, stand upright and hold your heads high, because your liberation is near.' <sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree, or any other tree. <sup>30</sup>As soon as it buds, you can see for yourselves that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>In the same way, when you see all this happening, you may know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>I tell you this: the present generation will live to see it all. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and

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earth will pass away; my words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup>‘Keep a watch on yourselves; do not let your minds be dulled by dissipation and drunkenness and worldly cares so that the great Day closes upon you suddenly <sup>35</sup>like a trap; for that day will come on all men, wherever they are, the whole world over. <sup>36</sup>Be on the alert, praying at all times for strength to pass safely through all these imminent troubles and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.’

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