

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah** chapter **2** verses **1-5**, which can be found on page **810** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹This is the word which Isaiah son of Amoz received in a vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountains of the Lord's house shall be set over all other mountains, lifted high above the hills. All the nations shall come streaming to it, and many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us climb up on to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.' For instruction issues from Zion, and out of Jerusalem comes the word of the Lord; he will be judge between nations, arbiter among many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into mattocks and their spears into pruning knives; nation shall not lift sword against nation nor ever again be trained for war.

O people of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew** chapter **24** verses **36-44**, which can be found on page **35** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not even the son; only the Father.

'As things were in Noah's days, so will they be when the Son of Man comes. In the days before the flood they ate and drank and married, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. Then there will be two men in the field; one

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will be taken, the other left; two women grinding at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

‘Keep awake, then; for you do not know on what day your Lord is to come.

Remember, if the householder had not known at what time of night the burglar was coming, he would have kept awake and not have let his house be broken into. Hold yourselves ready, therefore, because the Son of Man will come at the time you least expect him.

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