

Scripture Readings

*The second reading from Hebrew Scripture is received from **Deuteronomy** chapter **18**, verses **15-20**. This can be found on page **217** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up a prophet from among you like myself, and you shall listen to him. ¹⁶All this follows from your request to the Lord your God on Horeb on the day of the assembly. There you said, 'Let us not hear again the voice of the Lord our God, nor see this great fire again, or we shall die.' ¹⁷Then the Lord said to me, 'What they have said is right. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you, one of their own race, and I will put my words into his mouth. He shall convey all my commands to them, ¹⁹and if anyone does not listen to the words which he will speak in my name I will require satisfaction from him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to utter in my name what I have not commanded him or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.'

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Mark** chapter **1**, verses **21-28**, which can be found on page **44** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

²¹They came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath he went to synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were astounded at his teaching, for, unlike the doctors of the law, he taught with a note of authority. ²³Now there was a man in the synagogue possessed by an unclean spirit. He shrieked: ²⁴'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.' ²⁵Jesus rebuked him: 'Be silent', he said, 'and come out of him.' ²⁶And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry left him. ²⁷They were all dumbfounded and began to ask one another, 'What is this? A new kind of teaching! He speaks with authority. When he gives orders, even the unclean spirits submit.' ²⁸The news spread rapidly, and he was soon spoken of all over the district of Galilee.

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