

Scripture Readings

*The second reading from Hebrew Scripture is received from **2 Kings** chapter 2, verses 1-12. This can be found on page 409 in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹ The time came when the Lord would take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha left Gilgal, ² and Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, your life upon it, I will not leave you.' So they went down country to Bethel. ³ There a company of prophets came out to Elisha and said to him, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to take your lord and master from you today?' 'I do know,' he replied; 'say no more.' ⁴ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here, Elisha; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he replied, 'As the Lord lives, your life upon it, I will not leave you.' So they went to Jericho. ⁵ There a company of prophets came up to Elisha and said to him, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to take your lord and master from you today?' 'I do know,' he said; 'say no more.' ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' The other replied, 'As the Lord lives, your life upon it, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty of the prophets followed them, and stood watching from a distance as the two of them stopped by the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to right and left, and they both crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ While they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ 'You have asked a hard thing,' said Elijah. 'If you see me taken from you, may your wish be granted; if you do not, it shall not be granted.' ¹¹ They went on, talking as they went, and suddenly there appeared chariots of fire and horses of fire, which separated them one from the other, and Elijah was carried up in the whirlwind to heaven. ¹² When Elisha saw it, he cried, 'My father, my father, the chariots and the horsemen of Israel!', and he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his mantle and rent it in two,...

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Mark** chapter 9, verses 2-9, which can be found on page 54 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone; and in their presence he was transfigured; ³ his clothes became dazzling white, with a whiteness no bleacher on earth could equal. ⁴ They saw Elijah appear, and Moses with him, and there they were, conversing with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter spoke: 'Rabbi,' he said, 'how good it is that we are here! Shall we make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah?' ⁶ (For he did not know what to say; they were so terrified.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared, casting its shadow over them, and out of the cloud came a voice: 'This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him.' ⁸ And now suddenly, when they looked around, there was nobody to be seen but Jesus alone with themselves. ⁹ On their way down the mountain, he enjoined them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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