

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah** chapter **43** verses **1-7**, which can be found on page **867** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹But now this is the word of the LORD, the word of your creator, O Jacob, of him who fashioned you, Israel: Have no fear; for I have paid your ransom; I have called you by name and you are my own. When you pass through deep waters, I am with you, when you pass through rivers, they will not sweep you away; walk through fire and you will not be scorched, through flames and they will not burn you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer; for your ransom I give Egypt, Nubia and Seba are your price. You are more precious to me than the Assyrians, you are honoured and I have loved you, I would give the Edomites in exchange for you, and the Leummim for your life. Have no fear; for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you all from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not hold them back. Bring my sons and daughters from afar, bring them from the ends of the earth; bring every one who is called by my name, all whom I have created, whom I have formed, all whom I have made for my glory.'

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*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Luke chapter 13 verses 15-22**, which can be found on page **92** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹⁵The Lord gave him his answer: 'What hypocrites you are!' he said. 'Is there a single one of you who does not loose his ox or his donkey from the manger and take it out to water on the Sabbath? And here is this woman, a daughter of Abraham, who has been kept prisoner by Satan for eighteen long years: was it wrong for her to be freed from her bonds on the Sabbath?' At these words all his opponents were covered with confusion, while the mass of the people were delighted at all the wonderful things he was doing. 'What is the kingdom of God like?' he continued. 'What shall I compare it with? It is like a mustard-seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew to be a tree and the birds came to roost among its branches.' Again he said, 'The kingdom of God, what shall I compare it with? It is like yeast which a woman took and mixed with half a hundredweight of flour till it was all leavened.' He continued his journey through towns and villages, teaching as he made his way towards Jerusalem.

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