

# **New Testament Readings**

# Acts of the Apostles

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Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.

You know the word that He sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

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The Word of the Lord

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What has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging Him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible.

Not to all the people, but to us the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

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# Colossians

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians**

**(Colossians 3:12-17)**

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

# Philippians

B12 Philippians 3:20-21

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself.

The Word of the Lord

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING PHILIPPIANS**

(Philippians 4: 4 – 8)

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians**

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of the glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

**The word of the Lord.**

# 1 Thessalonians

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### A Reading from Paul letter to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God through Jesus,  
bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God  
will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

**Romans**

## B2 Romans 5:5-11

### A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might find the courage to die.

But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by His blood, will we be saved by His life.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, how much more, once reconciled will we be saved by His life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

### B3 Romans 5:17-21

#### A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person, Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one, the many were made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace must reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

## B4 Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

We were indeed buried with Him through Baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, now raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord

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(Romans 6:3-9) Long Version

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For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

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**The Word of the Lord.**

## **B4a Romans 6: 6-9**

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**The Word of the Lord**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING ROMANS**

(Romans 14: 7-9, 10 C-12)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

None of us live for ourselves, and none of us die for ourselves.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:

*“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **Romans 8:8-11**

**A Reading from the Letter of Sain Paul to the Romans.**

**Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.**

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## **B5 Romans 8:14-23**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

**For those who are lead by the spirit of God are children of God.**

**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. But you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "ABBA, FATHER!"**

**The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may be glorified with Him.**

**I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God: for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in the hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.**

**We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;**

**And not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

**The Word of the Lord**

## **B6 Romans 8:31B-35,37-39**

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with Him.

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or the sword?

No in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced the neither death, nor life, nor anels, no principalities, nor present things, nor future things nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

# Corinthians

## B11 2 Corinthians 1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling place not made with hands, eternal in Heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please Him whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING Corinthians**

(Corinthians 13: 1 - 8)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## B10 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

### A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Since, then we have the Spirit of Faith, according to what is written, " I believe, therefore I spoke," we to believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in His presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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The Word of the Lord

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(Corinthians 4: 13-18)

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**The Word of the Lord.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-13

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It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice in wrong doing but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing:

if tongues, they will cease:

if knowledge it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, think as a child, reason as a child:

when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face.

At present I know partially: then I shall know fully as I am fully known.

So faith, hope and love remain, these three:

but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING Corinthians**

(Corinthians 15: 20-23)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## B8 1 Corinthians 15:20-24a,25-28

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at His coming those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to His God and Father.

For He must reign until he has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is Death.

For “ He subjected everything under His feet.” But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the One who subjected everything to Him.

When everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

## B9 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed; in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.

For that which is incorruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal, clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where O Death, is your victory?

Where, O death is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**Timothy**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING TIMOTHY**

A reading of St. Paul's Letter to Timothy

... The time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

From now on, a merited crown awaits me; On that Day, the Lord, the just judge that He is, will award it to me – and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **B15 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8,17-18**

**A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

**For I am already being poured out like libation and the time of my departure is at hand.**

**I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.**

**From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.**

**But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Word of the Lord**

A READING FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LETTER OF TIMOTHY

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BEING Poured AWAY AS A LIBATION,  
AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE HAS  
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THE FINISH; I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH;

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THE UPRIGHT JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO  
ME ON THAT DAY; AND NOT ONLY TO  
ME BUT TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
LONGED FOR HIS APPEARING.

THE word of the lord

## **A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,  
who will judge the living and the dead,  
and by his appearing and his kingly power:  
proclaim the word; be persistent  
whether it is convenient or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand, encourage  
through all patience and teaching.

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of  
my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;  
I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

**The Word of the Lord.**

(2 Timothy 4:1-2,6-8)

B14 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains like a criminal, but the Word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him;

If we persevere we shall also reign with Him;

But if we deny Him, He will deny us.

If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

The Word of the Lord

**John**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING JOHN**

(John 1:1 – 17)

### **The Word Became Flesh**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## B 19 1 John 3:1-2

A Reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet, so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

Beloved

We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

The Word of the Lord

B20 1John 3:14-16

A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of John

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his sister or brother is a murderer and you know that no murderer has eternal life.

The way we came to know love was that Christ laid down His life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers.

The Word of the Lord

1 John 4: 7-12

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God; everyone who loves is  
begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God  
is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one  
another.

No one has ever seen God.  
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and  
his love is brought to perfection in us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING JOHN**

(John 4: 15-21 )

### **A Reading from the first letter of John**

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone say, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**1 Peter**

## B18 1 Peter 3-9

### A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, which in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you by the power of God safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; even though you do not see Him now yet believe in Him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

## A Reading from the first Letter of St. Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

According to His great mercy

he has caused us to be born again to living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,

kept in heaven for you who by God's power

are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while,

if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

so that the tested genuineness of your faith-

more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire---

may be found to result in the praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Though you do not now see him,

you believe in him and rejoice with joy

that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

# Revelation

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION**

(Revelation 14:13 )

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying,  
“Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in  
the Lord from now on.”

“Blessed indeed” say the Spirit, “That they  
may rest from their labors, for their deeds  
follow them!”

**The Word of the Lord.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION**

(Revelation 20: 11 – 15 – 21: 1 )

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

Then I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The Earth and the Sky fled from His presence and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to their deed by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead; the death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

Then death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth. The former Earth had passed away and the sea was no more.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION

(Revelation 21: 1, 3 - 5 )

### A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his  
people and God himself will always be with  
them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning,  
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed  
away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”

The Word of the Lord.

# NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION

(Revelation 21: 1 - 7 )

## A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord.

# NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION

(Revelation 22: 1 - 7 )

## A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like a crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of its street. On either side of the river grew the tree of life that produces fruit twelve times a year once each month; the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon."

"Behold, I am coming soon!" Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book.

The Word of the Lord.

**JAMES**

## **A Reading from the Book of James 2: 14-18**

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?**

**Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

**But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."**

**Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.**

**The Word of the Lord**