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Reading 1

Citation: Jeremiah, Chap. 33, Verses 14-16
Jeremiah 33: 14-16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and
on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright

in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

The days are coming, says the LORD,

when I will fulfill the promise

I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

In those days, in that time,

I will raise up for David a just shoot;

he shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe

and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;

this is what they shall call her:

"The LORD our justice."

The Word of the Lord.

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Reading 2

Citation: Thessalonians, Chap. 3, Verse 12 – Chap. 4, Verse 2
Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.
Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,
as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please God
--and as you are conducting yourselves--
you do so even more.
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord
Jesus.

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Gospel

Citation: Luke, Chap. 21, Verses 25-28, 34-36
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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and on earth nations will be in dismay,
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People will die of fright
In anticipation of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.
For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.