

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

(FIRST READING)

2 Maccabees 12:43-46	Sacrifice for dead	View of the Resurrection
JOB 19:1,23-27	Hope filled/Long life	I know my redeemer lives/My inmost being is consumed with longing
JOB 2:11a,c,12-13	Long Illness/Sudden Death	Support of many
WISDOM 3:1-9	Long Suffering/Hope Filled Good Christian Life	The souls of the just are in the hands of God-they are in peace
WISDOM 3:1-6,9	Long Suffering/Hope Filled Good Christian Life	The souls of the just are in the hands of God-they are in peace
WISDOM 4:7-14	Young Person	But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest
WISDOM 5:15-16	Good Christian Life	Similar to Beatitudes
PROVERBS 31:10-31	Good Christian Life	The ideal wife
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11	General	There is a time for everything under heaven
SONG OF SONGS 2:8-13	Hope filled/Long Illness	Arise my beloved-winter has passed
SONG OF SONGS 8:6-7a	General	Love is as strong as death/Seal on your heart
SIRACH 18:1-11	General	His Mercy is Boundless
SIRACH 34:13-17	General/Hope Filled	Hope in the Savior/Belief in our Resurrection
SIRACH 44:8-15	General/Senior Citizen	Their name lives on for all generations
SIRACH 51:6-12	General/Not Usually Recommended	There was no one to help/God saved me
ISAIAH 25:4-9	Hope filled/Good Christian Life	He will destroy death forever/He will wipe away tears
ISAIAH 35:1-10	General/Senior Citizen	Beautiful imagery of Heaven/ everlasting joy/infirmities healed
ISAIAH 41:9-10	General	I have chosen you/fear not I am with you
ISAIAH 43:1-4a	General	Be not afraid/You are precious in my eyes

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ISAIAH 51:11-12a,15-16	General	We belong to God
ISAIAH 57:18-19	General/Hope Filled	Healing/Comfort/Peace
ISAIAH 61:1-3	General/Hope Filled	Consolation to those who mourn
ISAIAH 65:17-20a	General	Vision of Heaven/ New Jerusalem
ISAIAH 25:6a,7-9	Hope Filled	The Lord will destroy death forever/Let us Rejoice
LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26	Hope Filled/Sudden Death	From downcast to hope
EZEKIEL 34:11-16	Hope Filled/Comforting	God Shepherds and Comforts His people
EZEKIEL 38:12-14	Hope Filled/General	I will open your graves and you will rise
DANIEL 12:1-3	Hope Filled/Good Christian Life	Those who lie sleeping will awake/Final Judgement and resurrection
MICHAH 6:6-8	General/Good Christian Life	Do right, love goodness and walk humbly
1 SAMUEL 2:7-8	Good Christian Life	Similiar to Beatitudes
During Easter Time one of the following four readings	New Testament	is used as a first reading instead of a passage from the Old Test
ACTS of the APOSTLES 10:34-43 Long Version		Judge of the living and the dead
ACTS of the APOSTLES 10:34-36,42-43 Short Version		Judge of the living and the dead
Revelations 14:13		Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Revelations 20:11-21:1		Judged according to their deeds
Revelations 21:1-5a,6b-7		There shall be no more death