

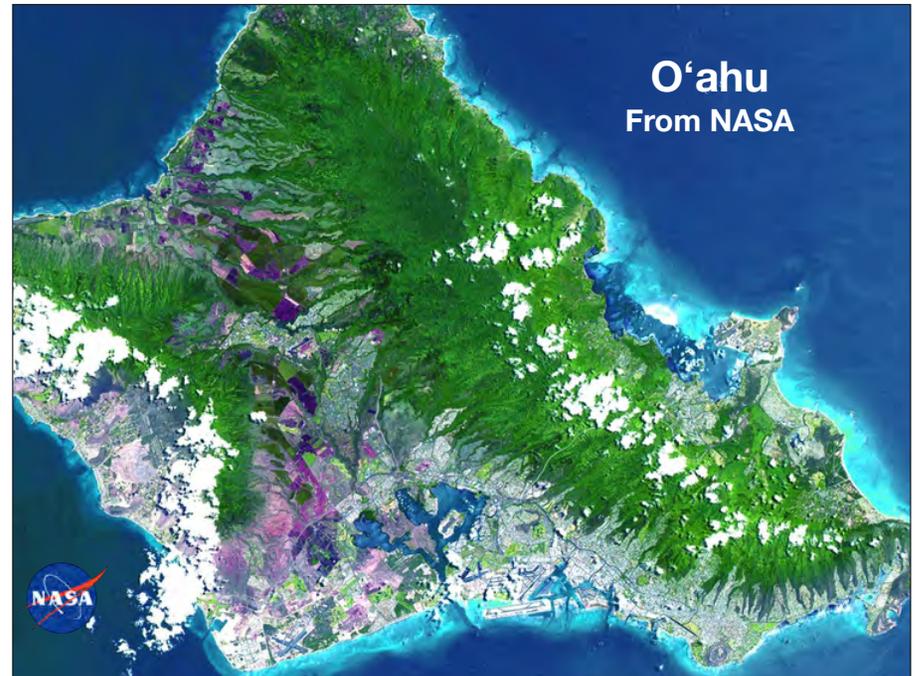


**LESSON 1:  
GREAT DAY**

“Brothers and sisters, now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ”  
(Russell M. Nelson, October 2024).



Diamond Head  
O'ahu

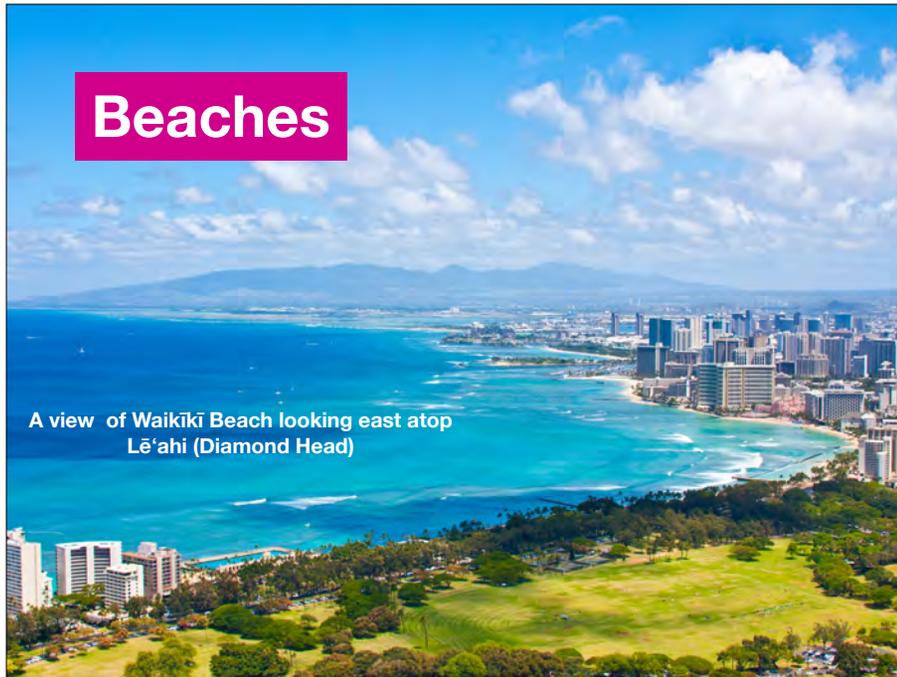


O'ahu  
From NASA



## Beaches

A view of Waikīkī Beach looking east atop  
Lē'ahi (Diamond Head)



## Hotels

Halekūlani Hotel



**Food**  
Lū'au Food

## Music

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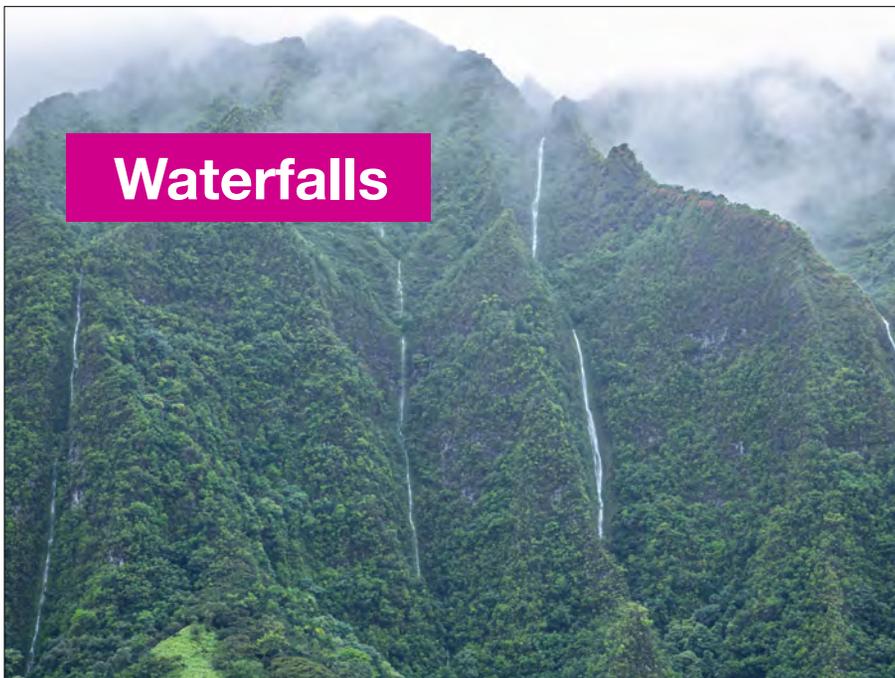




**Malasadas**



**Hula**



**Waterfalls**



**Snorkeling**  
Hanauma Bay





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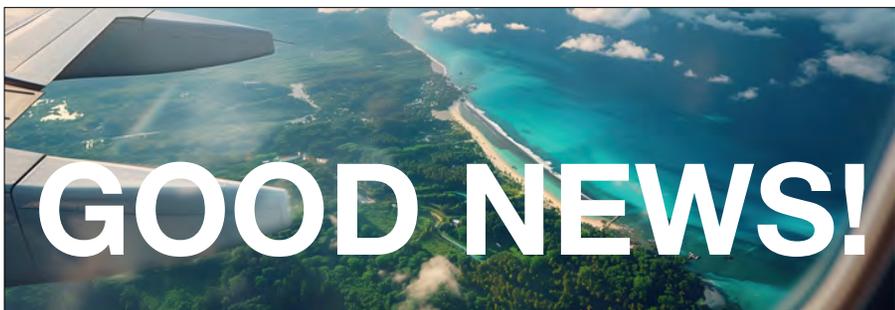


Church

Our last Sunday in Hawai'i



After seeing all these photos and hearing of my love for Hawai‘i, who wants to take a trip with me to Hawai‘i?



The Lehi East Stake Presidency is giving everyone who attends tonight’s class **two FREE tickets** for a seven-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Honolulu.



**But there’s a catch**



You have only  
**24 HOURS**  
to be ready.



### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What are the essential things you must do to prepare to go to Hawai'i in less than 24 hours?

### A LITTLE BAD NEWS...

The stake presidency is **not** giving a you free trip to Hawai'i.

(But if you ever decide to take a trip to Hawai'i, talk to me and I will help you plan your trip.)



### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What are the similarities between this Hawai'i story and the Second Coming?



Many people have fears about the Second Coming



## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

### What do you fear about the Second Coming?

 <b>Controllable</b>	 <b>Uncontrollable</b>
	
	
	
	
	



My dear brothers and sisters, last October, President Russell M. Nelson taught, “Now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.” When President Nelson speaks about the Second Coming, it is always with joyful optimism. However, a girl in Primary recently told me that she becomes anxious whenever the Second Coming is mentioned. She said, “I’m scared because bad things are going to happen before Jesus comes again.” It is not just children who may feel this way. The best advice for her, for you, and for me is to follow the Savior’s teachings. His instructions are neither mysterious nor complex. When we follow them, we do not need to fear or be anxious. (Dale G. Renlund, “Personal Preparation to Meet the Savior,” April 2025).

## GOSPEL TRUTH:



The Second Coming will be a great day.



**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**  
As we read these good things, what makes you happy about the Lord coming again to earth?



“For behold, he shall stand upon the mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion. And he shall utter his voice out of Zion, and he shall speak from Jerusalem, and **his voice shall be heard among all people**” (D&C 133:20–21).



“And so great shall be the glory of his presence that the **sun shall hide his face in shame**, and the moon shall withhold its light, and the stars shall be hurled from their places” (D&C 133:49).



“And there shall they fall down and be **crowned with glory**, even in Zion, by the hands of the servants of the Lord, even the children of Ephraim. And they shall be **filled with songs of everlasting joy**” (D&C 133:32–33).



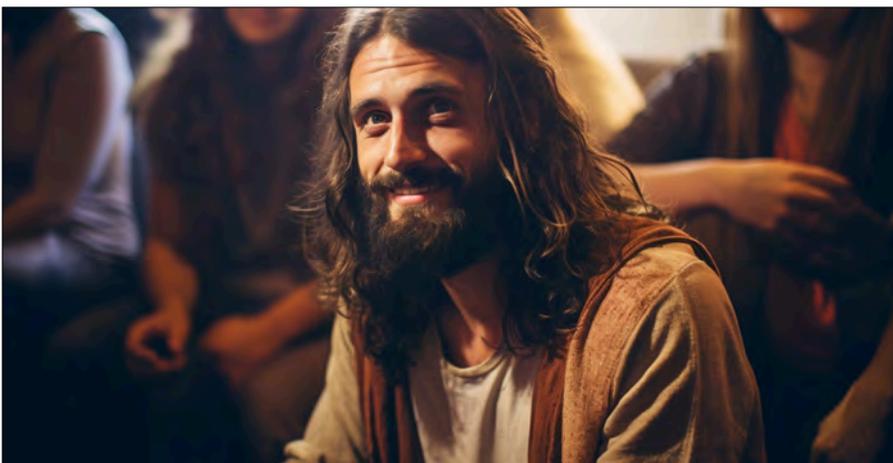
Those faithful Saints who have passed will **rise again** and sing praises “day and night” (D&C 133:56).



“And the Lord, even the Savior, shall stand in the midst of his people, and shall **reign over all flesh**” (D&C 133:25).

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he **sit upon the throne of his glory**” (Matthew 25:31).





“And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation. **For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver**” (D&C 45:58–59).



“For in mine own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment, and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth. For the great **Millennium**, of which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, **shall come**” (D&C 43:29–30).



“And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the **parable be fulfilled** which I spake concerning the **ten virgins**. For they that are **wise** and have received the **truth**, and have taken the **Holy Spirit** for their guide, and have **not** been **deceived**—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, **but shall abide the day**” (D&C 45:56–57).

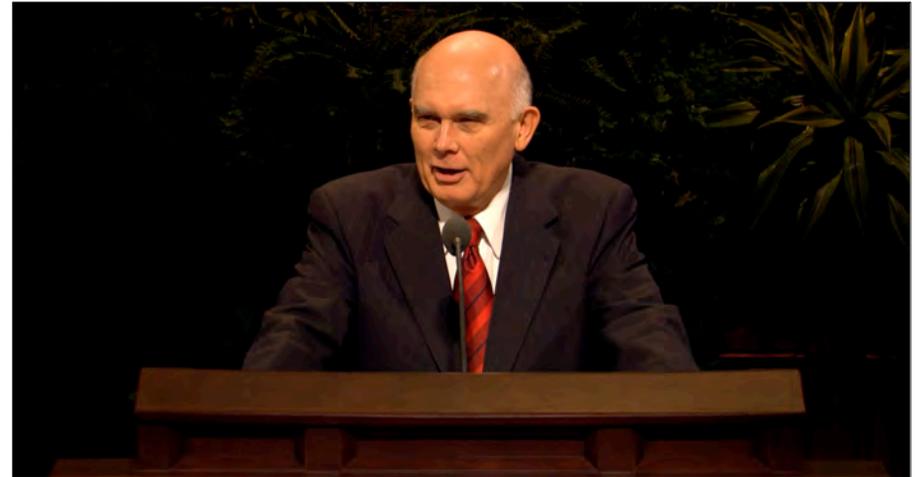


**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**  
What are your thoughts and feelings as you contemplate the wonderful events of the **Second Coming?**

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**



We are commanded to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



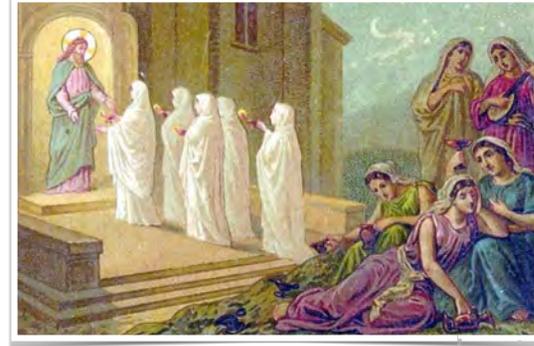
“In modern revelation we have the promise that if we are prepared we need not fear (see D&C 38:30). I was introduced to that principle 60 years ago this summer when I became a Boy Scout and learned the Scout motto: “Be prepared.” Today I have felt prompted to speak of the importance of preparation for a future event of supreme importance to each of us—the Second Coming of the Lord” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2004).<sup>32</sup>

**“Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord” (D&C 133:10).**



**“Wherefore, be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom— For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, that I come quickly. Even so. Amen.” (D&C 33:17–18).**

**“Wherefore, **prepare** ye  
for the coming of the  
Bridegroom; go ye, go  
ye out to meet him”  
(D&C 133:19)**



“And angels shall fly through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying: **Prepare ye, prepare ye**, O inhabitants of the earth; for the judgment of our God is come. Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him” (D&C 88:92).

**“Ye hear of wars in far  
countries, and you say that  
there will soon be great wars  
in far countries...**but if ye are  
prepared ye shall not fear**”  
(D&C 38:29–30).**



**Can preparing for the Second  
Coming be summed up with two  
commandments?**

“Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour** as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:35–40).



“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory” (Matthew 25:31).

“And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats” (Matthew 25:32).



“And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left” (Matthew 25:33).



**“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).**



**“For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in” (Matthew 25:35).**



**“Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me” (Matthew 25:36).**

**“Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?” (Matthew 25:37–39).**



**“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matthew 25:40).**



“Brothers and sisters, now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Now is the time for us to make our discipleship our highest priority. In a world filled with dizzying distractions, how can we do this?” (Russell M. Nelson, “The Lord Jesus Christ will Come Again,” October 2024).



“I testify that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel, leads this, His Church. He is preparing to come again. May we likewise prepare to receive Him” (Russell M. Nelson, “Confidence in the Presence of God,” April 2025).



**LEHI EAST STAKE INSTITUTE**

# **Preparing for the Second Coming**



“How do we prepare for the Second Coming? Well, you just do not worry about it. **You just live the kind of life that if the Second Coming were to be tomorrow you would be ready.** Nobody knows when it is going to happen. No one knows when the Savior is coming, not even the angels in heaven. **Our responsibility is to prepare ourselves, to live worthy of the association of the Savior,** to deport ourselves in such a way that we would not be embarrassed if He were to come among us. That is a challenge in this day and age.”

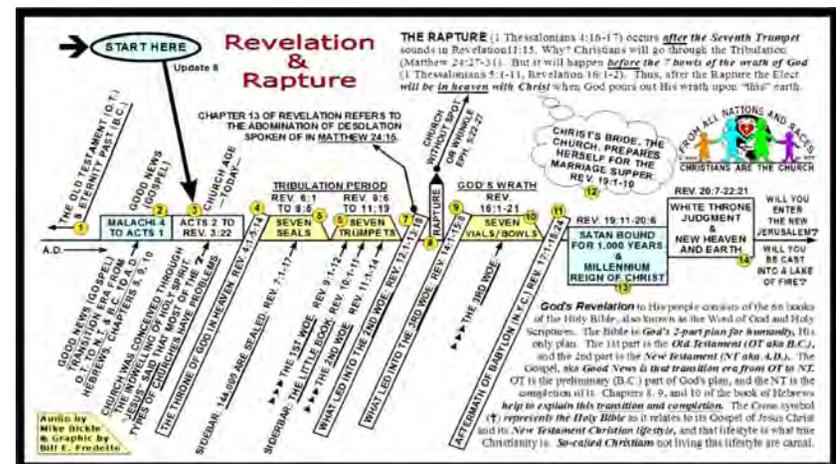
Gordon B. Hinckley, Weber State University, Institute Devotional, April 15, 1997



## Synopsis of the 12 lessons of this course, Preparing for the Second Coming

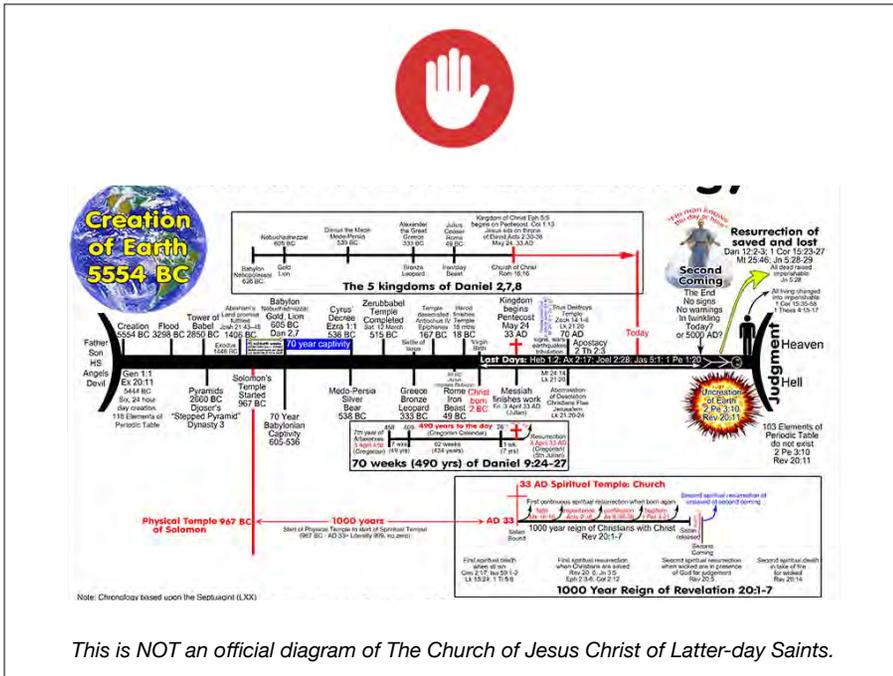
### IN THIS CLASS:

- ✘ We will not delve into the mysteries.
- ✘ We will not speculate.
- ✘ We will not estimate timelines.
- ✘ We will not create checklists.
- ✘ We won't try to map the events...



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## THE FIRST COMING and THE SECOND COMING of JESUS CHRIST

	
<b>FIRST COMING</b>	<b>SECOND COMING</b>
<b>WHEN</b>	Over 2,000 years ago. The exact year and day are uncertain.
<b>WHERE</b>	In a remote, humble stable in Bethlehem (see Luke 2:4).
<b>WHO WITNESSES IT</b>	Shepherds, Anna, Simeon, and wise men (see Luke 2:15-18; 25-38; Matthew 2:1-12).
	Nobody knows except the Father, not even the angels (see Matthew 24:36 and D&C 49:7).
	"In the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30; see also Acts 1:11).
	All people everywhere at once (see Isaiah 40:5; Revelation 1:7).

**EYES TO SEE**

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**EYES TO SEE**

"Before that sacred night in Bethlehem, the events of history and the words of the prophets of all dispensations prepared the way for the first coming of the Lord and His Atonement. . . . Do we have eyes to see that the events and prophecies of our time are preparing us for the Savior's Second Coming?"

Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Oct. 2005 general conference.

**Learn More**  
To learn how the events leading up to the Savior's visit to the Nephites parallel the events leading up to His Second Coming, go to [lds.org/go/parallelNE1216](https://lds.org/go/parallelNE1216).

**WHO WITNES**

(see Luke 2:15-18; 25-38; Matthew 2:1-12).

(see Isaiah 40:5; Revelation 1:7).

**MAJOR SIGNS**

A star in the heavens, a birth to a virgin, a prophesied lineage and birthplace for the Messiah (see Matthew 2:2; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2).

Apostasy and Restoration, gospel preached throughout the earth, tumultuous times, signs in heaven and on earth (see 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3; Matthew 24:6-21, 29-31).

**HOW TO PREPARE**

- Repent.
- Receive "ordinances . . . that [you] might look forward on the Son of God" (Alma 13:16).
- Be "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel [with] the Holy Ghost . . . upon [you]" (Luke 2:25).
- "[Serve] God with fastings and prayers" (Luke 2:37).
- "Hearken unto the words of the prophets [and] look forward unto Christ with steadfastness for the signs which are given" (2 Nephi 26:8).
- Repent.
- "[Be baptized,] receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and . . . be looking forth for the signs of [His] coming" (D&C 39:2,3; see also 45:39).
- "Stand ye in holy places, and be not moved" (D&C 87:8).
- "[Be] wise and [receive] the truth, and [take] the Holy Spirit for [your] guide, and [be not] deceived" (D&C 45:57).
- "Hear the voice of the Lord [and] the voice of his servants [and] give heed to the words of the prophets" (D&C 1:14).

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# The focus of this class is PREPARING to meet Him!



# 12

# LESSONS

All 12 lessons will be based on explicit counsel from **prophets** and **scripture**.

All 12 lessons will be taught clearly, leaving no room for confusion or doubt on PREPARING.

(Hopefully, even a child will understand how to prepare for the Second Coming.)



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JANUARY 8

**Prepare, don't fear!**

“Brothers and sisters, now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ” (Russell M. Nelson, October 2024).

2

JANUARY 15

**Watch for the Signs of the Times.**

“...the faithful are taught to study the signs of it and to be prepared for it. I wish to speak about the fourth of these great realities: the signs of the Second Coming and what we should do to prepare for it” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2004).



JANUARY 22

## **Increase your spiritual capacity to receive revelation.**

“We need to make both temporal and spiritual preparation for the events prophesied at the time of the Second Coming. And the preparation most likely to be neglected is the one less visible and more difficult—the spiritual” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2004).



JANUARY 29

## **Deepen your understanding of the Atonement.**

“I urge you to devote time each week—for the rest of your life—to increase your understanding of the Atonement of Jesus Christ” (Russell M. Nelson, Oct. 2024).



FEBRUARY 5

## **Study the patterns in the Book of Mormon.**

“This is the book that will help to prepare the world for the Second Coming of the Lord” (Russell M. Nelson, October 2017).



FEBRUARY 12

## **Increase your time in His house.**

“Increased time in the temple will help us prepare for the Second Coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ” (Russell M. Nelson, April 2024).



FEBRUARY 19

## **Turn your home into a spiritual fortress.**

“Christ-centered homes are fortresses for the kingdom of God on earth in a day when, as prophesied, the devil ‘rage[s] in the hearts of the children of men, and stir[s] them up to anger against that which is good’” (Ronald A. Rasband, April 2019).



FEBRUARY 26

## **Be self-reliant in many areas of your life.**

“We need to make both temporal and spiritual preparation for the events prophesied at the time of the Second Coming” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2024).



MARCH 5

## **Bring souls to Jesus Christ.**

“I call upon you to help gather scattered Israel and to prepare the world for the Second Coming of the Lord. I call upon you to talk of Christ, testify of Christ, have faith in Christ, and rejoice in Christ!” (Russell Nelson, October 2024).



MARCH 12

## **Build up Zion by doing your duties.**

“Before Christ comes a people have got to be prepared by being sanctified before the Lord. Temples have got to be built; Zion has got to be built up; there must be a place of safety for the people of God...” (Teachings of Wilford Woodruff, 254).



MARCH 19

## Be like Christ.

“Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am” (3 Nep. 27:27). “The lives we present to Him in that sacred hour must be worthy of Him!” (Jeffrey R. Holland, Ensign, Dec. 2013).



MARCH 26

## Rededicate your life every day to Jesus Christ.

“My dear brothers and sisters, in a coming day, Jesus Christ will return to the earth as the millennial Messiah. So today I call upon you to rededicate your lives to Jesus Christ” (Russell M. Nelson, October 2024).



# TO DO

## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

### TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Will you prepare for the Second Coming of Christ by doing what the scriptures and our prophets and apostles have asked us to do so you can look forward to this event as a great day rather than a dreadful day?



## ONLINE CLASS

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Watch this lesson online or download a PDF of today's slides.



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## READING LIST

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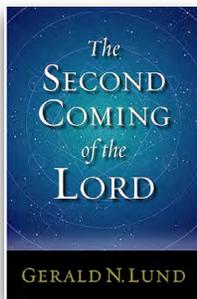
Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024



Dallin H. Oaks, "Preparation for the Second Coming," April 2004

## OTHER RESOURCES

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Gerald N. Lund,  
"The Second  
Coming of the Lord"

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## NEXT CLASS

▶ January 15  
Signs of the Times

“...he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs” (D&C 45:39).

“...the faithful are taught to study the signs of it and to be prepared for it” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2004).



## Footnotes

**Additional  
Study  
Materials**

### GOSPEL TRUTH:



Jesus Christ is coming again to this earth and will appear to three groups.



# 1

## NEW JERUSALEM

“One appearance will be to the righteous Saints who have gathered to the New Jerusalem here in America. In this place of refuge they will be safe from the wrath of the Lord which will be poured out without measure on all nations”  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982)

## Appearance at New Jerusalem

Hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land, which is the land of **Missouri**, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the **gathering of the saints**. Wherefore, this is the **land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion**. And thus saith the Lord your God, if you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called **Independence** is the center place; and a spot for the temple is lying westward, upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse. (D&C 57:1–3)

## Appearance at New Jerusalem



## Appearance at New Jerusalem

The Lord describes New Jerusalem:  
“And **the glory of the Lord shall be there**, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that **the wicked will not come unto it, and it shall be called Zion**.”

“And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety.”

“And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.” (D&C 45:67–69.)

## Appearance at New Jerusalem

“We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; **that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent**; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory” (Article of Faith 1:10).

## Appearance at New Jerusalem

“...it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof; And that it was the place of the **New Jerusalem**, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord. Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a **New Jerusalem** upon this land” (Ether 13:2–4).

## Appearance at New Jerusalem

“And he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come—after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a holy city unto the Lord; wherefore, it could not be a **new Jerusalem** for it had been in a time of old; but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord; and it should be built unto the house of Israel— And that a **New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land**, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type” (Ether 13:5–6).

## Appearance at New Jerusalem



# 2

## THE JEWS

“Another appearance of the Lord will be to the Jews. To these beleaguered sons of Judah, surrounded by hostile Gentile armies, who again threaten to overrun Jerusalem, the Savior—their Messiah—will set His feet on the Mount of Olives, **“and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall tremble, and reel to and fro, and the heavens also shall shake”** (D&C 45:47–48).  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982)

### Appearance to the Jews

“The Lord Himself will then rout the Gentile armies, decimating their forces (see Ezek. 38, 39). Judah will be spared, no longer to be persecuted and scattered. The Jews will then approach their Deliverer and ask, **‘What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?’**”  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

### Appearance to the Jews

“... I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God. ‘And then shall they weep because of their iniquities; then shall they lament because they persecuted their king’” (D&C 45:51–53.)  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

### Appearance to the Jews

“What a touching drama this will be! Jesus—Prophet, Messiah, King—will be welcomed in His own country! Jerusalem will become an eternal city of peace!”  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

### Appearance to the Jews



# 3 THE WORLD

“Yet another appearance of Christ will be to the rest of the world. Here is His description of His coming:”  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

Appearance to the entire world

“The Lord shall be red in his apparel, and his garments like him that treadeth in the wine-vat. And so great shall be the glory of his presence that the sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall withhold its light, and the stars shall be hurled from their places.” (D&C 133:48–49.)  
(Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

Appearance to the entire world

“**All nations will see Him** “in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory; with all the holy angels. And the Lord shall utter his voice, and **all the ends of the earth shall hear it;** and the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly. And calamity shall cover the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed; and they that have watched for iniquity shall be hewn down and cast into the fire.” (D&C 45:44, 49–50.) (Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, May 1982).

Appearance to the entire world

**This course is about preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. What is the Second Coming?**

Appearance to the entire world

“At the beginning of the Millennial Era, Christ will return to the earth. This event will mark the end of the mortal probation of this earth. The wicked will be removed from the earth and the righteous will be caught up in a cloud while the earth is cleansed. While no man knows exactly when Christ will come for the second time, He has given us signs to watch for that indicate the time is drawing near (Matt. 24; JS—M 1).”

Source: Guide to the Scriptures

Appearance to the entire world

“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come** in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”  
(Revelation 22:12, 20).

Appearance to the entire world

He will not be rejected at His Second Coming, “for every ear shall hear it, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess” that Jesus is the Christ (D&C 88:104). He will be greeted as “Lord of lords, and King of kings” (Revelation 17:14). He will be called “Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

**Appearance to the entire world**

**When Jesus Christ first came to the earth, He did not come in glory. He was born in a lowly stable and laid in a manger of hay. He did not come with great armies as the Jews had expected of their Savior. Instead, He came saying, “Love your enemies, ... do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you” (Matthew 5:44). He was rejected and crucified. But He will not be rejected at His Second Coming, “for every ear shall hear it, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess” that Jesus is the Christ (D&C 88:104). He will be greeted as “Lord of lords, and King of kings” (Revelation 17:14). He will be called “Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).**

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**



The Second Coming will be a great day.

**He will cleanse the earth. When Jesus comes again, He will come in power and great glory. At that time the wicked will be destroyed. All things that are corrupt will be burned, and the earth will be cleansed by fire (see D&C 101:24–25).**

**His coming will begin the millennial reign. The Millennium is the thousand-year period when Jesus will reign on the earth. The righteous will be caught up to meet Jesus at His coming (see D&C 88:96).**

**He will complete the First Resurrection. Those who have obtained the privilege of coming forth in the resurrection of the just will rise from their graves. They will be caught up to meet the Savior as He comes down from heaven. (See D&C 88:97–98.)**

**The wicked who are living at the time of the Second Coming of the Lord will be destroyed in the flesh. They, along with the wicked who are already dead, will have to wait until the last resurrection. All of the remaining dead will rise to meet God. They will either inherit the telestial kingdom or be cast into outer darkness with Satan (see D&C 76:32–33, 81–112).**

**He will take His rightful place as King of heaven and earth. When Jesus comes, He will establish His government on the earth. The Church will become part of that kingdom. He will rule all the people of the earth in peace for 1,000 years.**

**“And it shall be said in that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have  
waited for him, and he will save  
us: this is the Lord; we have  
waited for him, we will be glad  
and rejoice in his salvation”  
(Isaiah 25:9).**