

November 15–21

Doctrine and Covenants 133–134

“Prepare Ye For the Coming of the Bridegroom”



Revelations 14:6–7

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

The Gospel Has Been Restored to Prepare for His Second Coming

D&C 133:16-17

What event to prepare for the second coming
has already happened?

Mark E. Petersen

"Moroni... did come to earth as an angel. He did deliver to Joseph Smith the golden record which had been prepared under the direction of Almighty God. It is a new witness for the Lord Jesus Christ; it declares, as does the Bible, that Jesus of Nazareth indeed is the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. That book is available to all mankind. A million copies are published each year, in more than a score of languages.

"So, again, we testify that the Book of Mormon is true. It is the word of Almighty God, restored in this day by angelic ministry and by the direction of God himself. We testify that Moroni came as an angel on September 21, 1823, revealing his ancient record and that he did so as a servant of Jesus Christ." (CR, Oct. 1983)

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D&C 133:36-39

After the everlasting gospel has been restored,
what are the 'servants of God' to do?

Gordon B. Hinckley

"The figure of Moroni, atop many of our temples, is a constant reminder of the vision of John the Revelator:...

"There must be no diminution in our effort to carry the gospel to the people of the earth. In the future even more of our young men must prepare themselves to go out in service to the Lord. Our Christian acts must precede them and accompany them wherever necessary....

"But there are many other things we must do as we move forward the work to a new and promising century. Simply put, we must be better Latter-day Saints. We must be more neighborly. We cannot live a cloistered existence in this world. We are a part of the whole of humanity." (CR, Oct. 1997)

Members Prepare for His Second Coming

D&C 133:1-7

What does the Lord command the ‘people of [His] church’ to do to prepare for His coming?

Where are we to gather to?

Brigham Young

"This was the doctrine of Jesus; this was the cry of John when on the Isle of Patmos. That angel has flown through the midst of heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell on earth, and his cry was and is, 'Come out from Babylon, from pride, from the foolish fashions of the world; come out from the spirit of the world, from the spirit of hatred, anger, malice, wrath, selfishness and every feeling but that is honorable and justified of the heavens. Gather yourselves together! Sanctify the Lord God in your heart.' This was the cry, and it is the cry today, and it will be until the pure in heart are gathered together."

(JD, 13:209)

Dallin H. Oaks

"Another sign of the times is the gathering of the faithful. In the early years of this last dispensation, a gathering to Zion involved various locations in the United States: to Kirtland, to Missouri, to Nauvoo, and to the tops of the mountains. Always these were gatherings to prospective temples. With the creation of stakes and the construction of temples in most nations with sizeable populations of the faithful, the current commandment is not to gather to one place but to gather in stakes in our own homelands. There the faithful can enjoy the full blessings of eternity in a house of the Lord. There, in their own homelands, they can obey the Lord's command to enlarge the borders of His people and strengthen her stakes. In this way, the stakes of Zion are 'for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth' (D&C 115:6.)" (CR, April 2004)

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D&C: 8-11,15

What are the elders of His church commanded to do?

Todd Christofferson

"He called for the elders of His Church to be sent forth across the world to accomplish this gathering, commencing an effort that continues in full vigor today....

"And so today the Lord's people are gathering 'out from among the nations' as they gather into the congregations and stakes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that are scattered throughout the nations." (CR, Oct. 2008)

Delbert L. Stapley

There is an urgency in his work. Time is getting short. This sense of urgency in promoting the Lord's kingdom in these last days does not arise out of panic, but out of a desire to move swiftly and surely to establish and strengthen his kingdom among all people who are seeking the light and truth of the gospel, which is God's plan of life for all his children." (CR, Oct. 1975)

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D&C 133:26-35

Jeremiah 31:8-12

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Neal A. Maxwell

"The valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman will ring again—this time with the sounds of dispensational reunion, as it glows with gathering. Those of Enoch's utterly unique city of 'one heart' will greet those of the New Zion with holy embraces and holy kisses amid the sounds of sweet sobbing. The 'hills shall tremble' at the presence of the lost tribes, and hearts, as well as ice, will melt, as they come 'filled with songs of everlasting joy'." (CR, Oct. 1986)

Events of the Second Coming

D&C 133:18-22,25

D&C 45:48–49

48 And then shall the Lord set his foot upon this mount, and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall tremble, and reel to and fro, and the heavens also shall shake.

49 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.

Neil L. Andersen

"Then, a seemingly impossible experience: 'All flesh,' the Lord says, 'shall see me together' (D&C 101:23). How will it happen? We do not know. But I testify it will happen—exactly as prophesied. We will kneel in reverence, 'and the Lord shall utter his voice, and all the ends of the earth shall hear it' (D&C45:49). 'It shall be ... as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder' (D&C 133:22)." (CR, April 2015)

Events of the Second Coming

D&C:46-51

Why will the Lord be clothed in red garments when He comes again?

Neal A. Maxwell

"In addition to the consequences of scourging, how Christ's lifeblood had already flowed in Gethsemane! Remember, he suffered 'both body and spirit' (D&C 19:18). Declared King Benjamin, Christ would suffer 'even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death; for behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be his anguish' (Mosiah 3:7).

"Having bled at every pore, how red His raiment must have been in Gethsemane, how crimson that cloak!

"No wonder, when Christ comes in power and glory, that He will come in reminding red attire, signifying not only the winepress of wrath, but also to bring to our remembrance how He suffered for each of us in Gethsemane and on Calvary!" (CR, April 1987)

Events of the Second Coming

D&C 133:54-56

D&C 45:45-46

45 But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump, and the saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud.

46 Wherefore, if ye have slept in peace blessed are you; for as you now behold me and know that I am, even so shall ye come unto me and your souls shall live, and your redemption shall be perfected; and the saints shall come forth from the four quarters of the earth.

Neil L. Andersen

"Those awaiting the Savior's coming will 'look for [Him].'
And He has promised, 'I will come!' The righteous will see Him 'in the clouds of heaven [with all the holy angels], clothed with power and great glory' (D&C 45:44). 'An angel shall sound his trump, and the saints... from the four quarters of the earth' (D&C 45:45–46) will 'be caught up to meet him' (D&C 88:96). Those 'that have slept,' meaning those worthy Saints who have died, 'shall [also] come forth to meet [Him]' (D&C 45:45)." (CR, April 2011)

After His Coming

D&C:52-53

Isaiah 63:7

I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

Neal A. Maxwell

"His Atonement remains the rescuing and reassuring reality.

"No wonder, of all the things for which we might praise Jesus when He comes again in majesty and power, we will praise Him for His 'loving kindness' and His 'goodness'; moreover, we will go on praising Him for ever and ever! We will never need to be coaxed." (CR, April 1997)

After His Coming

D&C 133:63-64,70-72

What will be used to judge the wicked and the righteous?

Orson Pratt

"All the warnings that have been given to the Latter-day Saints, and to the world, will... be required of us to render an account, whether we have been obedient to those warnings, or whether we have been disobedient.... They will be judged according to law, according to testimony, and according to that which is written in the sacred books. The records of heaven will be opened. The records, kept by divine authority on the earth, will also be opened. The evidences and testimonies will be set forth; and every man and every woman, who is condemned, in the great judgment day, will be condemned according to law, according to testimony, according to evidence, according to the light that has been given, according to the deeds done in the body." (JD, 21:232)

Prepare By Teaching the Fulness of His Gospel by His Spirit

D&C 133:57-62

How can “the weak things of the earth” teach the gospel and confound the “wise”?

Joseph Fielding Smith

"As agents of the Lord we are not called or authorized to teach the philosophies of the world or the speculative theories of our scientific age. Our mission is to preach the doctrines of salvation in plainness and simplicity as they are revealed and recorded in the scriptures.

"After directing us to teach the principles of the gospel found in the standard works, as guided by the Spirit, the Lord then made that great pronouncement which governs all the teaching of his gospel by anyone in the Church: 'And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach' (D&C 42:14)." (CR, Oct. 1970)

Next Week:

November 22–28

Doctrine and Covenants 135–136

"[He] Has Sealed His Mission and His Works With His Own Blood"

