

Signs of the Times

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Two primary sources for this ‘Signs of the Times’ fireside:

The ancient New Testament book of Revelation recorded by John the apostle

The modern Doctrines of the Gospel taught by latter-day apostles

The NT book of ‘Revelation’ contains four distinct revelations or visions:

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| 1 - ‘Vision in the Spirit’ to the 7 church groups in Asia Minor | <i>Rev. 1:9-3:22</i> |
| 2 - ‘Vision into Heaven and Earth’ showing signs ‘hereafter’ | <i>Rev. 4:1-16:21</i> |
| 3 - ‘Vision from the Wilderness’ revealing Christ’s 1000 yr. reign | <i>Rev. 17:1-21:8</i> |
| 4 - ‘Vision from a Mountain’ telling earth’s celestial glory | <i>Rev. 21:9-22:17</i> |

The second vision into heaven and earth is also called "*The Signs of the Times*".

The Divine Throne Room and the Scroll with 7 Seals *Rev. 4:1 - 5:14*

The Lamb opening the 7 Seals *6:1 - 8:1*

The seven seals portray seven 1000 year periods of earth’s temporal existence (D&C 77:6-7).

Key ‘signs of the times’ prophesied in our 6th seal include earthly & heavenly events:

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| a. earthquakes → chaos in heaven & earth (D&C 88:87-91) | <i>Rev. 6:12-17</i> |
| b. angels bringing forth the gospel (D&C 77:8; 88:81-86) | <i>7:1</i> |
| c. sealing the 144,000 righteous high priests (D&C 77:9-11) | <i>2-8</i> |
| d. a waiting, great white-robed multitude in heaven | <i>9-17</i> |

The 7th seal is benchmarked with short silence in heaven at it’s opening (Rev.8:1; D&C 88:95).

Signs and events of the 7th seal are the central core of Revelation (See **Rev. 8:1 to 16:21**).

The capstone of the 7th seal brings Heavenly Father’s plan of salvation to its capstone event -- Christ’s millennial reign as recorded in the ‘Vision from the Wilderness’ in **Rev. 17:1 - 21:8**



In the CES institute manual Doctrines of the Gospel, Chapter 34, “Signs of the Times” we read:

“Through the prophets, the Lord has revealed many signs that pertain to this dispensation to help latter-day Israel prepare for His Second Coming and the great events that will precede it.”

The signs of the times in our day are events that were prophesied to take place in the latter days before the Second Coming of Christ:

- ➡ A general apostasy would precede the Second Coming of Christ
- ➡ The gospel would be restored
- ➡ Scattered Israel would be gathered home
- ➡ Wickedness will be rampant
- ➡ Physical calamities will occur
- ➡ Wars and rumors of wars will abound
- ➡ Babylon, the great and abominable church, will fall
- ➡ Zion will be established

Our Father in Heaven has assured us that all of His prophecies and promises pertaining to the latter days will come to pass (see D&C 1:37–38).

A knowledge of the signs of the times can help us turn to the Lord and prepare ourselves for His Second Coming.

‘If ye are prepared ye shall not fear’ (D&C 38:30).