

The Coming of Christ

A Scriptural Perspective / The Generation We Know / The Signs We Know / The Times & Season We Know!

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“And unto you it shall be given to know the signs of the times, and the signs of the coming of the Son of Man”

(Doctrine and Covenants | Section 68:10 - 12).

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.” (New Testament | 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 6).

“And again, verily I say unto you, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night—Therefore, gird up your loins, that you may be the children of light, and that day shall not overtake you as a thief.” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 106:4 - 5).

If we are the “children of light” we will feel and know and understand the approximate time just as a mother knows the approximate time of her child’s birth.

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them *meat in due season*? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”

(New Testament | Matthew 24:42 - 46).

The “faithful” will be given **“meat in due season!”** Can we know when Christ will return? The scriptures tell us NOT the day or hour but if we are **“the children of light,”** we can know the **“generation”** and the **“due season.”** When is that season? Who is that generation?

Christ emphasized this point in his personal teachings for the end times. In Matthew 24 He said that we should watch the “fig tree.” **The fig tree is a common scriptural symbol for Israel.** Jesus said:

“Now learn a parable of the fig tree (Israel); when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. Verily I say unto you, **this generation shall not pass, till all these things (in verses 5-31) be fulfilled.**” (New Testament | Matthew 24:32 - 34).

“This generation shall not pass, till all shall be fulfilled” (Matt. 24:32-34). Who is that generation that will see all this happen, including the coming of Christ in glory? Let’s find out. **Understanding symbolism is the key to understanding.**

The state of Israel came into existence on May 14, 1948, symbolizing the “branch is...tender, and putteth forth leaves;” this refers to the Nation of Israel becoming the “State of Israel” in these latter days. Which means those born in 1948 when Israel became a nation **is the generation** that would be around when the Lord returns. The fig tree is Israel, re-blossomed and has been putting forth new leave, or in other words, rebuilding the Nation of Israel ever since. That puts it in my life time, I was born in 1949, I am 70 years old in 2019.

Watch, Listen and Ponder these interesting interpretations of the “Fig Tree.”

Parable of the Fig Tree

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npmedULI55E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgleyBJHyzk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LemTaPCIkTc>

The symbolism of Christ cursing the fig tree (Israel)

https://www.answering-islam.org/Shamoun/q_jesus_figtree_curse.htm

The Leaves are Commencing to Show on the Fig Tree

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDselfjrGoY>

These events will take place before the Lord comes. The actual dates or months may vary because people's experiences differ, therefore interpretations will differ; however, these events will happen. The 4 points below will happen in my life time and are my personal feelings leading up to the Second Coming of Christ.

1. There will be a big earthquake along the Wasatch Front, it is not a matter of if it will happen but when, perhaps in early **May of 2019** and when it does happen, it will begin the Big Event Clock. Why upon the Wasatch Front first? Because of two scripture prophecies:¹

- **"Upon my house** (the Church) **shall it begin**, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation; and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord. **And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth**, saith the Lord; **First among those among you**, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord." (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 112:23 - 26) Revelation given July 23, 1837.
- "And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, **[they understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms,** (Book of Mormon | Jacob 2:23)] and because you have treated lightly the things you

¹ There is only one LDS doctrinal belief and practice that I have found that fits into this scriptural context that would create these warnings from the Lord. For a more thorough investigation on this topic refer to www.MarriageAndPolygamy.com

have received—Which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all. **And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon [Jacob 1:15 and Jacob 2: 23-31] and the former commandments [Deut. 17:14-20 & D&C 42:22-26 & D&C 49:15-17]** which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written—**That they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom**; otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion [the Church]. For **shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land?** Verily, I say unto you, Nay.” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 84:54 - 59) Revelation given September 22 and 23, 1832.

2. After the Wasatch Front Earthquake, United States, perhaps within a 13-month period, very quickly, will fall into economic chaos, civil strife and internal unrest. This will happen! Patriarch Charles D Evens dream or vision of these last days events testifies of these things:
<http://www.nofearpreps.com/charles-d-evans.html>
3. During this unrest period of time in USA, the Nations surrounding Israel will plot Israel’s destruction and then gather on the “mountains of Israel,” prepared to attach this little country. At this same time the USA is unable to help defend Israel due to its own internal chaos and civil strife mentioned above. The hostile countries surrounding Israel will **attempt** to descend upon Israel to wipe her out, when all of a sudden a “mighty shaking” and “hailstones” will destroy the whole army as foretold by the Prophet **Ezekiel 38:14-23; 39:1-13** on the “mountains of Israel.” This will take place, perhaps sometime between (July-September 2020). With the armies destroyed, Israel will use what the army’s brought with them for fuel, for the next 7 years, and it will take Israel 7 months to bury the dead of that huge army, as recorded in **Ezekiel**. This “great shaking” recorded in **Ezekiel** is the same earthquake recorded in Revelations 6:12-17, called a “great earthquake” which takes out the armies surrounding Israel. This quake will affect the whole world.

4. After the “great earthquake” of Revelations 6 and Ezekiel 38 &39, there will be approximately 7 years of plagues as described in Revelation 16, (the sounding of the 7 trumpets and pouring of the 7 vials) will occur and then sometime in the months of July-September of 2027-28 there will be one last **“great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth”** (Rev 16:18). The Lord will return to the Jews and the “mount of Olives” will split in two as Christ descends (Zechariah 14:4) to the “mount,” and then later in Glory to the whole earth. The millennial reign will begin. The wicked (Telestial) will be burned at his coming and the “honest in heart,” Terrestrial and Celestial will build up two Zion’s, one in Jerusalem and the other at Independence Missouri. <https://www.lds.org/manual/doctrine-and-covenants-student-manual/section-57-independence-center-place-of-zion?lang=eng>

Our most important preparation NOW is to “come unto Christ” (Moroni 10: 30-33). How we “come unto Christ” is outlined in detail in Lectures on Faith 1-7. Note specifically Lecture 1:1, Lecture 3:23 and then Lecture 7: 15-17.

5. <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B-alviEm8o6fNzVXZVIMSjd1RHc/edit?pli=1>

How do I explain Christ? ... by becoming like Him in attribute and character... in thought, word and deed... this is a most wonderful journey because you are becoming purified and sanctified in the process. The spiritual desire in this process is to share this knowledge with others.