

## Macro Last Day Timeline: Part I

### Macro Last Days Timeline



### Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual, Chapter 36: The Lord's Second Coming

The Savior will make several appearances before His Second Coming to all the world.

-  1. Christ will appear at Adam-ondi-Ahman (see Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; D&C 116).
-  2. The Savior will appear to those in the New Jerusalem in America (see 3 Nephi 21:23–25; D&C 45:66–67).
-  3. The Savior will appear to the Jews in Jerusalem (see D&C 45:48, 51–53; Zechariah 12:10; 14:2–5).
-  4. The Lord will appear in glory to all mankind (see D&C 45:44; 101:23; Matthew 24:30; Isaiah 40:5; JST Revelation 1:7).

### Bruce R. McConkie (*The Millennial Messiah*, p.578–79)

 “Before the Lord Jesus descends openly and publicly in the clouds of glory, attended by all the hosts of heaven; before the great and dreadful day of the Lord sends terror and destruction from one end of the earth to the other;

 before he stands on Mount Zion, or sets his feet on Olivet,

 or utters his voice from an American Zion or a Jewish Jerusalem; before all flesh shall see him together; before any of his appearances, which taken together comprise the second coming of the Son of God



—before all these, there is to be a secret appearance to selected members of his Church. He will come in private to his prophet and to the apostles then living. Those who have held keys and powers and authorities in all ages from Adam to the present will also be present.”

**Joseph Smith (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p.157)**



“Daniel in his seventh chapter speaks of the Ancient of Days; he means the oldest man, our Father Adam, Michael, he [who] will call his children together and hold a council with them to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. He (Adam) is the father of the human family, and presides over the spirits of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this grand council. This may take place before some of us leave this stage of action. The Son of Man stands before him, and there is given him glory and dominion. Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the keys of the universe, but retains his standing as head of the human family.”



**Charles W. Penrose, (The Second Advent, Millennial Star, 10 Sept. 1859, 583)**

“[Christ’s] next appearance [after his appearance in the New Jerusalem]



will be among the distressed and nearly vanquished sons of Judah. At the crisis of their fate, when the hostile troops of several nations are ravaging the city and all the horrors of war are overwhelming the people of Jerusalem, he will set his feet upon the Mount of Olives, which will cleave and part asunder at his touch. Attended by a host from heaven, he will overthrow and destroy the combined armies of the Gentiles, and appear to the worshipping Jews as the mighty Deliverer and Conqueror so long expected by their race; and while love, gratitude, awe, and admiration swell their bosoms, the Deliverer will show them the tokens of his crucifixion and disclose himself as Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had reviled and whom their fathers put to death. Then will unbelief depart from their souls, and ‘the blindness in part which has happened unto Israel’ be removed.



The great and crowning advent of the Lord will be subsequent to these two appearances; but who can describe it in the language of mortals? The tongue of man falters, and the pen drops from the hand of the writer, as the mind is rapt in contemplation of the sublime and awful majesty of his coming to take vengeance on the ungodly and to reign as King of the whole earth. He comes! The earth shakes, and the tall mountains tremble; the mighty deep rolls back to the north as in fear, and the rent skies glow like molten brass. He comes! The dead Saints burst forth from their tombs, and ‘those who are alive and remain’ are ‘caught up’ with them to meet him. The ungodly rush to hide themselves from his presence, and call upon the quivering rocks to cover them. He comes! with all the hosts of the righteous glorified. The breath of his lips strikes death to the wicked. His glory is a consuming fire. The proud and rebellious are as stubble; they are burned

and ‘left neither root nor branch.’ He sweeps the earth ‘as with the besom of destruction.’ He deluges the earth with the fiery floods of his wrath, and the filthiness and abominations of the world are consumed. Satan and his dark hosts are taken and bound—the prince of the power of the air has lost his dominion, for He whose right it is to reign has come, and ‘the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.’”

**Ezra Taft Benson (*Five Marks of the Divinity of Jesus Christ*, New Era, December 1980)**

**Last, I Name As a Mark of His Divinity His Promised Coming.**

He told the Twelve, “I go to prepare a place for you.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again.*” (John 14:2–3; italics added.)

As the time of His departure drew nigh, He took them to a place outside of Bethany. There He imparted His last instructions and blessing to the Twelve. He then arose “while they beheld” and ascended to heaven, and two heavenly messengers appeared and spoke: “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: 9–11; italics added.)

Since that day, 19 centuries have come and gone. Because He has not yet come, some scoffingly say, as Peter prophesied, “Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (2 Pet. 3:4).

Before He comes, the testimony of the servants of God will be rejected, by and large. Because of this rejection, great calamities will befall the nations of the world, for the Lord Himself has declared:

“For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground and shall not be able to stand.

“And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds.

“And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men’s hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people.” (D&C 88:89–91.)

“And there shall be men standing in that generation, that shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge; for a desolating sickness shall cover the land.

**(The reason why President Benson believed that this was important to tell to this generation of single adults and why he constantly proclaimed “you are this generation” is because he understood the times of the Gentiles and when the Lord said it ended. See my papers *The Generation*, *The Times of the Gentiles Has Been Fulfilled*, etc)**

“But my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die.

“And there shall be earthquakes also in divers places, and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword, one against another, and they will kill one another.” (D&C 45:31–33.)

The world will present a scene of conflict such as has never been experienced before. Still, men’s hearts will be hardened to the revelations from heaven. Even greater signs shall then be given to manifest the approaching great day of the Lord.

“And they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath.

“And they shall behold blood, and fire, and vapors of smoke.

“And before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned into blood, and the stars fall from heaven.” (D&C 45:40–42.)

I realize this is not a pleasant picture. I take no delight in its portrayal, nor do I look forward to the day when calamities shall come upon mankind. But these words are not my own; the Lord has spoken them. Knowing what we know as His servants, can we hesitate to raise a warning voice to all who will listen that they may be prepared for the days ahead?

Silence in the face of such calamity is sin!

**To know these things and remain silent is a sin. Do missionary work. If you are not willing to do it now with everything that is going on in the world right now, with all the signs, knowing the generation we are in, etc, there is never a time or will ever be a time that you would do missionary work. For those who desire a celestial glory time is running out to prove yourselves.**

But, there is a bright side to an otherwise gloomy picture—the coming of our Lord in all His glory. His coming will be both glorious and terrible, depending on the spiritual condition of those who remain.



His first appearance will be to the righteous Saints who have gathered to the New Jerusalem. 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.

Modern revelation provides this description:

“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.)

**Do whatever you need to do today to make yourself worthy so that when the keys speak you won’t miss your opportunity to flee to Zion. If you are found unworthy or not ready**

**you will miss your opportunity. Remember that five of the ten virgins (active, endowed, sealed members with temple recommends) were not ready. If you miss your opportunity you will obviously not receive the same promised protection.**



The second 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 appear and 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 45:48).

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?”

“... 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.)

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!

The sons of Judah will then realize this promise:

“After their pain (the tribe of Judah) shall be sanctified in holiness before the Lord, to dwell in his presence day and night, forever and ever” (D&C 133:35).



The third appearance of Christ will be to the rest of the world. Here is His description of His Coming:

“And 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.)

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.)

Yes, come He will!

He will come in a day of wickedness, a time when men and women will be “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage” (Matt. 24:38).

He will come at a time of great upheaval and tribulation when the “whole earth shall be in commotion” (D&C 45:26).

He will come at a time when the Jewish nation is faced with extermination.

He will come as a thief in the night—when the world least expects Him to come.

“But of that day, and hour, no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only” (JS—M 1:40).

Today, I gratefully bear testimony to the marks which bear witness to His divinity: His divine birth, His ministry, His resurrection, His atoning sacrifice, His promised coming.

I testify of His great love and condescension for all our Father’s children, and His willingness to receive all who will come to partake of this goodness and mercy.

Yes, as the Book of Mormon testifies, “he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto [him]” (2 Ne. 26:33).

God bless you, the youth of Zion, to believe and to be valiant in your testimony of Him whom we declare to the world to be our Lord, our Master, our Savior, our Redeemer, our God. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

### **Hyrum Andrus (Moroni’s Visit, Chapter 14: The Prophetic Vision of the Last Days)**

“Christ’s appearance [at the Great and Dreadful day] will be the consummating event in a **series of events** that will lead to the establishment of the Lord’s universal kingdom and the renewal of the earth to paradisiacal glory.



Christ’s “presence,” for example, will be with the Saints who go to establish the center place of the New Jerusalem (D&C 103:15–20). Then, after the ten lost tribes have returned, Moroni explained, Jesus will “come to Zion.” He will also come to the great council at Adam-ondi-Ahman, where he will be given “dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, *should* serve him”—not that they will then do so, but in preparation for his millennial reign (Daniel 7:14; emphasis added).



When the work of the 144,000 great high priests is sufficiently complete in gathering the righteous into the Church of the Firstborn (D&C 77:11), Jesus will come to his temple in the New Jerusalem to place the capstone on his eternal gospel family and gather all things in one (D&C 42:36; Revelation 14:1–5).



Jesus will then appear to the Jews, to redeem them as a nation and to establish Jerusalem as the other central city, besides Mount Zion, of his millennial kingdom.



Having established his law and his program of Zion among Israel on earth by these earlier visits, Jesus will then appear to the world in glory to cleanse it of wickedness (D&C 101:23–35) and to make his kingdom universal. In quoting the fourth chapter of Malachi, Moroni rendered the first verse thus: “For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall burn as stubble; for *they that come* shall burn them, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch” (JS–H 1:37; emphasis added). This rendition indicates that when Christ comes to the world in glory, he will not come alone. By revelation to Joseph Smith the Lord declared that he would reveal himself “from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof” (D&C 29:11; emphasis added). In the Bible, Malachi’s statement does not indicate how the wicked will be burned, but Moroni and revelations to Joseph Smith make it clear that the wicked will be consumed by the glory of Christ and of those who accompany him when the Lord appears in the clouds of heaven (D&C 29:11–12, 21).