

Notable Time Periods from Jesus on

The world today and the history of the world have been marked by periods of time by prophets of God. Examples being the meridian of time, the dispensation of the fullness of times, times of the Gentiles etc. There are times within time and then there are times that transition times. For example, the dispensation of the fullness of times contains the times of the Gentiles, a transitional period as well as a period specifically for redeeming Israel, and the redeeming Israel time period is not only in the fullness of times, it is also in a time period known as the Millennium.

In this piece I want to specifically target known time periods from Christ to the end of the Millennium.

Meridian of Time

Jesus Christ was to be born in the meridian of time. If the world cycle is to take place in seven grand time periods, there would be three at the beginning, three at the end and the one in the middle is the meridian of time. All prophets looked to the meridian time as it was the time of their salvation. It housed the life, ministry, atonement, death, resurrection of the Savior. Jesus in this time foretold the time of the end of the Jews. "For the kingdom shall be taken from you and given to another." Jesus prophesied that the generation hearing his words on the Mount of Olivet "would not all pass before the desolation spoken of by Daniel would come to pass". This desolation and utter destruction of Jerusalem took place around 70AD, 36 years after Jesus spoke the prophesy on the Mount. When asked, at what time/during what time will the Jews again reclaim their homeland, Jesus responded "not until the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled." For the gospel was to go to the Gentiles, they were then to lose the gospel, the gospel was then at an even further future time to be restored among the Gentiles, and then brought back to the Jews. In thus prophesying Jesus and his apostles made it very clear that a great apostasy was on the horizon, "and at that time will again the gospel be preached." Meaning there was a time period ahead in which the true gospel would NOT be around to be preached. The meridian of time, Christ's dispensation, saw the fulfillment and peak of the times of Judah.

Times of the Gentiles

After the death, burial, resurrection of the Savior, Christ's church which was built upon the foundation of "prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone" preached first unto the Jews, and then, after revelation given through Peter (the current acting head of the church and the man with the keys to do so), the gospel was taken to the gentiles. The gentiles being non-Israelite blood in European nations.

Great Apostasy

Jesus, Paul, Peter, Amos, John the Beloved, all prophesied of a "falling away" of the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" spoken of by Paul. Amos spoke of this time period "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." (Amos 8:11-12)

It is important to note that the start of the worldwide great apostasy is unknown. The Book of Mormon gives one account (around 400AD), the bible and history of the Mediterranean give another (around 100AD) and there will yet be other accounts.

The Restoration

It is important to note that though we don't know when the great apostasy began worldwide, we do however know when the great apostasy ended. Enoch, in his calendar, foresaw this day thousands of years in the past "the spring breaking forth into beautiful light." Enoch also provided the date of the event, March 26 1820. If you want more information on this, I recommend watching How Lovely was the Morning (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yd_4b1RsZkE)

Through the prophet Joseph Smith, the Lord restored his "one Lord, one faith, one baptism".

The Time of the Gentiles peaks

When the resurrected Moroni appeared to the prophet Joseph Smith, he stated that the second chapter of Joel, from the 28th verse to the last, was not yet fulfilled but was soon to be. Moroni further stated that "the fullness of the Gentiles was soon to come in." We do not know when exactly "the time peaked", however, we do know that the church was restored in 1830 and the keys from Moses, Elias, Elijah were restored in the Kirtland temple in 1836 and Joseph Smith Jr. was murdered in 1844. If the prophesy was to Joseph, the peak had to occur before his death. "Gentiles" in this context refers to specifically "Ephraim", and thus "Ephraim countries".

War to be Poured Out, Destroying Angels Sent Forth, Wheat and Tares:

War and destruction is to be poured out on the planet, and it would be utterly destroyed if not for John the Beloved telling the four angels (Moses, Noah, Elijah, and Peter) to delay. The four angels who are given power over the earth are kept from sending forth desolations upon the earth until God's servants are sealed in their foreheads. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that this sealing "signifies sealing the blessing upon their heads, meaning the everlasting covenant, thereby making their calling and election sure" (Teachings, p. 321).

President Joseph Fielding Smith explained that "these angels seem to fit the description of the angels spoken of in the parable of the wheat and the tares, (Matt. 13:24-43 and D. & C. 86:17), who plead with the Lord that they might go forth to reap down the field. They were told to let the wheat and the tares grow together to the time of the end of the harvest, which is the end of the world (Matt. 13:38-39). ...

"These angels have been given power over the four parts [quarters] of the earth and they have the power of committing the everlasting Gospel to the peoples of the earth. The fullness of the Gospel was not restored by any one messenger sent from the presence of the Lord. All the ancient prophets who held keys and came and restored them, had a hand in this great work of restoration. There are, we learn from this

revelation, four angels unto whom the power has been given, to shut up the heavens, to open them and with power unto life and also unto death and destruction. These are now at work in the earth on their sacred mission.” (Church History and Modern Revelation, 1:300–301.)

Susa Young Gates reported an address by President Wilford Woodruff in which he declared: “Those angels have left the portals of heaven, and they stand over this people and this nation now, and are hovering over the earth waiting to pour out the judgments. And from this very day they shall be poured out.” (Young Women’s Journal, Aug. 1894, p. 512; see also Notes and Commentary for D&C 86:5.)

President Wilford Woodruff said that “not twenty years hence peace shall be taken from the earth” and that wars and rumors of wars would continue until the Christ’s return. WWI started in 1914, exactly twenty years later.

The Time of the Gentiles ends

This time period is marked by Christ in three ways, 1. The gospel of Jesus Christ would go out like a light among the gentile nations and the light for the most part is rejected by the gentile nations, 2. It would be a time of great social turmoil and 3. The Jews would again start to return to their ancient homeland. Much like the great apostasy we don’t know the specific dates this downward trend would begin at, however, we do know that 1. The church became global between 1945-1965, 2. WWI-WWII was from 1914-1945’, race riots of 1967, etc. 3. The Jews started to go home 1919. We also know from Jesus Christ himself that the time of the gentiles needed to end before the Jews would reclaim their homeland and “no longer be trodden down of gentiles”. As stated in previous works, this time period is of extreme import due to the Lord stating “there shall be those standing from the generation in which the time of the gentiles is fulfilled, which shall not all pass before ALL is fulfilled.”

The Jews no longer trodden down by the Gentiles

Jesus Christ said that the Jews would be trodden down of the gentiles and scattered and would not return to Jerusalem until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled. The church isn’t clear on when Jerusalem was officially no longer trodden down by the gentiles. Joseph Fielding Smith said that the date was 1947-1948, Elder Smith said it was 1966 and Bruce R. McConkie said that the date was “around 125 years after 1820” which would put the date at around 1945. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints today says “during the 6-day war of 1967 Israel conquered the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and for the first time since the city fell to the legions of Titus in AD 70, Jerusalem came completely under control of a Jewish government.” So according to the Church, the Jews became “no longer trodden down by the gentiles” no later than 1967 and 1945 at the earliest. This means that the times of the gentiles ended no earlier than 1945 and no later than 1967. If you take the most extreme interpretation (which in my humble opinion is ludicrous) and say that anyone as old as 100 to 115 can fulfill this prophesy, that puts the great and dreadful day of the Lord (“all being fulfilled”) no later than 2045-2082, with other events (listed in the next time periods) occurring years and years before even those dates. If those reading this live past 2080 and the Great and Dreadful day hasn’t occurred, you have the Lord’s permission to find a new religion.

Transitional Period

First, what is to occur during this period? During the time of the gentiles, the gospel was preached primarily to the gentiles (Ephraim), with the primary focus being on Joseph. During the transitional period, the focus is taken away from Joseph specifically and spread to the world generally. In 1947 Joseph Fielding Smith stated, “we are now in the transition period.” McConkie stated that this transitional period “of unknown duration” started about 125 years after the first vision. Orson Pratt said:

“After the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, which period is set in the mind of God, another scene will open up before the world, in the grand panorama of the last days. What is that? The downfall of the Gentile nations. Says one—“Whom do you call Gentiles?” Every nation excepting the literal descendants of Israel. We, the Latter-day Saints, are Gentiles; in other words, we have come from among the Gentile nations, though many of us may have the blood of Israel within our veins.” [Journal of Discourses, Orson Pratt 18:7](#)

Pratt said that during this transitional period, the gentile nations will begin to fall, one at a time. Pratt continues by saying,

“When God has called out the righteous, when the warning voice has been sufficiently proclaimed among these Gentile nations, and the Lord says “It is enough,” he will also say to his servants—“O, ye, my servants, come home, come out from the midst of these Gentile nations, where you have labored and borne testimony for so long a period; come out from among them, for they are not worthy; they do not receive the message that I have sent forth, they do not repent of their sins; come out from their midst, their times are fulfilled. Seal up the testimony among them and bind up the law.” [Journal of Discourses, Orson Pratt 18:7](#)

During the end of this transitional period, most likely as the gentile nations are falling one at a time, the missionaries are to be called home from specifically gentile nations, as their testimonies are sealed among them and the law bound up.

Warfare against Zion, the Lord makes bare His arm; a marvelous work and wonder

You can make a case that there has always been warfare against Zion, “the pure in heart”, but there is a time period that prophets have foreseen in which the warfare against Zion will be most sore. This time period is a bridge which overlaps the last time period and the next time period. As it moves into the next time period the Lord will begin to make bare His arm which the prophets have referred to as “the great and marvelous work and wonder”.

This warfare starts off as social, political and economic and may even climax in physical war if the gentiles do not repent, a physical warfare that prophets describe as “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.” D&C 45:68

It is also important to note that during the last days we learn from Daniel that periods will be broken up into sevens (seven days, seven months, seven years etc). Joseph being sold into Egypt was a type of things to come; seven years of economic plenty followed by seven years of economic collapse. It is thus very probable that the gentile nations collapse as foretold will coincide with this seven years of economic collapse. It is also prophesied that a “desolating sickness shall sweep the land” and prepare the way for “an overflowing scourge which shall cover the earth”. It is also thus very probable that this sickness that “sweeps the land” which is “desolating” could be the very thing that kick starts the seven years of economic decline which seven years climax into the overflowing scourge then covering the earth.

If the 7 years of plenty were from 2012/13-2019/2020, and if Covid-19 is the desolating sickness that sweeps the land, that would put the economic decline and eventual collapse of most nations occurring between 2019/2020-2026/2027.

President Nelson in his April 2020 Ensign address said “Meanwhile, here and now, we live in a time of turmoil. Earthquakes and tsunamis wreak devastation, governments collapse, economic stresses are severe, the family is under attack, and divorce rates are rising... Sadly, some who you thought were your friends will betray you. And some things will simply seem unfair.”

The Birth of the Kingdom of God

The church is sometimes referred to as the kingdom of God but in this case it is not this kingdom. The Kingdom of God which shall be birthed is an actual governance. This kingdom will have yet the priesthood of God but it will also have the political power of governance. It is this kingdom that Jesus will come and claim as His own. This kingdom’s headquarters will be in New Jerusalem, which the prophet Joseph Smith identified as Jackson County Missouri. There are events that need to happen before the New Jerusalem is built:

1. Joseph Smith needs to return. If this is the first time you have heard about this, check out my other video, also read Comprehensive History of the Church 1:76-79
2. Joseph Smith to translate the sealed portion
3. Certain men of Ephraim are to be made high priests of the Church of the Firstborn
4. These new high priests bring others into the Church of the Firstborn (12,000 total)
5. Leaders of the church are called to the courts in Washington to give an account of the church (Account of Amanda A Wilcox, March 11 1904)
6. Persecutions begin to ramp up and spread, missionaries return from majority gentile nations
7. The remainder of the 12,000 from Ephraim are sanctified and receive an inheritance.
8. 10 Tribes revealed and return (2 years into the 7 year economic collapse [famine])
9. 10 Tribes receive crown from Ephraim
10. New Jerusalem built with temple(s)
11. The remainder of the 144,000 are chosen (12,000 from each tribe), purified and made members of the Church of the Firstborn
12. The Lord appears in glory in New Jerusalem. America is broken into civil war (from account of Charles L Walker, Jan 1, 1881)

13. America is cleansed either by the gentiles repenting and being numbered in the kingdom or by being swept off the land, “even by fire”
14. The official Adam-ondi-Ahman meeting in which Christ is crowned as “King of Kings” of The Kingdom of God.
15. Seventh Seal is opened. Millennium actually starts here.

It is interesting to note that in D&C chapter 77 we read:

“We are to understand that as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, **in the beginning of** the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth, and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, **in the beginning of** the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.”

We learn from other modern revelation that the year 1820 was in fact the year 1820, meaning the seventh thousand years did begin at the year 2000. The “seventh thousand years” means that this all needs to take place between 2000-2100, and “in the beginning of” means exactly that, the early part of. Common sense rounding puts anything > 2050 as being in the “latter part of the seventh thousand years” which means that for this prophesy to be correct, these things need to happen before 2050.

The Lord’s New Commission

Orson Pratt explained:

“What then? Then the word of the Lord will be— “O, ye, my servants, I have a new commission for you. Instead of going forth to convert the Gentile nations, go unto the remnants of the house of Israel that are scattered in the four quarters of the earth. Go and proclaim to them that the times of their dispersion are accomplished; that the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled; that the time has arrived for my people Israel, who have been scattered for generations in a dark and cloudy day, to gather unto their own homes again, and to build up old Jerusalem on its former heap. And then will commence the gathering of the Jews to old Jerusalem; then the ten tribes in the northern regions, wherever they may be, after having been concealed from the nations for twenty-five hundred years, will come forth and will return, as Jeremiah has said, from the north country. A great company will come, and they will sing in the height of Zion.” - [Journal of Discourses, Orson Pratt 18:7](#)

This time period also is a transitional period, it starts around step 6: “Persecutions begin to ramp up and spread...” in the previous and will continue until “the Great and Dreadful day” event at Jerusalem. Missionaries are called back from gentile specific nations and the focus becomes entirely that of the returned 10 tribes of Israel and that of Jerusalem. Once the 144k are chosen, purified and sanctified they are sent out as “fishers and hunters” one last time into the world to hunt down the last of the elect. And why do they have to wait until they are purified before going out?

Elder Orson Pratt gave this additional explanation:

“When the Temple is built [in the New Jerusalem] the sons of the two Priesthoods [Melchizedek and Aaronic] ... will enter into that Temple ... and all of them who are pure in heart will behold the face of the Lord and that too before he comes in his glory in the clouds of heaven, for he will suddenly come to his Temple, and he will purify the sons of Moses and of Aaron, until they shall be prepared to offer in that Temple an offering that shall be acceptable in the sight of the Lord. In doing this, he will purify not only the minds of the Priesthood in that Temple, but he will purify their bodies until they shall be quickened, and renewed and strengthened, and they will be partially changed, not to immortality, but changed in part that they can be filled with the power of God, and they can stand in the presence of Jesus, and behold his face in the midst of that Temple.

“This will prepare them for further ministrations among the nations of the earth, it will prepare them to go forth in the days of tribulation and vengeance upon the nations of the wicked, when God will smite them with pestilence, plague and earthquake, such as former generations never knew. Then the servants of God will need to be armed with the power of God, they will need to have that sealing blessing pronounced upon their foreheads that they can stand forth in the midst of these desolations and plagues and not be overcome by them. When John the Revelator describes this scene he says he saw four angels sent forth, ready to hold the four winds that should blow from the four quarters of heaven. Another angel ascended from the east and cried to the four angels, and said, ‘Smite not the earth now, but wait a little while.’ ‘How long?’ ‘Until the servants of our God are sealed in their foreheads.’ What for? To prepare them to stand forth in the midst of these desolations and plagues, and not be overcome. When they are prepared, when they have received a renewal of their bodies in the Lord’s temple, and have been filled with the Holy Ghost and purified as gold and silver in a furnace of fire, then they will be prepared to stand before the nations of the earth and preach glad tidings of salvation in the midst of judgments that are to come like a whirlwind upon the wicked.” -In Journal of Discourses, 15:365–66.

Jerusalem Jerusalem

The ten tribes will return to Zion (America). They will plant crops, cultivate, and grow in spirit and truth until they are sanctified and perfected. They will not however stay there, for their home, their inheritance during the millennium is not that of the land of the America’s, no, that land belongs to Joseph and his people, the ten tribes will eventually return to Jerusalem. What is to transpire in this time period as the Kingdom of God changes its focus from gentile nations to that of scattered Israel of Jerusalem?

1. The world will be in freefall for years by now, war everywhere, peace according to the Lord at this time will only be found in three places: “Zion, the remnant (10 tribes), and Israel”.

2. Israel will barter with the evil powers that be for seven years of peace, giving away more of their land.
3. Many of the 144k including “the two prophets” will go to Jerusalem and preach to the Jews for three and a half years
4. A temple is built to the Lord, and the sons of Aaron again offer sacrifice
5. This infuriates the powers that be and they break their treaty early, declaring war on Israel
6. Plagues, horrors, etc. are called down on the wicked as prescribed by “the two prophets” as they hold the “armies of the world” at bay for another three and a half years. (7 years total again)
7. “The battle of Armageddon”, “The two prophets” are slain, Jerusalem is ravished, saints lead Jews that have been converted and those who will follow to the Mt. of Olives
8. Jesus Christ resurrects “the two prophets” and stands on the Mt. of Olives with the 144k. The Mt. splits in half and Jews flee into the newly formed crevice. The split goes under the temple to the Dead Sea, making the waters alive again.
9. Christ confronts the fleeing Jews, “what are those wounds in thy hands and feet?”
10. Christ utterly destroys the armies of the world, the continents become one again, the Lord departs
11. Jerusalem rebuilt, the government of Zion is established in Jerusalem. Temple work continues both day and night to make Jerusalem ready for the Great and Dreadful day of the Lord.

The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord

The Lord returns with the city of Enoch. The world is purged of its telestial state; all telestial peoples, animals, plants, etc. will be “burned” by His presence, terrestrial is spared. All celestial peoples who have had all their ordinances of salvation complete will be resurrected and join Christ and the city of Enoch “as they come down” and the world is changed. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. The Prophet Joseph Smith said to take great care to record the names correct, and to do the work for your righteous ancestors while there is yet time, or you will find they will not be there at this day.

First Stage of Christ’s Personal Reign

Terrestrial kingdoms will still exist and missionary work will be done for and to them. They will have the choice to convert and then be “changed in the twinkling of an eye” at 100, or to “die accursed” until all of them are eventually swept from the land (obviously less than 100 years).

Thousands of temples will be built and the work of the dead will continue heavily. Christ’s books will return and the focus will be first on those people yet dead who are Celestial all the way back to Adam. As their work is done they shall be resurrected one at a time into Celestial glory. As Joseph said, pray and do

the work for as many ancestors as possible so that they will have the privilege of witnessing the Great and Dreadful day first hand, if their work is not done they cannot be resurrected.

Children who died will be resurrected as children and raised- those celestial parents who lost children will yet raise those children, all other children will be given to other celestial parents to be raised (ie. will be adopted). Jesus Christ taught that “there will not be people given and taken in marriage after the resurrection” (Matthew 22: 29-30); that time has passed, they will be angels in heaven.

Joseph Smith taught that those who are resurrected into celestial glory “will not be bound to earth at this time”, meaning they are not prisoners to earth alone, and will be able to freely travel back into the presence of the Father as well as Heavenly Mother.

No one during this time period will “eat food they didn’t grow, or live in a home they didn’t build, or lay under a fig tree they didn’t plant”, they will all “live after the manner of happiness” and there will be no more strife.

Satan and his followers will be bound because “he will have no power over the hearts of men”, ie. “the hearts of celestial and terrestrial people”

Second Stage of Christ’s Personal Reign

A “horn” or “trump” will blow (possibly just figurative). Work for terrestrial people will now begin. Will all the temple work need to be done for terrestrial people? No. Only the lower laws and ordinances for that kingdom (baptism and confirmation) as no one in that kingdom is endowed or sealed. Will we have the names of these people as well? Obviously. As their work is done they will be resurrected, judged, and placed in their kingdom of glory.

Last Stage of Christ’s Personal Reign and End of All Things

A “horn” or “trump” will blow (possibly just figurative). All telestial people, as well as sons of perdition will be resurrected at once- there is no need to do temple work for them as there are no ordinances necessary to enter into the telestial glory. Satan will “once again rage in the hearts of men”, for the telestial people, even in their new tabernacles of telestial glory, will have the same spirit that possessed them before death possessing them yet (“Satan rules over them”). The saints of God by the power of the blood of the Lamb will cast Satan and his followers (sons of perdition) into outer darkness in one final display of Christ’s atoning blood, cleansing and separating the telestial bodies from the influence of Satan and his followers. The telestial bodies are then judged and placed in their telestial glory.

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