

Jesus' Macro Last-Day Timeline

What is the timeline that Jesus Christ gives to us in the Book of Mormon through 3 Nephi? I will be doing points of reference so if you are not familiar with the concept, please read or watch my paper/video *Points of Reference* before continuing. We will take it section at a time and then at the end attempt to combine everything we have learned into one master points of reference and see what we have learned. It is also important to know, before going into this, that Joseph Smith said, "I never hear of a man being damned for believing too much; but they are damned for unbelief" (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p.373). There are members of the Church today who are attempting to make every prophecy figurative, metaphorical etc. And while they do it, they feign concern for those in the Church who are interpreting the scriptures in the way that Joseph taught us to interpret scriptures, "The scriptures say what they mean and mean what they say... What is the rule of interpretation? Just no interpretation at all. Understand it precisely as it reads" (TPJS, p.264, 276). Members will be damned for not believing enough, not because they believed too much (read the first couple chapters of *A Voice of Warning* by Parelly P Pratt for further breakdown on this concept).

Jesus appears to the Nephites in 3 Nephi chapter 11 and does many things from chapters 11-19, including instituting the Sacrament, ordaining 12 apostles etc. In chapter 16 the Lord attempts to give some last days timeline but discovers that the people are mentally unprepared so he takes a break and then gets back into it in chapter 20. From chapters 20 to Mormon's word in chapter 26, the Lord finishes laying out His last days timeline. Obviously the Lord does not give you dates, but the Lord does give you points of reference. Let's go through them.

3 Nephi 16:4-5

4 And I command you that ye shall write these sayings after I am gone, that if it so be that my people at Jerusalem, they who have seen me and been with me in my ministry, do not ask the Father in my name, that they may receive a knowledge of you by the Holy Ghost, and also of the other tribes whom they know not of, that these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fulness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed, who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer.

5 And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfil the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.

Points of Reference: The Nephites write what the Lord commanded them to write → the apostles in Old Jerusalem never ask therefore they never receive the knowledge from Holy Ghost and thus don't write it down → the fullness of the Gentiles is ushered in and with it the Book of Mormon → the Lord then begins to gather in scattered Israel through the fullness of the Gentiles and the Book of Mormon

3 Nephi 16:6-7

6 And blessed are the Gentiles, because of their belief in me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witnesses unto them of me and of the Father.

7 Behold, because of their belief in me, saith the Father, and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, in the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fulness of these things shall be made known unto them.

Points of Reference: The house of Israel will suffer from unbelief → the truth and fullness goes to the Gentiles

3 Nephi 16:8-9

8 But wo, saith the Father, unto the unbelieving of the Gentiles—for notwithstanding they have come forth upon the face of this land, and have scattered my people who are of the house of Israel; and my people who are of the house of Israel have been cast out from among them, and have been trodden under feet by them;

9 And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles, and also the judgments of the Father upon my people who are of the house of Israel, verily, verily, I say unto you, that after all this, and I have caused my people who are of the house of Israel to be smitten, and to be afflicted, and to be slain, and to be cast out from among them, and to become hated by them, and to become a hiss and a byword among them

Points of Reference: The Father blesses the Gentiles with many mercies → the Gentiles come to the land of promise → they scatter the remnants of the house of Israel → they cast the remnants of the house of Israel from out among them, they trod them under their feet, they smite them, afflict them, slay them, hate them and turn them into a hiss and a byword

NOTE: if you are interested in the Meso-American model versus the Hilltop model, this is a series of prophecies that was only fulfilled in one place.

3 Nephi 16:10-11

10 And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.

11 And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them.

12 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you; but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fulness of my gospel.

Points of Reference: the Gentile countries become lifted up in their pride above all other nations and are filled with lying, priestcraft, wickedness→ the Lord brings in the fullness of the gospel→ if the Gentile nation rejects the fullness then the Lord will remove the fullness from that Gentile nation→the Lord then promises to bring the gospel to the house of Israel. The Lord identified the house of Israel earlier in the chapter as “the other sheep” meaning the lost 10 tribes. Missionaries have not been pulled from any Gentile country as of today and with the internet the Church in its current condition can be accessed by anyone in the world, proving that verse 12 is in fact referring to the lost 10 tribes, not scattered Israel, because the lost 10 tribes won’t have access to the fullness of the gospel until that day, whereas scattered Israel has complete access to all of the gospel and saving ordinances today.

“In 1966 President David O. McKay prophesied scientific discoveries that ‘stagger the imagination’ would make possible the preaching of the gospel to every kindred, tongue, and people.” Meaning the way we will be able to preach to every kindred, tongue and people would be through technology, not because a missionary will be in every single country speaking their language to fulfill this prophecy. Many modern prophets and apostles have echoed this teaching, the internet is the means by which the apostles carry out their mandate to the world. (eg. “To Sweep the Earth as with a Flood” by Elder Bednar; Newsroom “New Web Site Focuses on Life and Teachings of Christ” Feb 2008)

3 Nephi 16:13-15

13 But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto me, saith the Father, behold they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel.

14 And I will not suffer my people, who are of the house of Israel, to go through among them, and tread them down, saith the Father.

15 But if they will not turn unto me, and hearken unto my voice, I will suffer them, yea, I will suffer my people, O house of Israel, that they shall go through among them, and shall tread them down, and they shall be as salt that hath lost its savor, which is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of my people, O house of Israel.

Points of Reference: the 10 tribes return and are given the fullness of the gospel→if Gentile nations repent they will be numbered with God’s people and if they don’t repent they will be destroyed by God’s people (1 Nephi 14:7)

3 Nephi 16:16-20

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, thus hath the Father commanded me—that I should give unto this people this land for their inheritance.

17 And then the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled, which say:

18 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

19 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

20 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God.

Points of Reference: Ephraim and Manasseh are the watchmen who will lift up their voice in warning as the missionaries are slowly pulled out of Gentile countries → the 10 tribes return and receive their crown of glory from Ephraim (ie. The fullness of the gospel). They will come singing songs and they will do so made only possible by the Lord making bare his holy arm in front of all nations → all the house of Israel will see eye to eye and will sing together in the heights of Zion

3 Nephi 20:11-13

11 Ye remember that I spake unto you, and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled—behold they are written, ye have them before you, therefore search them—

12 And verily, verily, I say unto you, that when they shall be fulfilled then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father hath made unto his people, O house of Israel.

13 And then shall the remnants, which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth, be gathered in from the east and from the west, and from the south and from the north; and they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.

14 And the Father hath commanded me that I should give unto you this land, for your inheritance.

Points of Reference: the marvelous work and a wonder (the Lord making bare his arm/the words of Isaiah/etc) → a worldwide gathering in and unto New Jerusalem (the prophet Joseph Smith taught that there will be 3 worldwide gatherings taking place at this time: one, the worldwide gathering of the elect to Zion, two, the Jews to Old Jerusalem, three, the wicked to be destroyed) → those of the tribe of Joseph will be allotted their permanent inheritances in Zion at this time

3 Nephi 20:15-22

15 And I say unto you, that if the Gentiles do not repent after the blessing which they shall receive, after they have scattered my people—

16 Then shall ye, who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, go forth among them; and ye shall be in the midst of them who shall be many; and ye shall be among them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he goeth through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

17 Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

18 And I will gather my people together as a man gathereth his sheaves into the floor.

19 For I will make my people with whom the Father hath covenanted, yea, I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass. And thou shalt beat in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. And behold, I am he who doeth it.

20 And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles.

21 And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people, O house of Israel.

22 And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you.

Points of Reference: Marvelous work and a wonder → New Jerusalem is established → Christ in the midst of New Jerusalem → ultimatum presented to all Gentile nations (repent and join or be destroyed) → Gentiles that repent will be gathered in as a man gathereth sheaves into the floor in unto New Jerusalem, if Gentiles do not repent then the house of Israel among them will destroy them (Joseph Fielding Smith questioned “are we justified in applying [the remnant] mainly to the Lamanites and saying that they are to go forth as a young lion pouring out vengeance upon the gentiles? Also does the phrase, ‘Ye who are a remnant of the house of Jacob’ in verse 16, have reference just to the Lamanites? The verses which follow indicate that it has reference to the remnants of Israel which had been scattered in all lands. To apply it to the Lamanites in face of theme of this discourse, in my judgment, narrows it too greatly.” (Doctrines of Salvation, 2:249-250) Brother Hyrum Andrus in his lectures teaches the same thing. In the comment section I have provided a link to the point in his lecture when he taught this) → The Lord consecrates the gain of the house of Israel unto Himself and will make their horns iron and their hoofs brass

3 Nephi 20:27-28

27 And after that ye were blessed then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed—unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel.

28 And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land. Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fulness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father.

Points of Reference: the children of the covenant are blessed → Ephraim mingles with the seed of the kingdoms of the earth → the Holy Ghost or intelligence of God leavens the loaf of the gentile nations (ie. Increasing their IQ) → the Gentiles become mighty above all because of this → Gentiles scatter what’s left of the house of Israel → these gentile become the scourge (ie. The Assyrian) in America → the fullness of the gospel is restored (ie. Celestial law) → Gentiles are presented with the option in 1 Nephi 14:7

3 Nephi 20:29

29 And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people; and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time, that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father.

Points of Reference: the choice in 1 Nephi 14:7 is presented to the Gentiles → Jesus gathers scattered Israel together → Jesus restores Israel to the land of Jerusalem

3 Nephi 20:30-40

30 And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them;

31 And they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name.

32 Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice, and with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye.

33 Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.

34 Then shall they break forth into joy—Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Father hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

35 The Father hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father; and the Father and I are one.

36 And then shall be brought to pass that which is written: Awake, awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

37 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

38 For thus saith the Lord: Ye have sold yourselves for naught, and ye shall be redeemed without money.

39 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that my people shall know my name; yea, in that day they shall know that I am he that doth speak.

40 And then shall they say: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings unto them, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings unto them of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!

Points of Reference: Orson Pratt, Joseph Fielding Smith and many others clarified that the fullness of the gospel won't be taught to the Jews and the Jews accept Jesus as their savior until after the Mount of Olives. So the first point here is actually the events at the Mount of Olives→

the fullness of the gospel taught to the Jews in Israel, accepted and live it → the watchmen of New Jerusalem (ie Mount Zion) and Old Jerusalem (ie Jerusalem) will then see eye to eye. There will be two world capitals with the law going forth from Mount Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The house of Israel will then be “gathered again” and given the land of Jerusalem for their inheritance (the first gathering was to Mount Zion, the second gathering or the “and again” will be to Old Jerusalem). The continents unite after the Mount of Olives events making this transport less complicated → Old Jerusalem is rebuilt, awakes and arises again to its former glory

3 Nephi 20:41-42

41 And then shall a cry go forth: Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch not that which is unclean; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

42 For ye shall not go out with haste nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel shall be your rearward.

Points of Reference: this is when missionary work among the heathen nations take place. Joseph Smith taught that during the time period between the events at Old Jerusalem and the Great and Dreadful Day, the Lord will be calling the inhabitants of the earth to come to him and those nations that do not will be visited with famine, natural disasters etc. until they are eventually all destroyed (TPJS, p.268).

The Book of Mormon when it was originally translated had no verses or chapters. I believe verses 43-46 should go into the next chapter, I believe it would have made more sense to people in that context versus the context it is in now.

3 Nephi 20:43-46

43 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

44 As many were astonished at thee—his visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men—

45 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

46 Verily, verily, I say unto you, all these things shall surely come, even as the Father hath commanded me. Then shall this covenant which the Father hath covenanted with his people be fulfilled; and then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people, and it shall be the land of their inheritance.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith was marred → Joseph Smith works prudently → Joseph shall be exalted, extolled and very high, sprinkling the nations, shutting the mouths of kings → the New Jerusalem is established (which is the covenant he has made with his people) → Old Jerusalem will be inhabited by the righteous again and be made a land of their inheritance

3 Nephi 21:1-7

1 And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place—that I shall gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion;

2 And behold, this is the thing which I will give unto you for a sign—for verily I say unto you that when these things which I declare unto you, and which I shall declare unto you hereafter of myself, and by the power of the Holy Ghost which shall be given unto you of the Father, shall be made known unto the Gentiles that they may know concerning this people who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, and concerning this my people who shall be scattered by them;

3 Verily, verily, I say unto you, when these things shall be made known unto them of the Father, and shall come forth of the Father, from them unto you;

4 For it is wisdom in the Father that they should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel;

5 Therefore, when these works and the works which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth from the Gentiles, unto your seed which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity;

6 For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel;

7 And when these things come to pass that thy seed shall begin to know these things—it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel.

Points of Reference: Jesus' words that he spoke to the Nephites shall be written down → the Nephites will dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity → the Gentiles are established in America and set up as a free people → the Church is restored and the Book of Mormon revealed → many Gentiles are converted, baptized and are numbered among the house of Israel → the Lamanites begin to know the Book of Mormon and to blossom as a rose which is a sign to know that the gathering of Israel and the establishment of New Jerusalem is nigh at hand

3 Nephi 21:8-10

8 And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

9 For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them those who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them.

10 But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

Points of Reference: I'd recommend reading/watching my paper/video *Joseph to Return* for a more detailed breakdown

Joseph Smith is marred (martyred) → The Lamanites blossom as a rose, possibly even overtaking Ephraim in righteousness, zeal and number → Joseph Smith is healed (resurrected) → kings shall shut their mouths for that which they see next and will begin to consider things that they had not heard before. This is the marvelous work and a wonder

3 Nephi 21:11-13

11 Therefore it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant.

12 And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

13 Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off.

Once again, for a more in depth breakdown see my paper *Joseph Smith to Return*. But for a quick summary, if you go to the footnote in verse 11 for "him" it will take you to 2 Nephi 3:6-15, clearly identifying Joseph Smith, and if you look at the footnote for b "gentiles" it takes you to 1 Nephi 21 ie. Isaiah chapter 49 (see my *Understanding Isaiah* Chapters 48 and 49 to see how this once again is Joseph Smith and what he does). Finally, you go down to the footnote for c "cut off" and it takes you to D&C 133, in which the verse breakdown read "Saints are commanded to prepare for the Second Coming, all men are commanded to flee from Babylon, come to Zion, and prepare for the great day of the Lord...the lost tribes of Israel shall return." This is referring to Joseph Smith calling the 10 tribes home.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith is resurrected and is given the words of Jesus Christ (ie. The Celestial Law) → Joseph Smith and Joseph's Boys march back and redeem Jackson County Missouri → Joseph Smith brings the law to the Gentiles (ie. The Church) → Joseph Smith calls the 10 tribes home → those that believe and accept are numbered among the Lord's people and the house of Israel while those that do not believe will be cut off (ie. 1 Nephi 14:7)

3 Nephi 21:14-21

14 Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots;

15 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds;

16 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy land, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers;

17 Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands;

18 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities.

19 And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away.

20 For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day whosoever will not repent and come unto my Beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel;

21 And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith presents ultimatum to Gentiles and Gentile nations → if they refuse all of the destructions promised will take place (1 Nephi 14:7)

3 Nephi 21:22-23

22 But if they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance;

23 And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.

In order to further understand who is who, let's breakdown the 3 groups. The Book of Mormon Student Manual (1996) says:

“The New Jerusalem of the last days will be built on the American continent by 1. The remnant of Jacob 2. The Gentiles who shall come into the covenant and be numbered among [them] 3. As many of the house of Israel who shall come” (p. 124)

The tenth article of faith reads, “We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent”.

So we know of three different groups: the remnant of Jacob would be Ephraim and Manasseh, the watchmen on the towers, Joseph's Boys. These are the only one who will be given “this land” as their inheritance. The second group are converts who are adopted into that tribe, ie. into the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh for they shall be numbered among the remnant of Jacob. And the third group refers to anyone gathered that is not from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (these will obtain their permanent inheritances after the Mount of Olives). The lost ten tribes return as a body in verse 26 after the New Jerusalem has already been redeemed, but before the Anointing.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith presents ultimatum to Gentiles and Gentile nations → those who repent and listen are numbered in the house of Israel and get to take part in the building of New Jerusalem (depending on their tribe they will be given permanent inheritances, explained above)

3 Nephi 21:24-25

24 And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

25 And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.

Points of Reference: The Lord's people ("my people" ie. The Church) gather in scattered Israel unto New Jerusalem with assistance → Jesus comes to New Jerusalem (first of many Adam-ondi-ahman appearances)

3 Nephi 21:26-29

26 And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.

27 Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name.

28 Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance.

29 And they shall go out from all nations; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward.

Points of Reference: the ten tribes return as a body → the Father begins preparing the way whereby all the other tribes (the non-Ephraim and Manasseh tribes) may return and gain their inheritances in Old Jerusalem. Remember, all of the events that we just discussed eventually leads to Israel's eventual return to Palestine (Old Jerusalem)

3 Nephi 22:1

1 And then shall that which is written come to pass: Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.

Points of Reference: for a more in depth breakdown see my *Understanding Isaiah Chapter 6* (when explaining verse 13). Simply put, points of reference are: The married bride (the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) has children (redeemed, sanctified and celestial people) → The unmarried bride (the lost 10 tribes as a body) returns to Zion and are crowned by Ephraim and will at that day have more children than that of the married bride. (ie. There will be more members from the lost 10 tribes than worthy members of the Church)

3 Nephi 22:2-4

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Points of Reference: cities are made desolate → the people of God will extend the program from New Jerusalem outward, inhabiting the now desolate cities → the people of God will not be ashamed or feel guilty for inhabiting the desolate cities

3 Nephi 22:5-10: these verses contain no relevant points of reference

3 Nephi 22:11-17

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted! Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression for thou shalt not fear, and from terror for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together against thee, not by me; whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall revile against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Points of Reference: New Jerusalem is established → the Lord will make sure that the city and the kingdom are beyond description in beauty and remove pain, death, enemies far from them. He promises them from that point on that no weapon formed against them will prosper. This is a fulfilment to the prophecy “in that day every people will be at war one with another save for those living in New Jerusalem. The wicked will say let us not go up unto Zion for the inhabitants thereof are terrible.” (D&C 45:66-fin)

3 Nephi 23:1-3

1 And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah.

2 For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles.

3 And all things that he spake have been and shall be, even according to the words which he spake.

Point of Reference: the words of Isaiah will be fulfilled → the words of Isaiah will be fulfilled.

3 Nephi 23:9-11

9 Verily I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, that he should testify unto this people, that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me that there were many saints who should arise from the dead, and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them. And he said unto them: Was it not so?

10 And his disciples answered him and said: Yea, Lord, Samuel did prophesy according to thy words, and they were all fulfilled.

11 And Jesus said unto them: How be it that ye have not written this thing, that many saints did arise and appear unto many and did minister unto them?

*This is not as clear cut a point of reference but I feel like it is an important enough one that people should think about. Jesus says:

Remember that the words of Isaiah have been fulfilled and would be fulfilled → Samuel the Lamanite prophesied that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me that there were many Saints that would be resurrected and appear to many of the Saints and would minister unto them → Jesus tells them “write these things down that they should go forth unto the Gentiles”

ERGO, something similar is going to happen to us. And do we know of something similar to this? The answer is yes, once again watch or read my paper *Joseph Smith to Return* and pay close attention to the quotes by Brigham Young at the end.

3 Nephi 24:1

1 And it came to pass that he commanded them that they should write the words which the Father had given unto Malachi, which he should tell unto them. And it came to pass that after they were written he expounded them. And these are the words which he did tell unto them, saying: Thus said the Father unto Malachi—Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

I don't believe it's a coincidence that the Lord talks about the resurrection of Joseph Smith, pivots to Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy of Saints being resurrected and then immediately goes into this. Once again, see my paper *Joseph Smith to Return* for more details.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith is resurrected → Joseph Smith prepares the way (ie. Celestial law, redemption of Zion, etc) → the Lord appears suddenly to his temple in New Jerusalem

3 Nephi 24:2-4

2 But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap.

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Points of Reference: Jesus appear suddenly to his temple in New Jerusalem → the Lord sits as a refiner and purifier, purifying the sons of Levi (returned 10 tribes) → the now purified sons of Levi (with the 144,000) can now build the temple in Old Jerusalem and offer sacrifices that will be pleasing unto the Lord

3 Nephi 24:7-12

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say: Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say: Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the fields, saith the Lord of Hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith, "my messenger", get resurrected → there is a rebuke to the nation for not paying tithing. This could be a rebuke directly to the United States of America (see my paper, *Trump: A Fulfilment to Prophecy?*) but the reference for verse 11 takes you to D&C 85 "inheritances in Zion are to be received through consecration". This is also Joseph Smith and celestial law within the Church

3 Nephi 24:13-15

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say: What have we spoken against thee?

14 Ye have said: It is vain to serve God, and what doth it profit that we have kept his ordinances and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

Points of Reference: the Assyrian, who is “stout”, has fostered a culture that says it is vain to serve God and that you don’t gain profit from doing it → that culture then calls the proud happy, it rewards those that work wickedness and those that tempt God are even delivered

3 Nephi 24:16-18

16 Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard; and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Points of Reference: during the reign of the Assyrian those that feared God began speaking to each other often → the Lord hearkened and heard them and had a book of remembrance written for them → the Lord promises that these people will be His in the day in which he makes up his jewels (ie. When he sets up His kingdom, ie. the New Jerusalem) and will spare them the same way that a father treats his good son → Joseph Smith returns and discerns between the righteous and wicked, him that serveth God and him that does not

3 Nephi 25:1-3

1 For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name, shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves in the stall.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Points of Reference: the Saints of God grow up in New Jerusalem as calves in the stall → the Saints of God will tread down the wicked (as a lion) → the Lord will progressively burn the wicked leading up to the Great and Dreadful Day where all shall burn

3 Nephi 25:4

4 Remember ye the law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Points of Reference: Joseph Smith is resurrected (“my servant”, see previous chapter) → Joseph Smith is to not forget, or is to put special emphasis on the 10 commandments

3 Nephi 25:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord;

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Points of Reference: the Lord sends Elijah and the sealing keys of the priesthood → the hearts of the fathers will turn to the children and vice versa → the Great and Dreadful Day

3 Nephi 26:1-2

1 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had told these things he expounded them unto the multitude; and he did expound all things unto them, both great and small.

2 And he saith: These scriptures, which ye had not with you, the Father commanded that I should give unto you; for it was wisdom in him that they should be given unto future generations.

Points of Reference: Jesus gives his macro last days timeline including Malachi 3 and 4 to the ancient Nephites → the ancient Nephites write it down → Mormon puts it in the abridgment to fulfill the command that “future generations” should have it

3 Nephi 26:3

3 And he did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory—yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapt together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away;

Points of Reference: The Great and Dreadful Day → elements should melt with a fervent heat, the earth gets wrapt together like a scroll, heavens and earth pass away

3 Nephi 26:4-5

4 And even unto the great and last day, when all people, and all kindreds, and all nations and tongues shall stand before God, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil—

5 If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation; being on a parallel, the one on the one hand and the other on the other hand, according to the mercy, and the justice, and the holiness which is in Christ, who was before the world began.

Points of Reference: great and last day (not the same of the Great and Dreadful Day) → the great judgement

3 Nephi 26:8-12

8 And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.

9 And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.

10 And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation.

11 Behold, I was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying: I will try the faith of my people.

12 Therefore I, Mormon, do write the things which have been commanded me of the Lord. And now I, Mormon, make an end of my sayings, and proceed to write the things which have been commanded me.

Points of Reference: Mormon does the abridgement and confirms that the “future generations” does in fact refer to us today → the Gentiles receive it → the Lamanites receive it → the Lord tries the faith of his people → if the Lord’s people believe “these things” greater things will be made manifest unto them (the sealed portion) vs. if they don’t believe the greater things will be withheld (ie. Imagine what your life would be like if the knowledge gained from the Book of Mormon were suddenly taken away, ie. 2 Nephi 28)

Jesus’ Macro Timeline

1. The Nephites write what the Lord commanded them to write→
2. The apostles in Old Jerusalem never ask therefore they never receive the knowledge from Holy Ghost and thus don’t write it down regarding the people in ancient America →
3. The house of Israel will suffer from unbelief, but the children of the covenant are blessed →
4. The Nephites will dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity→
5. The Father blesses the Gentiles with many mercies, by Ephraim mingling with the seed of the kingdoms of the earth→
6. The Holy Ghost or intelligence of God leavens the loaf of the gentile nations (ie. increasing their IQ)→
7. The Gentiles become mighty above all because of this and the Gentiles come to the land of promise (America) and are set up as a free people→
8. The Gentiles scatter the remnants of the house of Israel (ie. Native Americans)→
9. The Gentiles cast the remnants of the house of Israel (Native American Indians) out from among them, they trod them under their feet, they smite them, afflict them, slay them, hate them and turn them into a hiss and a byword →
10. The truth and fullness goes to the Gentiles →
11. The fullness of the Gentiles is ushered in and with it the Book of Mormon. The Lord sends Elijah and the sealing keys of the Priesthood→

12. Joseph Smith is martyred/marred →
13. The Lord then begins to gather in scattered Israel through the fullness of the Gentiles and the Book of Mormon. Many Gentiles are converted, baptized and are numbered among the house of Israel →
14. The Gentiles become lifted up in their pride above all other nations and are filled with lying, priestcraft, wickedness →
15. The Lamanites begin to know the Book of Mormon and to blossom as a rose which is the sign to know that the gathering of Israel and the establishment of New Jerusalem is nigh at hand. The Lamanites possibly even overtake Ephraim in righteousness, zeal and numbers →
16. The Gentiles become the scourge (ie. The Assyrian) in America. The Assyrian, who is “stout”, has fostered a culture that says it is vain to serve God and that you don’t gain profit from doing it. That culture then calls the proud happy, it rewards those that work wickedness and those that tempt God are even delivered →
17. During the reign of the Assyrian the Lord’s people will have their faith tried. Those that feared God begin speaking to each other often. The Lord hearkens and hears them and has a book of remembrance written for them. The Lord promises that these people will be His in the day in which he makes up his jewels (ie. when he sets up His kingdom in New Jerusalem) and will spare them the same way that a father treats his good son →
18. Joseph Smith is healed (resurrected) and discerns between the righteous and wicked, him that serveth God and him that does not. Joseph Smith is to not forget, or is to put special emphasis on the ten commandments when discerning →
19. Joseph Smith works prudently →
20. The Lord brings in the fullness of the gospel (sealed portion, celestial law, etc). If the Lord’s people didn’t take the time to gain a testimony of the “lesser things” they will not be able to accept these “greater things”, and will have the light that they have received taken from them (ie. 2 Nephi 28, ie. Imagine what your life would be like if the knowledge gained from the Book of Mormon were suddenly taken away, etc) →
21. There is a rebuke to the nation for not paying tithing. This could be a rebuke directly to the United States of America (see my paper, *Trump: A Fulfilment to Prophecy?*) but the reference for verse 11 takes you to D&C 85 “inheritances in Zion are to be received through consecration”. This is also Joseph Smith and celestial law within the Church →
22. If the Gentile nation rejects the fullness then the Lord will remove the fullness from that Gentile nation. Ephraim and Manasseh are the watchmen who will lift up their voice in warning as the missionaries are pulled out of Gentile countries →
23. Joseph Smith with Joseph’s Boys redeem Jackson County Missouri. The meetings at Adam-ondi-ahman begin at this time →
24. Ephraim and Manasseh begin to be given their permanent inheritances in Zion at this time
25. The Lord then promises to bring the gospel to the house of Israel. The Lord identified the house of Israel earlier in the chapter as “the other sheep” meaning the lost 10 tribes. Missionaries have not been pulled from any Gentile country as of today and with the internet the Church in its current condition can be accessed by anyone in the world,

proving that verse 12 is in fact referring to the lost 10 tribes, not scattered Israel, because the lost 10 tribes won't have access to the fullness of the gospel until that day, whereas scattered Israel has complete access to all of the gospel and saving ordinances today. "In 1966 President David O. McKay prophesied scientific discoveries that 'stagger the imagination' would make possible the preaching of the gospel to every kindred, tongue, and people." Meaning the way we will be able to preach to every kindred, tongue and people would be through technology, not because a missionary will be in every single country speaking their language to fulfill this prophecy. Many modern prophets and apostles have echoed this teaching, the internet is the means by which the apostles carry out their mandate to the world. (eg. "To Sweep the Earth as with a Flood" by Elder Bednar; Newsroom "New Web Site Focuses on Life and Teachings of Christ" Feb 2008)→

26. Joseph Smith calls the 10 tribes home →
27. The 10 tribes return and are given the fullness of the gospel and receive their crown of glory from Ephraim (ie. The fullness of the gospel). They will come singing songs and they will do so made only possible by the Lord making bare his holy arm in front of all nations which is the marvelous work and a wonder which will be speared by Joseph Smith who shall be exalted, extoled and be very high, sprinkling the nations, shutting the mouths of kings. The number of the 10 tribes as a body will be more than that of the worthy members of the Church (married bride vs unmarried bride)→
28. All the house of Israel will see eye to eye and will sing together in the heights of Zion→
29. New Jerusalem is being built/established as people are being gathered in unto it. The Lord will make sure that the city and the kingdom are beyond description in beauty and remove pain, death, enemies far from them. He promises them from that point on that no weapon formed against them will prosper. This is a fulfilment to the prophecy "in that day every people will be at war one with another save for those living in New Jerusalem. The wicked will say let us not go up unto Zion for the inhabitants thereof are terrible" (D&C 45:66-fin). The Saints of God grow up in New Jerusalem as calves in the stall →
30. Christ appears in the midst of New Jerusalem, "and the Lord appeared suddenly to His temple"→
31. The Lord sits as a refiner and purifier, purifying the sons of Levi (returned 10 tribes) →
32. If Gentile nations repent they will be numbered with God's people, to be gathered in as a man gathereth sheaves into the floor in unto New Jerusalem. If they don't repent they will be destroyed by God's people (1 Nephi 14:7) (House of Israel, who will be among them and destroying them). →
33. The unrepentant, wicked, Gentile cities will be made desolate →
34. The people of God will extend the program from New Jerusalem outward, inhabiting the now desolate cities →
35. The people of God will not be ashamed or feel guilty for inhabiting the desolate cities →
36. Three worldwide gatherings take place at this time: one, the worldwide gathering of the elect to Zion, two, the Jews to Old Jerusalem, three, the wicked to be destroyed →
37. The Lord will consecrate the gains of the House of Israel unto himself and will make the house of Israel's horns like iron and hoofs like brass. →

38. The now purified sons of Levi (with the 144,000) can now build the temple in Old Jerusalem and offer sacrifices that will be pleasing unto the Lord →
39. The events at the Mount of Olives. Orson Pratt, Joseph Fielding Smith and many others clarified that the fullness of the gospel won't be taught to the Jews and the Jews accept Jesus as their savior until after the Mount of Olives. →
40. Jesus restores house of Israel to the land of Palestine (Old Jerusalem) →
41. The watchmen of New Jerusalem (ie Mount Zion) and Old Jerusalem (ie Jerusalem) will then see eye to eye. There will be two world capitals with the law going forth from Mount Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The house of Israel will then be "gathered again" and given the land of Jerusalem for their inheritance (the first gathering was to Mount Zion, the second gathering or the "and again" will be to Old Jerusalem). The continents unite after the Mount of Olives events making this transport less complicated →
42. Old Jerusalem is rebuilt, awakes and arises again to its former glory →
43. Missionary work will commence among the heathen nations →
44. The heathen nations will be presented with the same choice that the Gentile nations were presented with. Joseph Smith taught that during the time period between the events at Old Jerusalem and the Great and Dreadful Day, the Lord will be calling the inhabitants of the earth to come to him and those nations that do not will be visited with famine, natural disasters etc. until they are eventually all destroyed (TPJS, p.268) →
45. The Great and Dreadful Day. Elements will melt with a fervent heat, the earth gets wrapt together like a scroll, heavens and earth pass away →
46. The Great and Last Day and judgement

And there you have it. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, His macro last days timeline. All other information and clarification should be built upon this foundation.