The Book of Revelation: Preparing for the Second Coming
A look at the book of Revelation

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The Second Coming

“There are many important gospel doctrines mentioned in the Bible only briefly, and some not at all. Being born again is mentioned in the Bible 9 times; baptism is mentioned 52 times, repentance is mentioned 89 times…

“…But the Second Coming of Christ is mentioned over 1,800 times. If God thought this subject that important, he must have wanted us to do something about it” (Sterling W. Sill, in Conference Report, Apr. 1966, 19).
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City of Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-20)

Modern day Jezebels?
City of Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-16)
Through a system of aqueducts, water was piped to Laodicea from Hierapolis, to the north (home to Hot Springs) and Colossae (as in Colossians) which had cool waters of the Lycus River.
By the time the waters of these two rivers reached the Laodiceans, it was anything but refreshing; it became tepid or lukewarm.
Marion G. Romney: “There are those among us who are trying to serve the Lord without offending the devil” (Brigham Young University devotional, September 1955).

“We can’t keep a summer cottage in Babylon” (Elder Neal A. Maxwell)
Revelation 3:20

A Home Teacher was visiting his families. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door....

At church the next Sunday, the mother of the family came up to him, sheepishly handed him his card back and saw she’d added to it, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in laughter.

"I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."
Book Sealed with 7 Seals

The Call: Revelation 4:2, 5:1-6
Summary of the Seven Seals

First Seal  First 1000 years

Second Seal  Second 1000 years

Third Seal  Third 1000 years

Fourth Seal  Fourth 1000 years

Fifth Seal  Fifth 1000 years

Sixth Seal  Sixth 1000 years

Seventh Seal  Seventh 1000 years
Revelation 6: The Four Horsemen

REVELATION 6:2
1st White Purity
Adam and Enoch

REVELATION 6:4
2nd Red Violence
Noah

REVELATION 6:5
3rd Black Starvation
Abraham/ Joseph

REVELATION 6:8
4th Pale Death
Alexander the Great

6:9-11 5th Martyrs
6:12-13 6th Our day!

6:17 Who can stand during the sixth seal?

7:1 Cross-reference with Helaman 5:12

Revelation 7:9
Revelation 8

D&C 77:12
Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation?

A. 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.

Revelation 8:7-12
Trumpets followed by destruction

Which call do you like?
D&C 88:88-89
Revelation 8-9

Six Judgments

(1) Hail and fire mingled with blood (cf. Ex. 9:22–26; Ezek. 38:22);
(2) A great burning mountain is cast into the sea (cf. Ex. 7:19–25);
(3) A great star falls affecting 1/3 of fresh water;
(4) 1/3 of heavenly bodies turn dark (cf. Ex. 10:21–23);
(5) Sun is darkened by smoke;
(6) A 13-month war plagues mankind.

2. The Savior will appear to the Jews in Jerusalem (see D&C 45:48, 51–53; Zechariah 12:10; 14:2–5).

3. 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).
1st Woe – 1st Appearance – Adam Ondi Ahman

- **Adam-Ondi-Ahman is designed to prepare the Saints for the Second Coming of Christ.** (Bruce R. McConkie, The Millennial Messiah, p. 582; D&C 78-15)

- **Adam-Ondi-Ahman will be the most momentous event of this earth.** (Joseph Fielding Smith, The Way to Perfection, p. 289)

- **Adam-Ondi-Ahman will adjust the affairs of the world.** (John Taylor, the Gospel Kingdom, p. 216-217)

- **Without Adam-Ondi-Ahman, everything would be in confusion at the Second Coming of the Lord.** (Orson Pratt, Journal of Discourses, 18:344)
The place where Adam first offered sacrifice after leaving the Garden of Eden. (*The Discourses of Wilford Woodruff*, p 18)

The place where the purpose of the fall and atonement were taught to Adam. (*JFS Jr., Doctrines of Salvation*, 2:232)

Both men and women will be present at the assembly. (*B.R.McConkie, Millennial Messiah*)

Patriarchal blessings will be given. (*B.R.McConkie, Millennial Messiah*, p583-584; *TPJS* p.158)

An innumerable company of angels will be there (Heb. 12:22-24) (same as ref "C" above, also *TPJS* p. 158)

A time of prophecy and revelation. (*D&C 107:53-56*)

The righteous receive all the blessings of the temple, the fullness of the priesthood, and the Second Comforter (*ETB, Ensign*, August 1985, pp. 6-10)

A sacrament meeting will be held. (*JFS jr, The Way to Perfection*, p. 290-291; *BRM The Promised Messiah*, p. 610 and *The Millennial Messiah*, pp. 578-579, 587; Daniel 7:10)
This is a time to be strong. It is a time to move forward without hesitation, knowing well the meaning, the breadth and the importance of our mission. It is a time to do what is right regardless of the consequences that might follow. It is a time to be found keeping the commandments.
The Three Woes: Three Appearances


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Wars to Precede His Coming

“John the Beloved wrote concerning the history of the inhabitants of the earth to the end of time. It can hardly be disputed that he saw the manners and customs of the peoples of future generations, their wars and contentions, their methods of warfare and means of transportation.”

Joseph Fielding Smith, The Progress of Man

REVELATION 9:7-10
Chapter 11

Two Witnesses
Two Prophets
Revelation 11:3-12

“The two prophets are followers of that humble man Joseph Smith, through whom the Lord of Heaven restored the fullness of his everlasting gospel in this final dispensation of grace. No doubt they will be members of the Council of the Twelve or of the First Presidency of the Church.” (Elder McConkie, Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:509, as quoted in the Doctrine and Covenants Institute Student manual, Section 77.)

NOTE: The two witnesses are raised up “to the Jewish nation” and are not necessarily from the Jewish nation.
The Book of Revelation:

Battle of Armageddon
Armageddon

Megiddo (Hebrew): “the place of troops.” (The English versions of the name is Armageddon)

The soldiers total 200,000,000 (Revelation 9:16)

“All nations’ shall be gathered ‘against Jerusalem to battle’ (Zech. 11; 12; 13; 14).
Zechariah 14:4-5
4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains…
D&C 45:51-53
51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?
52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for 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.
Ezekiel 39:22
22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.
Stop! Rewind to

Revelation 12
Revelation 12: The Pre-Earth life

Revelation 12:7-11. One of Lucifer’s titles

Revelation 13:18. One of Lucifer’s symbols
Chapter 14

Who combats him?

The Victory

Revelation

14:6
I Saw Another Angel Fly

John the Revelator ‘saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth.’ That angel has come. His name is Moroni. His is a voice speaking out of the dust, bringing another witness of the living reality of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“It began on September 22, 1827, Heber C. Kimball said, in the eastern horizon—a white smoke rising toward the heavens with the sound of a mighty wind. The smoke moved across the sky, in the shape of a rainbow toward the western horizon. It grew wide then bluish in color. As Heber watched with his family and several neighbors, a large, commanding army appeared, marching in platoons across the sky from east to west. “We could distinctly see the muskets, bayonets and knapsacks of the men,” Heber recorded, “and also saw their officers with their swords and [heard] the clashing and jingling of their implements of war, and features of the men. When the foremost man stepped, every man stepped at the same time; I could hear the steps. “No man could judge of my feelings; it seemed as though every hair of my head was alive. This scenery we gazed upon for hours, until it began to disappear.”
On September 22, 1827, Brigham Young (who at that time was not acquainted with Heber C. Kimball), wrote in his journal, “Tonight there was a great light in the East and it went to the West and it was very bright.” As he gazed at it with his wife, Miriam, they saw “great armies” marching across the night sky. He recorded that the vision was “perfectly clear,” and it remained for several hours.
“Heber and Brigham and their family members who witnessed the amazing scene on 22 September 1827 felt it must have been a sign from God, but they did not know its meaning. Neither Heber nor Brigham knew the Prophet Joseph Smith or that he had received the gold plates containing the Book of Mormon that same day at the Hill Cumorah, 20 miles to the east.

“The following year, Brigham Young and Miriam moved to Mendon, New York, less than a half mile northeast of where Heber Kimball and his wife, Vilate, lived. Brigham and Heber, just 13 days apart in age, and their wives, just 6 days apart in age, soon became close friends and both families eventually met the Prophet Joseph and joined the church” (Ensign, October 2007).
The Book of Revelation:

Transition Back

Revelation 15
Chapter 16-18

7 Angels 7 Vials
### 7 angels and 7 vials: Sores

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<td>2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and <strong>grievous sore</strong> upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.</td>
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<td>REV 8:7</td>
<td>7 The first angel sounded and the <strong>third part of trees was burnt up</strong>, and all green grass was burnt up.</td>
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<td>REV 16:3</td>
<td>3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.</td>
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| REV 8:8-9 | 8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;  
9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died. |
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<td>4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the <strong>rivers and fountains of waters</strong>; and they became blood.</td>
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<td>10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;</td>
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<td>11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the <strong>third part of the waters became wormwood</strong>; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.</td>
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7 angels and 7 vials: Sun Scorched

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened.
7 angels and 7 vials: Beast Darkened

| **REV 16:10-11** | 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, |
| **REV 9:1**       | 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. |
## 7 angels and 7 vials: Euphrates River

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<td>REV 16:12</td>
<td>12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.</td>
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| REV 9:13-18 | 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.  
14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. |
7 angels and 7 vials: Destruction

**REV 16:17-21**

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, *It is done.*

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake.

**REV 11:15-19**

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ;*

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
“Ripe in Iniquity”?
Revelation 17-18

Revelation 17:7, 15, 18

• Six fallen kingdoms (Assyria, Babylon, Media, Persia, Greece, Rome; see Revelation 17:10, Daniel 7:23-24).

• A 7\textsuperscript{th} kingdom will come and will be overcome by the kingdom of God (Revelation 17:12-14).
Revelation 17-18

Revelation 18:23

**Sorcery** (Revelation 18:23: *pharmakeia*). The words "pharmacy" and "pharmaceutical" are derived from the Greek word *pharmakeia* (Strong's G5331).

The invitation to the elect: Revelation 18:4-5
“Let people repent. Let people grow. Believe that people can change and improve. If something is buried in the past, leave it buried. Don’t keep going back with your little sand pail and beach shovel to dig it up, wave it around, and then throw it at someone, saying, “Hey! Do you remember this?” Splat! Well, guess what? That is probably going to result in some ugly morsel being dug up out of your landfill with the reply, “Yeah, I remember it. Do you remember this?” Splat. And soon enough everyone comes out of that exchange dirty and muddy and unhappy and hurt, when what God, our Father in Heaven, pleads for is cleanliness and kindness and happiness and healing.”

(Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, BYU Devotional, 13 January 2009).
Chapter 19

His Final Appearance
“And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect...” (Matthew 24:29-31).
But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump, and the saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud (D&C 45:45).
The dead in Christ shall rise. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. (2 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
$3^{rd}$ Woe – $3^{rd}$ Appearance
To the World

Revelation 19:11-13
“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. The ungodly rush to hide themselves from his presence, and call upon the quivering rocks to cover them.

He comes! The breath of his lips strikes death to the wicked. His glory is a consuming fire. The proud and rebellious are as stubble; Satan and his dark hosts are taken and bound—the prince has lost his dominion, for He whose right it is to reign has come.” (Charles Penrose, “Second Advent,” 583, as quoted in the Doctrines of the Gospel Institute Student Manual).
3rd Woe – 3rd Appearance
To the World

- There will be a day and a night and a day without darkness (Zechariah 14:6-7)
- The Lord will be clothed in red apparel (see D&C 133:46–48; Isaiah 63:2–3; Revelation 19:11–13).
- The continents will be moved back together at the Savior’s coming (see D&C 88:87; Revelation 16:18–20; D&C 133:22–24).
Who gets burned? Why burning?

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble.
Chapter 20-22

The Millennium
The Millennium

Revelation 20:1-3
1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.  
2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,  
3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up

1 Nephi 22:26
26 And because of the righteousness of his people, Satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel reigneth.
“When Satan is bound in a single home--when Satan is bound in a single life---the Millennium has already begun in that home, in that life.” (The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, 172)
The Millennium

A new heaven and new earth

**Revelation 21:1-4** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: He will dwell with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Revelation 22:1-5** And there shall be no more curse. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
The Millennium

- A thousand years without wickedness (see Moses 7:64–65; Isaiah 14:7).
- Not everyone will have a knowledge of the gospel when the Millennium begins (see Micah 4:5).
- The earth will be transfigured and receive its paradisiacal glory (see D&C 63:20–21; Articles of Faith 1:10; Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:10–14).
- The violence of both man and beast will cease during the Millennium (see D&C 101:26; Isaiah 2:4; 11:6–9; 65:25).
- Children will grow up and live upon the earth until they are one hundred years old (see Isaiah 65:20; D&C 101:29–31;45:58).
- The Lord will “turn to the people a pure language” (Zephaniah 3:9).
- All questions will be answered (Isaiah 65:20-24)
The Millennium

- Resurrection of the Terrestrial (D&C 45:45-48; 88:89, Mosiah 26:25-27)
- Resurrection of the Telestial (D&C 29:26-29; 88:100-102)
- Resurrection for those mortals going to Outer Darkness (Alma 12:17-18)
- The devil will be loosed for a short time after the Millennium (see Revelation 20:7–8; D&C 88:110–11; 43:31).
- A final war between Michael the devil and his followers (see D&C 88:112–15; Revelation 20:7–10).
111 And then he shall be loosed for a little season, that he may gather together his armies.

112 And Michael, the seventh angel, even the archangel, shall gather together his armies, even the hosts of heaven.

113 And the devil shall gather together his armies; even the hosts of hell, and shall come up to battle against Michael and his armies.

114 And then cometh the battle of the great God; and the devil and his armies shall be cast away into their own place, that they shall not have power over the saints any more at all.

"This earth will be rolled back into the presence of God, and crowned with celestial glory." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith p. 181)
Elder Jeffrey R. Holland: “The future of this world has long been declared; the final outcome between good and evil is already known. There is absolutely no question as to who wins because the victory has already been posted on the scoreboard. The only really strange thing in all of this is that we are still down here on the field trying to decide which team’s jersey we want to wear!” (BYU devotional, 1983)