

# THE FIRST COMING *and* THE SECOND COMING *of* JESUS CHRIST

See the differences between the Savior's birth and His Second Coming—and the similarities between people's preparations for them.



## EYES TO SEE

"Before that sacred night in Bethlehem, the events of history and the

words of the prophets of all dispensations prepared the way for the first coming of the Lord and His Atonement. . . . Do we have eyes to see that the events and prophecies of *our* time are preparing us for the Savior's *Second* Coming?"

Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Oct. 2005 general conference.



## Learn More

To learn how the events leading up to the Savior's visit to the Nephites parallel the events leading up to His Second Coming, go to [lds.org/go/parallelNET1216](https://lds.org/go/parallelNET1216).



## FIRST COMING



## SECOND COMING

### WHEN

Over 2,000 years ago. The exact year and day are uncertain.

Nobody knows except the Father, not even the angels (see Matthew 24:36 and D&C 49:7).

### WHERE

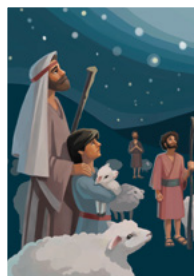


In a remote, humble stable in Bethlehem (see Luke 2:4).

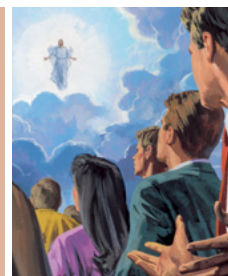
"In the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30; see also Acts 1:11).

### WHO WITNESSES IT

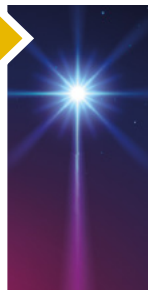
Shepherds, Anna, Simeon, and wise men (see Luke 2:15–18; 25–38; Matthew 2:1–12).



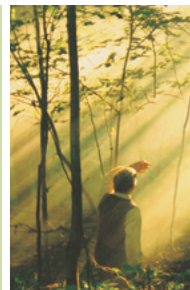
All people everywhere at once (see Isaiah 40:5; Revelation 1:7).



### MAJOR SIGNS



A star in the heavens, a birth to a virgin, a prophesied lineage and birthplace for the Messiah (see Matthew 2:2; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2).



Apostasy and Restoration, gospel preached throughout the earth, tumultuous times, signs in heaven and on earth (see 2 Thessalonians 2:2–3; Matthew 24:6–21, 29–31).

### HOW TO PREPARE

- Repent.
- Receive "ordinances . . . that [you] might look forward on the Son of God" (Alma 13:16).
- Be "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel [with] the Holy Ghost . . . upon [you]" (Luke 2:25).
- "[Serve] God with fastings and prayers" (Luke 2:37).
- "Hearken unto the words of the prophets [and] look forward unto Christ with steadfastness for the signs which are given" (2 Nephi 26:8).

- Repent.
- "[Be baptized,] receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and . . . be looking forth for the signs of [His] coming" (D&C 39:23; see also 45:39).
- "Stand ye in holy places, and be not moved" (D&C 87:8).
- "[Be] wise and [receive] the truth, and [take] the Holy Spirit for [your] guide, and [be not] deceived" (D&C 45:57).
- "Hear the voice of the Lord [and] the voice of his servants [and] give heed to the words of the prophets" (D&C 1:14).