



THE SECOND COMING

Joseph Smith learned much about the Savior's Second Coming and millennial reign.

The Lord called Joseph Smith to restore the gospel and His Church to the earth in preparation for His Second Coming (see D&C 1). He also revealed to Joseph many of the signs that would precede that day, as well as the glories that will attend it (see, for instance, D&C 29; 45; 133). Here are some of Joseph Smith's teachings about the Second Coming and Millennium.*

THERE ARE SIGNS BUT NO TIMETABLE

"We see that perilous times have truly come. . . . I suppose there will soon be perplexity all over the earth. Do not let our hearts faint when these things come upon us, for they must come, or the word cannot be fulfilled."

"Jesus Christ never did reveal to any man the precise time that He would come [see Matthew 24:36; D&C 49:7]. Go and read the Scriptures, and you cannot find anything that specifies the exact hour He would come; and all that say so are false teachers."

WE CAN FIND COMFORT

"Comfort one another, even as ye also do, for perilous times are at hand. . . . Yea, lift up your heads and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh. We are the most favored people that ever have been from the foundation of the world, if we remain faithful in keeping the commandments of our God."

CHRIST WILL REIGN OVER THE EARTH

"It has been the design of Jehovah . . . to regulate the affairs of the world in His own time, to stand as a head of the universe, and take the reins of government in His own hand."

"That Jesus will be a resident on the earth a thousand [years] with the Saints is not the case, but will reign over the Saints and come down and instruct, as he did the five hundred brethren [see 1 Corinthians 15:6], and those of the first resurrection will also reign with him over the Saints."

* From *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* (2007), 252–53, 255, 257–58.