## The Second Coming

Malachi 4:1; Matthew 24:30, 36; Acts 1:11; Doctrine and Covenants 5:19; 29:11, 13; 88:96–97; 133:10, 20, 25, 48–49

For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years. Doctrine and Covenants 29:11

At the time the Savior ascended into heaven, two angels dressed in white stood by His Apostles and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Jesus will return to the earth again, but His Second Coming will be dramatically different from His humble birth in Bethlehem. When He comes again, He will descend in power and great glory (see Matthew 24:30; D&C 29:11). His glory will be so great "that the sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall withhold its light, and the stars shall be hurled from their places" (D&C 133:49).

The Second Coming will be a terrible day for the wicked. Those who have not repented will be burned and destroyed by the brightness of Jesus's coming. (See Malachi 4:1; D&C 5:19.)

The Savior's appearance will be a glorious day for the righteous. Those Saints who are on the earth will be changed and caught up to meet the Savior, while the righteous who have died will come out of their graves and be caught up to meet Him. (See D&C 29:13; 88:96–97.)

No one except Heavenly Father knows when Jesus will come the second time (see Matthew 24:36). But when He comes, He will be dressed in red and will appear in many places: "He shall stand upon the mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion" (D&C 133:20; see also D&C 133:48). He will stand among His people and rule over all the earth (D&C 133:25).

The Lord told us, "Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord" (D&C 133:10).

## Summary

When Jesus ascended into heaven, angels told His Apostles that He would someday return. This event will be the Second Coming. No one but God knows when Jesus will come again, but the scriptures say He will come with power and great glory. It will be a terrible day for the

wicked and a time of great joy for the righteous. Jesus will live among His people and rule over the earth for a thousand years of peace. The Lord has told us to prepare for the great day of His return.

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