

## The Coming of Christ to the Nephites

### A Pattern for His Second Coming

**Key Scripture** Helaman 14–3 Nephi 9

**Explanation** The recorded conditions that prevailed on the American continent preceding Jesus Christ's visitation to the Nephites and Lamanites can be compared to the prophesied conditions of the world before his second coming. As in the Americas two thousand years ago, there will be increased skepticism concerning Christ's coming, great signs in heaven and on earth, secret combinations that destroy society and the government, and great natural disasters preceding the second coming of Jesus Christ. In addition, as before, the Lord has issued warnings to the Saints in this dispensation concerning pride, hypocrisy, and other forms of wickedness—lest church members “become as the Nephites of old” (D&C 38:39). Such warnings signal potential problems that may exist in the church prior to the second coming. This table lists the conditions that correspond to both the first and second comings of Christ, as well as scriptural references documenting each relevant prophecy or event.

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### First Coming to the Americas

1. Hel. 14:2–6, 20–27;  
3 Ne. 8:2–23

2. Hel. 14:28–31

3. Hel. 16:12–23;  
3 Ne. 7:15–26; 8:4

4. Hel. 13:21–23;  
3 Ne. 6:11–13

5. 3 Ne. 6:17–18; 7:7

6. 3 Ne. 6:23; 7:14

7. 3 Ne. 6:11–14

8. 3 Ne. 8:23–24; 10:8

9. Hel. 11:1; 3 Ne. 3:4

10. Hel. 10:18; 11:4

11. Hel. 13:13–14

### Events

#### I. Signs

Great signs in heaven and earth

Purpose of signs:  
to save mankind, to leave  
all without excuse

Increased skepticism  
concerning Christ's coming

#### II. Wickedness

Pride is the basis of wickedness

People willfully rebel

People reject the prophets

Pride and evil in the church

#### III. Destruction

Great mourning and weeping

Wars and rumors of wars

People kill one another

People saved or destroyed  
based on whether they received  
or rejected the righteous

### Second Coming

D&C 29:14; 45:39–42;  
JS—M 1:33

D&C 29:11, 14–17;  
39:23–24; 45:16,  
31–39, 49–50;  
63:6–7; 68:9–11

D&C 45:26;  
2 Pet. 3:3–4

D&C 29:9; 38:39;  
64:24

D&C 64:34–36;  
112:24–26

D&C 1:14; 133:71–72;  
135:1–7; 136:35–36

D&C 38:39; 41:1; 50:2–4,  
6–9; 63:63; 98:19–22

D&C 29:15; 45:53;  
87:6; 112:24

D&C 45:26, 68;  
63:32–33

D&C 45:26, 68;  
63:32–33

D&C 84:92–97;  
99:4; 109:39–41

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| <b>12.</b> Hel. 10:6; 12:3                         | Plagues, pestilence, famine                              | D&C 29:18–19; 43:25;<br>45:31; 84:96–97; 87:6;<br>JS—M 1:29          |
| <b>13.</b> 3 Ne. 6:25–30;<br>7:7–9; 9:9            | Secret combinations destroy<br>society and government    | Morm. 8:34–40; Ether<br>8:20–25; D&C 38:28;<br>42:64; 123:13–14      |
| <b>14.</b> Hel. 14:23, 26;<br>3 Ne. 8:5–6; 10:14   | Tempest, great storms,<br>thundering, lightnings         | D&C 43:20–25;<br>87:6; 88:88–91                                      |
| <b>15.</b> 3 Ne. 8:6–19                            | Earthquakes and great<br>disturbances                    | D&C 29:13; 43:18, 25;<br>45:26, 33, 48; 49:23;<br>88:88–89           |
| <b>16.</b> 3 Ne. 8:20–23;<br>10:13–14              | Vapor of smoke and darkness                              | D&C 29:14; 34:9;<br>45:40–42                                         |
| <b>17.</b> Hel. 14:21–23;<br>3 Ne. 8:23; 9:8       | Mountains made low,<br>valleys become<br>great mountains | D&C 49:23; 109:74                                                    |
| <b>18.</b> Hel. 14:24; 15:1;<br>3 Ne. 8:8–14; 10:7 | Cities destroyed,<br>houses left desolate                | D&C 84:114–117                                                       |
| <b>19.</b> 3 Ne. 8:1–18; 9:1–12                    | Wicked destroyed at his coming                           | D&C 29:9; 63:34;<br>87:6–8; 136:33–36                                |
| <b>IV. Righteousness</b>                           |                                                          |                                                                      |
| <b>20.</b> Hel. 3:24–30;<br>10:14–17; 3 Ne. 2:10   | Gospel preached<br>to all people                         | D&C 1:1–14; 58:64–65;<br>112:28–30; 133:37;<br>JS—M 1:31             |
| <b>21.</b> Hel. 6:1–5;<br>3 Ne. 2:14–16            | Lamanites become righteous                               | D&C 49:24                                                            |
| <b>22.</b> 3 Ne. 3:22–26;<br>4:4–16                | Righteous to gather together                             | D&C 29:7–8; 43:23–30;<br>45:43, 68–69; 49:25;<br>115:6               |
| <b>23.</b> 3 Ne. 4:30–33                           | Righteous are divinely protected                         | D&C 45:70–71; 62:6                                                   |
| <b>24.</b> Alma 1:25–28;<br>3 Ne. 6:12–13          | Righteous are persecuted                                 | D&C 99:1; 101:32–38;<br>123:1–10                                     |
| <b>25.</b> 3 Ne. 1:4–8; 8:3                        | Righteous look to signs of<br>Savior's coming with faith | D&C 39:23–24;<br>45:39–40, 43, 57;<br>68:9–11; 106:4–5;<br>JS—M 1:29 |

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| <p><b>26.</b> 3 Ne. 8:25;<br/>9:10; 10:12</p>           | <p><b>V. The Living Prophet</b></p> <p>Receiving or rejecting living prophets a matter of life or death</p> | <p>D&amp;C 1:14, 36–38;<br/>45:32; 133:57–71</p>                        |
| <p><b>27.</b> Hel. 16:14;<br/>3 Ne. 7:18</p>            | <p>Angels minister to prophets</p>                                                                          | <p>D&amp;C 20:6, 10, 35;<br/>27:16; 43:25; 136:37</p>                   |
| <p><b>28.</b> 3 Ne. 8:23–25;<br/>9:10–13; 10:12–14</p>  | <p>The righteous are prepared for Christ's coming by following the prophets</p>                             | <p>D&amp;C 1:11–39; 21:4–6,<br/>9; 84:36–38;<br/>124:45–46</p>          |
| <p><b>VI. Coming and Ministry of Christ</b></p>         |                                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| <p><b>29.</b> 3 Ne. 8:2–5, 24–25;<br/>10:2; 11:1–10</p> | <p>Christ comes as a thief in the night</p>                                                                 | <p>D&amp;C 39:21; 61:38;<br/>106:4–5</p>                                |
| <p><b>30.</b> 3 Ne. 11:8</p>                            | <p>Christ comes down from heaven in glory</p>                                                               | <p>D&amp;C 5:19; 29:11;<br/>133:42–49</p>                               |
| <p><b>31.</b> 3 Ne. 9:13;<br/>10:12–19</p>              | <p>Only the righteous are preserved</p>                                                                     | <p>D&amp;C 29:11; 35:21;<br/>45:56–57; 63:34–35,<br/>54; Moses 7:61</p> |
| <p><b>32.</b> 3 Ne. 11:1–11</p>                         | <p>Christ appears at the temple</p>                                                                         | <p>D&amp;C 36:8; 42:36;<br/>133:2</p>                                   |
| <p><b>33.</b> 3 Ne. 11:14–17</p>                        | <p>Christ displays the wounds of his body</p>                                                               | <p>Zechariah 13:6;<br/>D&amp;C 45:51–52</p>                             |
| <p><b>34.</b> 3 Ne. 11:8–12</p>                         | <p>Christ appears as a man</p>                                                                              | <p>D&amp;C 130:1–2</p>                                                  |
| <p><b>35.</b> Hel. 14:25;<br/>3 Ne. 23:9–10</p>         | <p>The righteous are resurrected at Christ's coming</p>                                                     | <p>D&amp;C 43:18;<br/>45:44–45; 63:49;<br/>88:95–102; 133:56</p>        |
| <p><b>36.</b> 3 Nephi 11:9–11</p>                       | <p>Christ testifies of his atoning sacrifice</p>                                                            | <p>D&amp;C 133:50–51</p>                                                |
| <p><b>37.</b> 4 Nephi 1:1–5,<br/>15–17</p>              | <p>People become children of Christ, Satan has no power</p>                                                 | <p>D&amp;C 45:55–59</p>                                                 |
| <p><b>38.</b> 4 Nephi 1:7–10, 23</p>                    | <p>Righteous who are saved increase and prosper</p>                                                         | <p>D&amp;C 45:58</p>                                                    |
| <p><b>39.</b> 3 Nephi 10:18–19;<br/>11–28</p>           | <p>The Lord is in their midst and is their lawgiver</p>                                                     | <p>D&amp;C 38:22; 45:59;<br/>133:25</p>                                 |