

WORLDWIDE SIGNS AND EVENTS OF THE SAVIOR'S SECOND COMING



In Doctrine and Covenants 101:23–25, we read of three worldwide signs and events that are associated with the Savior's Second Coming. In the following quotations, latter-day Apostles provide prophetic insights about those signs and events:

1. "All flesh shall see [Him] together" (D&C 101:23). Elder Orson Pratt of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said: "The second advent of the Son of God is to be something altogether of a different nature from anything that has hitherto transpired on the face of the earth, accompanied with great power and glory, something that will not be done in a small portion of the earth ... and seen only by a few; but it will be an event that will be seen by all, all flesh shall see the glory of the Lord; when he reveals himself the second time every eye, not only those living at that time in the flesh, in mortality on the earth, but also the very dead themselves ... will also see him at that time" (in *Deseret News: Semi-Weekly*, Apr. 25, 1876, 1).

2. "Every corruptible thing ... shall be consumed" (D&C 101:24). Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained: "Incident to the commencement of the millennial era, the earth (the Lord's vineyard) will be burned. Every corruptible thing will be consumed (D. & C. 101:24); all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be burned as stubble (Mal. 4:1; D. & C. 29:9; 64:23–25; 133:63–64); the sinners will be destroyed (Isa. 13:9–14); and there will be an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked. (D. & C. 63:54.) Those only shall be able to abide that day who are worthy to live on a paradisiacal or terrestrial sphere" (*Mormon Doctrine*, 2nd ed. [1966], 494).

3. "All things shall become new" (D&C 101:25). Of this newness Elder Parley P. Pratt of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles wrote: "A new heaven and a new earth are promised by the sacred writers. Or, in other words, the planetary systems are to be changed, purified, refined, exalted and glorified, in the similitude of the resurrection, by which means all physical evil or imperfection will be done away" (*Key to the Science of Theology*, 10th ed. [1965], 61.)