
Second Coming of Jesus Christ

D&C 34:6

In Doctrine and Covenants 34, Orson Pratt was called to “prepare the way of the Lord for his second coming” (D&C 34:6). Orson commented on this revelation by saying that the promises bestowed upon him were “almost too great for a person of as humble origin as myself ever to attain to.”¹

In the revelation, Orson Pratt was told to lift up his voice and prophesy of the Second Coming. He was to proclaim that the Resurrected Christ would come in power and glory to claim the earth as His kingdom and that the Second Coming would mark the beginning of the Millennium. Orson was further told that at His coming all nations of the earth would tremble, the sun would be darkened, the moon turned to blood, and the stars refuse to shine. As to when the Savior was coming in his clouds of glory, Orson learned, “I come quickly. I am your Lord and your Redeemer” (D&C 34:12).

No wonder Orson Pratt reported,

I have often reflected upon this revelation, and have oftentimes inquired in my heart—“Have I fulfilled the commandment as I ought to have done? Have I sought as earnestly as I ought to obtain the gift of prophecy, so as to fulfill the requirement of heaven?” And I have felt sometimes to condemn myself because of my slothfulness, and because

¹ Orson Pratt, “Redemption of Zion,” *Journal of Discourses*, 17:290–291.

of the little progress that I have made in relation to this great heavenly, and divine gift.²

As Orson reflected on the Second Coming, he often spoke of that future day:

All who believe in the New Testament believe that the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to come, not as he did formerly, in a meek and lowly manner, born in a manger, hated, derided, buffeted and spit upon, and finally crucified by the hands of wicked men, but that when he comes again, it will be in very great majesty and glory, accompanied by all the armies of heaven and by the Saints of all dispensations, who will be raised from the dead at that important time, and who will be caught up into the clouds and come with him. . . .

But very few, however, of the inhabitants of our globe have taken into consideration the great preparatory work for this grand change; they have not searched the Scriptures in regard to how this work is to be accomplished, and who the persons will be who will be ready and prepared to abide that day; how that great change will come, and what the signs of it will be they know not.³

President Russell M. Nelson has also reflected on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. He said at the April 2020 general conference:

Remember that the fulness of Christ's ministry lies in the future. The prophecies of His Second coming have yet to be fulfilled. We are just building up to the climax of this last dispensation—when the Savior's Second Coming becomes a reality. . . .

A necessary prelude to that Second Coming is the long-awaited gathering of scattered Israel. . . . The greatest gift you could give to the Lord is to keep yourself unspotted from the world, worthy to attend His holy house. His gift to you will be the peace and security of knowing that you are worthy to meet Him, whenever that time comes.⁴

² Pratt, "Redemption of Zion," 17:290–291.

³ Orson Pratt, "Second Coming of Christ, etc.," *Journal of Discourses*, 17:307–308.

⁴ Russell M. Nelson, "The Future of the Church: Preparing the World for the Savior's Second Coming," *Ensign*, April 2020.