

Signs of the Times

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“In every age the Lord sends forth clearly discernible signs and warnings so that those who are spiritually inclined can know of his hand-dealings with men.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *MD*, pg. 715)

Signs of the Times Defined

(Matthew 16:1-4; JS Matthew 1:20-39; D&C 68:11)

(Joseph Fielding Smith, *DS*, Signs of the Times, 3:19-37; Bruce R. McConkie, *MD*, pg. 715-734)

“As used in these scriptures, *signs* are the recognizable events or occurrences which identify present and which portend future events. They are omens, prodigies, wonders, and marvels of abnormal occurrence. *Times* means the age, era, period, or dispensation involved. Thus the signs of the times for our age or dispensation are the marvelous events—differing in kind, extent, or magnitude from events of past times—which identify the dispensation of the fulness of times and presage the Second Advent of our Lord.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *MD*, pg. 715-716)

Sufficient Signs and Warnings

(D&C 43:25-27; D&C 88:88-90; D&C 112:24-26; D&C106:3-4)

“One of the great failings of mankind is to ignore warnings of punishment for sin. In all ages of the world it has been the peculiar belief of men that the sayings of the prophets were to be fulfilled in times still future. That is true of the people today. **We have had ample warning of the nearness of the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. The signs are upon us in all their power, yet men say that the coming of Jesus Christ is not to be for generations for there is too much to be accomplished before that event can take place. Some have fulfilled the scripture in maintaining that it is to come at the end of the earth, and some, it is not to come at all.** In this revelation we are given the warning that the summer is passing and if we are heedless of the warning we will find the summer past, the harvest ended and our souls not saved. While no man knows the day or the hour, yet if we are taken unawares, we will be without excuse for the signs are ample and we now see them being fulfilled.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Church History and Modern Revelation*, 1:178)

Gospel Subjects Mentioned in the Bible:

Born Again = 9 times

Baptism = 52

Repentance = 89 times

Second Coming = 1500 OT & 300 NT

(Sterling W. Still, *CR*, April 1966, pg. 19)

“Where shall these great and severe judgements begin? Upon what people does the Lord intend to commence this great work of vengeance? Upon the people who profess to know his name and still blaspheme it in the midst of his house. They are the ones designated for some of the most terrible judgements of the latter-day.” (Orson Pratt; N. B. Lundwall, *Inspired Prophetic Warnings to all the Inhabitants of the Earth*. Pg. 139)

“I further testify, that unless the Latter-day Saints will live their religion, keep their covenants with God and their brethren, honor the Priesthood which they bear, and try faithfully to bring themselves into subjection to the laws of God, they will be the first to fall beneath the judgments of the Almighty, for his judgment will begin at his own house.” (Joseph F. Smith, *CR*, April 1880, pg. 6)

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Lists and Checklists

(JS Matthew 1:4-36; D&C 29:12-21; D&C 45:25-54; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Exodus 7-10; 3 Nephi 1-11)

“These are days of great spiritual danger for this people. The world is spiraling downward at an ever-quickening pace. I am sorry to tell you that it will not get better. I know of nothing in the history of the Church or in the history of the world to compare with our present circumstances. Nothing happened in Sodom and Gomorrah which exceeds the wickedness and depravity which surrounds us now. Profanity, vulgarity, blasphemy, and pornography are broadcast into the homes and minds of the innocent. Unspeakable wickedness, perversion, and abuse—not even exempting little children—once hidden in dark places, now seeks protection from courts and judges. We are now exactly where the prophets warned we would be. Paul prophesied word by word and phrase by phrase, describing things exactly as they are now. I will quote from Paul’s prophecy and check the words that fit our society: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves—Check! covetous—Check! boasters—Check!, proud—Check! blasphemers—Check! disobedient to parents—Check! Check! unthankful—Check! unholy—Check! Without natural affection—Check! Check! trucebreakers—Check! false accusers—Check! incontinent—Check! fierce—Check! despisers of those that are good—Check! Traitors—Check! heady—Check! highminded—Check! lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God—Check! Check! Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (Boyd K. Packer, ” *BYU address* - J. Reuben Clark Law Society Devotional, On The Shoulders Of Giants, February 28 2004, pg. 7-8)

Signs Taking Shape

(D&C 52:14; D&C 45:15; 3 Nephi 23:3)

“**All of the sorrows and perils of the past are but a foretaste of what is yet to be.**” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Ensign*, May 1979, pg. 92)

THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT REVISITED

WATER TO BLOOD

Exodus 7:20-25/Revelation 16:3-4

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; *and it became as the blood* of a dead [man]; and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; *and they became blood*.

FROGS

Exodus 8:5-7/Revelation 16:13-14

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like *frogs* [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

LICE

Exodus 8:16-19/Doctrine and Covenants 29:18-20

18 Wherefore, I the Lord God will send forth *flies* upon the face of the earth, which shall take hold of the inhabitants thereof, and shall eat their flesh, and shall cause *maggots* to come in upon them;

19 And their tongues shall be stayed that they shall not utter against me; and their flesh shall fall from off their bones, and their eyes from their sockets;

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DEATH OF CATTLE

Exodus 9:1-7/Doctrine and Covenants 45:31

31 And there shall be men standing in that generation, that shall not pass until they shall see an *overflowing scourge*; for a desolating sickness shall cover the land.

BOILS

Exodus 9:8-12/Revelation 16:2

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; *and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men* which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshiped his image.

THUNDER, and HAIL, and FIRE

Exodus 9:22-26/Revelation 6:1; 8:7; 16:21

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of *thunder*, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed *hail and fire* mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

21 And there fell upon men a *great hail out of heaven*, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

LOCUSTS

Exodus 10:12-15/Revelation 9:3-11

3 And there came out of the smoke *locusts* upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the *locusts* [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings [was] as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power [was] to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, [which is] the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [is] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath [his] name Apollyon.

DARKNESS

Exodus 10:21-23/Revelation 8:12; 9:2; 16:10-11

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; *so as the third part of them was darkened*, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; *and the sun and the air were darkened* by reason of the smoke of the pit.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of *darkness*; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

DESTROYING ANGEL

Exodus 11:1 - 12:36/Doctrine and Covenants 89:18-21

18 And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;

19 And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures;

20 And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint.

21 And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, *that the destroying angel shall pass by them*, as the children of Israel, and not slay them. Amen.

“Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing’ (Mormon 8:34-35).

If they saw our day and chose those things which would be of greatest worth to us, is not that how we should study the Book of Mormon? We should constantly ask ourselves, ‘Why did the Lord inspire Mormon (or Moroni or Alma) to include that in his record? What lesson can I learn from that to help me live in this day and age?’

And there is example after example of how that question will be answered. **For example, in the Book of Mormon we find a pattern for preparing for the Second Coming.** A major portion of the book centers on the few decades just prior to Christ's coming to America. By careful study of that time period, we can determine why some were destroyed in the terrible judgments that preceded His coming and what brought others to stand at the temple in the land of Bountiful and thrust their hands into the wounds of His hands and feet.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, November 1986, pg. 6-7)

“**Third Nephi is a book that should be read and read again.**” (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, May 1987, pg. 6)

Third Nephi - A Pattern of the Second Coming

	<u>Third Nephi Ref.</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Second Coming Ref.</u>
1 -	3 Nephi 1:4	Spiritual Outpouring	D&C 29:14
2 -	3 Nephi 1:8	Righteous watch steadfastly for a sign	D&C 45: 39, 44; Moses 7:62
3 -	3 Nephi 1:9	...Christ delayeth His coming	JS-Matthew 1:51
4 -	3 Nephi 1:12-13	Righteous pray for Christ	D&C 133: 38-40
5 -	3 Nephi 1:13	Prophet knows the time of His coming	Amos 3:7 [*qt1]
6 -	3 Nephi 1:15	A day a night and a day	Zechariah 14: 6-7
7 -	3 Nephi 1:16-18	Wicked fear and fall at the signs	Moses 7:66; D&C 88:91, 104
8 -	3 Nephi 1:21	Wonders in the heaven	Joel 2:30-31
9 -	3 Nephi 1:22-23	Great growth and prosperity in church	Daniel 2:44
10 -	3 Nephi 1:29-30	Wickedness amongst youth	Isaiah 3:5
11 -	3 Nephi 2:1-2	Wicked deny signs	2 Peter 3:3-4; D& C 45:26

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12 - 3 Nephi 2:3	Great wickedness overall	D&C 45:27
13 - 3 Nephi 2:11	Secret Combinations	D&C 42:64
14 - 3 Nephi 2:12	Righteous separated from wicked	D&C 45:64-71
15 - 3 Nephi 2:13 (Hel. 4:4-8)	Wars etc.,(Civil War)	D&C 45:26; D&C 87:1-3; JS-M 1:28 [*qt2]
16 - 3 Nephi 2:14-16	Lamanites join the church	D&C 49:24
17 - 3 Nephi 2:18	Many contentions	D&C 10:63
18 - 3 Nephi 3: 13-14	Family Proclamation	Sept. 23rd, 1995, Ensign, Nov. 1995, pg. 102
19 - 3 Nephi 4:4	Food/Supplies Reserved	Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, Jan. 1991, pg. 5 [*qt3]
20 - 3 Nephi 4:7-33	One last final battle	Ezekiel 38-39; Rev. 9
21 - 3 Nephi 4:30-32	New Song	D&C 84:98-102; Rev.5:9-14
22 - 3 Nephi 5:3	Great Immorality	2 Timothy 3:6
23 - 3 Nephi 5:10-13	Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon	3 Nephi 21:1-29
24 - 3 Nephi 5:24-26	Gathering of Israel	3 Nephi 16; 21:20-29
25 - 3 Nephi 6:5 (Hel. 3:7-11; 6:7-8)	Advancements in industry and exchange	Dan. 12:4; Rev. 13:16-17
26 - 3 Nephi 6:7	Building/Rebuilding of Cities (Jerusalem)	Isaiah 2:2-3
27 - 3 Nephi 6:10	Great Pride	D&C 29:9
28 - 3 Nephi 6:12	Inequality, divisions	D&C 49:20
29 - 3 Nephi 6:15	Set heart on riches	Rev.1 8:10-13; 17:4
30 - 3 Nephi 6:16-18	Personal apostasy at large	2 Nephi 28:8-11
31 - 3 Nephi 6:20, 23	Prophets preach repentance	D&C 11:9

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32 - 3 Nephi 6:23	Many righteous unjustly killed	1 Nephi 13:5, 9; D&C 135:4
33 - 3 Nephi 7:1-2	Governmental breakdown	D&C 101:76-80 [*qt4]
34 - 3 Nephi 7: 7	Strong righteous minority	1 Nephi 14:12; Jacob 5:70
35 - 3 Nephi 7:15	Eye-witness prophet of Christ & angels	JS-H 1:15-54; D&C110
36 - 3 Nephi 7:15-16	Righteous sorrow over wickedness	Isaiah 35:10 [*qt5]
37 - 3 Nephi 7:17 (Hel. 5 & 11)	Two prophets [**ct1]	Rev. 11: 1-13; D&C 77:15
38 - 3 Nephi 7:18-20	Power of one man (Righteous)	Christ-D&C 45:48-55
39 - 3 Nephi 7:18-20 (Hel. 11:26)	Power of one man (Wicked)	Anti-Christ Ezekiel 38:2
40 - 3 Nephi 8:5-7	Storms, tempest, thunder	Rev. 16:21; D&C 88:88-90
41 - 3 Nephi 8:11-12	Destruction, drought, famine	Rev. 18:8
42 - 3 Nephi 8:12, 17	Whole face of land changed	D&C 133:20-24
43 - 3 Nephi 8:14	Earthquakes	J.S. Matt. 1:29 [*qt6&7]
44 - 3 Nephi 8:14-16	Utter destruction of wicked	D&C 133:41; Malachi 4:1
45 - 3 Nephi 8:17-18	One major earthquake	Rev. 16:18
46 - 3 Nephi 8: 23(19-23)	Period of Darkness	Moses 7:61
47 - 3 Nephi 8: 24-25	Great mourning over destruction	D&C 112:24
48 - 3 Nephi 9:1	Righteous hear the voice of Lord	D&C 43:23-27; 133:50-51
49 - 3 Nephi 9:3-5	Destruction of three cities	D&C 84:114; Matt. 11:21-23 [*qt8]
50 - 3 Nephi 9:6-11	Wicked reject true prophets	D&C 136: 34-36; 2 Nephi 27:5

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51 - 3 Nephi 9:13	More righteous are spared	D&C 97:21-22, 25; 1 Nephi 22:17
52 - 3 Nephi 9:17-20	Old laws fulfilled – new instituted	Rev. 21:5
53 - 3 Nephi 10:1-2	Period of silence	Rev. 8:1; D&C 38:12
54 - 3 Nephi 10:10	Great joy among righteous	Moses 7:62-63
55 - 3 Nephi 10:14-17	Prophets testify of Christ's coming	Acts 3:19-21
56 - 3 Nephi 10:18-19	Christ's ascension opens graves	D&C 88:96-98
57 - 3 Nephi 11	Multiple visits	D&C 133
58 - 3 Nephi 11:1 (Matthew 21:12-14)	Two Great Temples - Church Centers (New/Old Jerusalem)	D&C 84:4; Ezekiel 40-43, 47
59 - 3 Nephi 11:8	Christ descends from heaven	J.S. Matt. 1:26
60 - 3 Nephi 11:14-17	Personal witness of his wounds	D&C 45:51-53

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***qt-Quotes**

1. “Did Christ speak this as a general principle throughout all generations Oh no he spoke in the present tense no man that was then living upon the footstool of God knew the day or the hour But he did not say that there was no man throughout all generations that should not know the day or the hour. No for this would be in flat contradiction with other scripture for the prophet says that God will do nothing but what he will reveal unto his Servants the prophets consequently if it is not made known to the Prophets it will not come to pass;” Joseph Smith, *Words of the Joseph Smith*, pg. 180-181)
2. War
Civil War-1981: 145 wars in 137 years
1988: 25 wars
Jan. 1 to June 1, 1993: 126 wars going on*
(Paul Harvey, 3/93 *Bob Woodford 6/93)
3. “Since 1936, members of the Church have been instructed to have in storage a one-year supply of food, clothing, and, where possible, fuel.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, January 1991, pg. 5)
4. “Will the Constitution be destroyed? No: it will be held inviolate by this people; and, as Joseph Smith said, ‘The time will come when the destiny of the nation will hang upon a single thread. At that critical juncture, this people will step forth and save it from the threatened destruction.’ It will be so.” (Joseph Smith; Brigham Young, *JD*, 7:15)
5. “You will say: That was in the days when Presidents Benson and Maughan presided over us; that was before New York was destroyed by an earthquake; it was before Boston was swept into the sea, by the sea having itself beyond its bounds; it was before Albany was destroyed by fire; yea, at that time you will remember the scenes of this day.” (Wilford Woodruff, *Doctrine and Covenants Student Manual, Religion 324-325*, [1981], 185).
6. “The tempests and earthquakes recorded in 3 Nephi lasted for three hours. This is a considerable length of time, especially considering the fact that in more recent times some tremors lasting only a few minutes have devastated cities. The following two accounts reflect the immense power of earthquakes to cause destruction and fire.

Alaska (1964) - On Good Friday, March 27, 1964, a great earthquake with Richter magnitude of 8.5 occurred in south-central Alaska. It released at least twice as much energy as the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and was felt on land over an area of almost 500,000 sq. mi. The death toll was only 114 because of the low density of the state's population. Property damage amounted to about \$500,000,000. The earthquake tilted an area of at least 52,000 sq. mi. Land masses were thrust up locally as high as 50 ft. to the east of a line extending northeastward from Kodiak Island through the western part of Prince William Sound. To the west, land sank as much as eight feet. Extensive damage in coastal areas resulted from submarine landslides and destructive tsunamis [tidal waves]. Tsunami damage occurred as far away as Crescent City, Calif. [a distance of about 1,700 miles]. The tens of thousands of aftershocks indicate that the region of faulting extended some 600 mi.

Peru (1970) - The earthquake that occurred on May 31, 1970, in Peru—with a magnitude of 7.7 on the Richter scale was the most destructive recorded in the Southern Hemisphere. Its epicenter was about 20 mi. off the coast of Chimbote. At least 50,000 persons were thought dead, and more

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than 100,000 dwellings destroyed. Exact figures will always remain uncertain. The high death toll was due to collapse of adobe dwellings and huge debris avalanches. One avalanche from Mt. Huascaran buried the towns of Ramrahirca and Yungay, and probably took 20,000 lives. About 75,000,000 cu. yd. of ice and rock plunged down a valley below Mt. Huascaran at a velocity that may have reached 200 mph. The damage estimate was about \$230,000,000 (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1972 ed., s.v. "earthquake") (*Book of Mormon Student Manual*, [1982], 391).

7. Recently I read a newspaper article that cited statistics from the U.S. Geological Survey indicating that earthquakes around the world are increasing in frequency and intensity. According to the article, only two major earthquakes (earthquakes measuring at least six on the Richter scale) occurred during the 1920s. In the 1930s the number increased to five, and then it decreased to four during the 1940s. But in the 1950s, nine major earthquakes occurred, followed by fifteen during the 1960s, forty-six during the 1970s, and fifty-two during the 1980s. Already almost as many major earthquakes have occurred during the 1990s as during the entire decade of the 1980s (M. Russell Ballard, *Ensign*, November 1992, pg. 31)
8. Joseph Smith is reported to have said in Nauvoo that "the time would come when none but the women of the Latter-Day Saints would be willing to bear children (Joseph Smith as quoted by, Lillie Freeze, *Women's Exponent, Young Women's Journal*, [1891], 2:81).

****ct-Charts**

1 - Parallel Pattern of Two Great Prophets

Helaman 5, 11 & Revelation 11

<u>Helaman Reference</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Revelation Reference</u>
1 - Helaman 5:18	Two Great Prophets	Revelation 11:3
2 - Helaman 5:18-19	Given Great Power in the Word	Revelation 11:5
3 - Helaman 5:22	To be Put to Death	Revelation 11:7
4 - Helaman 5:23, 25, 28	Enemies Felt Great Fear	Revelation 11:11
5 - Helaman 5:27-33	Earth Shakes	Revelation 11:13
6 - Helaman 5:30-33	Hear Voice From Heaven	Revelation 11:12
7 - Helaman 5:36	Raised From Affliction	Revelation 11:11
8 - Helaman 5:36	Heavens Open in Their Behalf	Revelation 11:12
9 - Helaman 5:40-41	Preaching to a Faithless People	Revelation 11:2
10 - Helaman 11:3-6	Seals Heavens Shut (3 ½ Years)	Revelation 11:6

Satisfying the Signs

“The words of the prophets are rapidly being fulfilled, but it is done on such natural principles that most of us fail to see it.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *CR*, April 1966, pg. 13)

“While I was president of the Southern States Mission, one of our missionaries wrote in from Florida and said, ‘President Richards, I have been reading about the signs of the coming of the Lord.’ He said, ‘When the sun darkens and the moon ceases to give its light and the stars fall from the heaven, everybody will know that he is coming.’

And I wrote back and said, ‘Probably they will know. The newspapers might announce some great phenomenon in the heavens, misplacement of planets, that have caused this consternation, and scientists will have their explanation to make of it, and unless they have faith in the Living God, unless as Jesus said, they can read the signs of the times, they may not know anything about what is going on in the world.’” (LeGrand Richards, *CR*, April 1951, pg. 40-41)

FULFILLING OF PROPHECY IN THE LAST DAYS

“Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.” (D&C 1:37-38)

<u>PROPHECY</u>	<u>FULFILLMENT</u>
Isaiah 2:2-3 (Zion in the top of mts.-all nations will flow unto it)	Robert D. Hales, <i>Ensign</i> , May 2002, pg. 69 [Partial Fulfillment]
Isaiah 54:1-2 - - D&C 124:36 (tent=temple-will be strengthened by thy stakes)	Merrill J. Bateman, <i>Ensign</i> , May 1994, pg. 65
Isaiah 60:8 (People will fly through the skies)	John London, <i>CR</i> , April 1964, pg. 116
Jeremiah 3:14 (Gathering-one of a city and two of a family)	Gordon B. Hinckley, <i>Ensign</i> , November 2002, pg. 79
Jeremiah 5:7-8 (Everyone will ‘neigh’ after his neighbor’s wife)	Neal A. Maxwell, <i>Wherefore Ye Must Press Forward</i> , pg. 112
Jeremiah 16:16 (Missionary work-many hunters after many fishers)	Legrand Richards, <i>Ensign</i> , November 1975, pg.52
Jeremiah 31:8-17 (Restoring and gathering into the valleys of the west)	Legrand Richards, <i>A Marvelous Work and a Wonder</i> , pg. 224-28; Bruce R. McConkie, <i>Promised Messiah</i> , pg. 478
Ezekiel 37:15-20 - - 2 Nephi 3:12 (Uniting of the stick of Judah & the stick of Joseph)	Boyd K. Packer, <i>Ensign</i> , November 1982, pg. 53
Daniel 12:4 (Many shall run to and fro & knowledge increase)	Dallin H. Oaks, <i>Ensign</i> , May 2001, pg. 82
Joel 2:28-32 (Spirit upon all-sun turns black & moon into blood)	Gordon B. Hinckley, <i>Ensign</i> , November 2001, pg. 4-5
Malachi 4:5-6 (Hearts must turn or the earth be smitten with curse)	Gordon B. Hinckley, <i>Ensign</i> , November 2002, pg. 4
JS-Matthew 1 - - D&C45:26 - - D&C 88:91 (Signs of times-All things in commotion-No peace)	Dallin H. Oaks, <i>Ensign</i> , May 2004, pg. 7-9
Luke 17:28-30 (Last days like unto the days of Lot)	Boyd K. Packer, <i>CES Address</i> , Feb. 6, 2004, pg. 4
2 Timothy 3: 1-5 (Perilous times including all manner of wickedness)	Spencer W. Kimball, <i>Ensign</i> , June 1971, pg. 17; Gordon B. Hinckley, <i>Ensign</i> , May 2004, pg. 81
(JST) Revelation 12:17 (Devil is wroth and makes war on faithful members)	Ezra Taft Benson, <i>Ensign</i> , May 1986, pg. 79
D&C 45:36-37 (Leaves of the ‘fig tree’ are beginning to show)	Spencer W. Kimball, Benard P. Brockbank, <i>Ensign</i> , May 1976, pg. 74
D&C 88:88-90 (Testimony of Earthquakes, tempests, waves, etc.)	Dallin H. Oaks, <i>Ensign</i> , May 2004, pg. 7-9