

**1. Watch** chapter 11 from the animated Complete Learning System, *Signs of the Times* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

## **2. What is the Second Coming?**

Jesus Christ *first* came to earth as a baby, born in a manger and was not widely accepted as the Messiah. When He comes the *second* time, it will be in power and great glory. “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:” (Matt. 25: 31-32.)

**What does “he shall separate them one from another” mean?** (Christ will judge all mankind and separate the righteous from the evil.)

## **3. Have we been given any signs to watch for Jesus’ return?**

Before the Second Coming there will be many trials and tribulations. Heavenly Father has given us signs to watch for so that we will be ready to stand before our Savior. If we are faithful we will know what the signs are and will be watching for them. “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:36.)

**How can we know what the signs to watch for are?** (Through scripture study.)

**Discuss** some of the signs you saw in the video.

## **4. How can we have hope and not be afraid when the last days are upon us?**

Sometimes we might feel like we will never be good enough, but the Lord counseled us to be hopeful and look forward to the day of His return, “be not troubled...And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.” (D&C 45:35, 39)

**What did the Lord mean when he said “feareth me”?** (Feel awe or reverence for.)

## **5. Do we need to prepare for the Second Coming?**

The Lord instructed the Prophet Joseph Smith, “Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh.” (D&C 1:12.)

## **6. What can we do to prepare for the Second Coming?**

“Let us be sure we thoroughly understand the most important things we can do to prepare ourselves for our Lord’s second coming to earth and, by our obedience and faithfulness, escape his punishment....This means a searching of our souls, an admittance of wrongdoing, and repentance where needed. It means keeping all of God’s commandments....It means being honest in all our doings, in business and at home.” *Delbert L. Stapley, Ensign, Nov. 1975 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

## **7. Are all the signs of the Second Coming frightful? (No!)**

**Discuss** some of the joyful signs: Restoration of the Gospel, the coming forth of The Book of Mormon, the coming of Elijah, the gospel preached to all the world, the building of the New Jerusalem, etc.)

**Quote:** “It’s all in the holy scriptures, and of all the great events of the history of the world, as far as the prophets have foretold, the greatest is the preparation for the coming of the Savior in the latter days, when He will come in power and great glory, with all the holy angels, as King of kings and Lord of lords.”

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