

The *Anderson Tours* Holy Land Scripture Series;

Understanding God, Scripture, & Self

Episode 4: Appearances of Jesus' at the 2nd Coming (#3 &4)

“Knowledge of ‘the only true God, and Jesus Christ’ (John 17:3) **is the most important knowledge in the Universe...**”

President Marion G. Romney of the First Presidency (“Except a Man Be Born Again,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1981, 14)

I. 4 Major APPEARANCES of Christ; the 2nd Coming

1. **Mount of Olives** (Acts 1, the book of Zechariah - especially ch.14)
2. **Zion: The New Jerusalem** (Moses 7; JST Gen 9, City of Enoch, D&C 76)
3. **Adam-On-di-Ahman (Marriage Supper of the Lamb)** (2 Feasts)
(D&C 27, Rev 19, Dan 9, Matt 25)
4. **To the World in Red Garments** (Isaiah 63, D&C 133) - **Every Knee Shall Bow** (Isaiah 45:23; D&C 88)

II. Zion: The New Jerusalem (Moses 7; JST Gen 9, City of Enoch, D&C 76)

1. **Moses 7:62-65**- Elect will be gathered to Zion/New Jerusalem and be caught up to meet Jesus and the City of Enoch who will they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other. Will they know each other well enough to hug & kiss each other???? If you are alive and part of this, will you know these people?
1. **JST Genesis 9:21-25** - Once Noah's ark landed following the flood, God instructed Noah that the bow in the cloud was a reminder of the covenant that God made with Enoch. That covenant was that He would never flood the earth again AND that when the righteous on earth were prepared they would look up and Zion (the city of Enoch) would look down and eventually Zion/The City of Enoch “should again come on the earth and dwell with them”
 - a. One of the titles for The City of Enoch is Zion (Moses 7:18)
 - b. In this scriptural reference (JST Gen 9), “*The general assembly of the church of the firstborn*” is used synonymously with the city of Enoch.
 - c. Who exactly are “The Church of the Firstborn”?
2. **Who exactly do the scriptures say are “The Church of the Firstborn”?**
 - a. ***D&C 76:54, 66-67, 94*** – Those worthy of the Celestial Kingdom are described in these verses in D&C 76. Vs. 54 says, “These are they who are the church

of the Firstborn.” Vs. 66-67 uses the term, “the general assembly and church of Enoch, and of the Firstborn”. Vs 94 clarifies, “They who dwell in His presence are the church of the Firstborn; and they see as they are seen, and know as they are known, having received of his fulness and of his grace”. Therefore...

b. Church of the Firstborn = Church of Enoch = City of Enoch = Zion

These terms are used synonymously in the scriptures.

- c. Therefore, it is not only the inhabitants of the City of Enoch who will come down with Jesus to the New Jerusalem, but also the Church of Enoch and the Church of the Firstborn who are all those who have lived worthy of the Celestial Kingdom.
- d. Therefore, those who come down and hug and kiss the elect who have been gathered to the New Jerusalem will most likely be hugging and kissing their righteous ancestors. This will not be uncomfortable at all, but an incredible reunion of the righteous! Wow!

3. **Questions...**

1. **Where is Zion/New Jerusalem?**

- a. **D&C 84:1-5** – “...beginning at the temple lot, which is appointed by the finger of the Lord, in the western boundaries of the State of Missouri... the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation”. Therefore, the center point of the New Jerusalem is the temple lot in Independence, Missouri where eventually a temple will be built.

(FYI the Community of Christ, formerly the *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, have made this spot in Independence, Missouri their church headquarters and built a “temple” across the street from the mount where Joseph dedicated the land for the temple and laid cornerstones. There is also a very small church who owns the actual temple plot land and who are holding on to it very tightly knowing the prophecy made by the Prophet Joseph Smith of the future temple. It is a site of a great deal of religious interest and concern with a smattering of churches in the immediate surrounding area).

2. **What are the dimensions of the New Jerusalem?**

- a. **Revelation 21:16** – “And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve

thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal...”

- b. Furlong = Stadia = 607 feet (see footnote 16b from Rev 21)
- c. 1 Mile = 5,280 feet
- d. 12,000 Furlongs = 7,284,000 feet
- e. 7,284,000 feet divided by 5,280 = 1,380 miles
- f. THEREFORE: The New Jerusalem is 1,380 miles square which if accurate would include all of North America! (FYI Independence is almost directly in the center of North America. If you travel 1,380 miles to the east you would be right on the east coast of the United States. IF you traveled 1,380 miles to the west you would be right on the west coast)

3. **Where geographically was the “City of Enoch”?**

- a. **Where was the Garden of Eden? / Where did Adam begin the human race?**
 - i. Jackson County Missouri (multiple sources...see quotes below)
- b. **Some of the Myths of the location of the City of Enoch**
 - i. Gulf of Mexico
 - ii. Somewhere in the Middle East

4. **Hymn #48 & #49**

Hymn #48 Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion

1. Glorious things are sung of Zion,
Enoch’s city seen of old,
Where the righteous, being perfect,
Walked with God in streets of gold.
Love and virtue, faith and wisdom,
Grace and gifts were all combined.
As himself each loved his neighbor;
All were one in heart and mind.

Text: William W. Phelps, 1792–1872

Music: Dutch melody, ca. 1710

Moses 7:13, 16–21, 63–69

Isaiah 52:8

2. There they shunn’d the pow’r of Satan

And observed celestial laws;
For in Adam-ondi-Ahman
Zion rose where Eden was.
When beyond the pow'r of evil,
So that none could covet wealth,
One continual feast of blessings
Crown'd their days with peace and health.

Text: William W. Phelps, 1792–1872

Music: Dutch melody, ca. 1710

5. Hymn #49 Adam-ondi-Ahman

1. This earth was once a garden place,
With all her glories common,
And men did live a holy race,
And worship Jesus face to face,
In Adam-ondi-Ahman.
2. We read that Enoch walked with God,
Above the pow'r of mammon,
While Zion spread herself abroad,
And Saints and angels sang aloud,
In Adam-ondi-Ahman.

Text: William W. Phelps, 1792–1872

Music: Anon., Southern Harmony, 1835

4. What We Know So Far....

- a. The Bow in the cloud is a reminder of God's Covenant with Enoch that his city will return to the Earth! (The City of Enoch) JST Gen 9
- b. The "City of Enoch" is also known as Zion, the Church of Enoch, & the Church of the Firstborn! (D&C 76)
- c. The Church of the Firstborn are those worthy of the Celestial Kingdom and who dwell in His presence! (D&C 76:94)
- d. Jesus will return to the New Jerusalem (Zion) with the City of Enoch and the righteous will be caught up to meet them and they will fall on each other's necks and kiss one another. (Moses 7)
- e. The New Jerusalem (Zion) is located in Jackson, County Missouri! (center place) (D&C 84)

- f. The dimensions of the New Jerusalem (Zion) is 1,380 miles square (basically all of North America) (Revelation 21)
- g. There will be a Temple built in Jackson County, Missouri on the designated spot (D&C 57; 84)

5. **What We *DON'T* Know for sure...**

- a. WHEN this event will take place!
- b. MYTH: This event has happened or is currently happening right now and angels have ordained the 144,000 (spoken of in Revelation/D&C 77:11) and they are currently secretly gathering the elect. [Couples and individuals are being called by their Stake Presidents and make appointments at the Temple and are ordained and asked to keep it secret].
- c. If this is “*The Rapture*” spoken of by the Savior in the Mt of Olives Discourse;

“40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left...” (Matt 24:40-41)
- d. If this is the Heavenly Jerusalem spoken of in Revelation 21; “1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new... 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end...9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. 11 Having the glory of God...” (Revelation 21)
- e. The exact ORDER of things!

II. To the World in Red Garments (every knee shall bow)

- a. **D&C 133:46-51:** “46 And it shall be said: Who is this that cometh down from God in heaven with dyed garments; yea, from the regions which are not known, clothed in his glorious

apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? 47 And he shall say: I am he who spake in righteousness, mighty to save. 48 And the Lord shall be red in his apparel, and his garments like him that treadeth in the wine-vat. 49 And so great shall be the glory of his presence that the sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall withhold its light, and the stars shall be hurled from their places. 50 And his voice shall be heard: I have trodden the wine-press alone, and have brought judgment upon all people; and none were with me; 51 And I have trampled them in my fury, and I did tread upon them in mine anger, and their blood have I sprinkled upon my garments, and stained all my raiment; for this was the day of vengeance which was in my heart.”

- b. **Isaiah 63:1-4** “1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.”
- c. **Genesis 49:10-11** “10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass’s colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:”
- d. **Revelation 19:11-13** “11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.”
- e. **D&C 45:44-45** “44 And then they shall look for me, and, behold, I will come; and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory; with all the holy angels; and he that watches not for me shall be cut off. 45 But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump, and the saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud.”
- f. **Revelation 1:7-8** “7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”
- g. **Isaiah 52:10** “10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”
- h. **Every Knee Shall Bow:**

- i. **Isaiah 45:23** “23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” (**Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10; Mosiah 27:31; D&C 88:104; D&C 76:110**)

Links to the Scriptures:

Old Testament:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/gen/1?lang=eng>

New Testament:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt?lang=eng>

Book of Mormon:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm?lang=eng>

Doctrine & Covenants:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament?lang=eng>

Pearl of Great Price:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/pgp?lang=eng>

What do we know about the location of the Garden of Eden?

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1994/01/i-have-a-question/what-do-we-know-about-the-location-of-the-garden-of-eden?lang=eng>