

Jesus Christ Invites Us to Prepare for His Second Coming by . . .

. . . leaving Babylon (wickedness) (see Doctrine and Covenants 133:4–5, 7, 12–14).

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, then of the First Presidency, taught:



The ancient city of Babylon is in ruins. Its splendor is long gone. But Babylon's worldliness and wickedness live on. Now it falls to us to live as believers in a world of disbelief. . . . We will have to stay calm under peer pressure, not be impressed by popular trends or false prophets, disregard the ridicule of the ungodly, resist the temptations of the evil one, and overcome our own laziness. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Be Not Afraid, Only Believe," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2015, 77–78)

. . . gathering Israel (see Doctrine and Covenants 133:4, 7–9, 37–38).

President Russell M. Nelson reminded us:



Anytime you do anything that helps anyone—on either side of the veil—take a step toward making covenants with God and receiving their essential baptismal and temple ordinances, you are helping to gather Israel. It is as simple as that. (Russell M. Nelson, in "Hope of Israel" [worldwide youth devotional, June 3, 2018], broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)

. . . repenting and being sanctified through Jesus Christ (see Doctrine and Covenants 133:5, 16, 34–35, 62).

Sister Carol F. McConkie, former First Counselor in the Young Women General Presidency, explained:



With faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, we may become clean, without spot, when we deny ourselves of ungodliness and sincerely repent. We are baptized by water for the remission of sins. Our souls are sanctified when we receive the Holy Ghost with open hearts. Weekly, we partake of the ordinance of the sacrament. In a spirit of repentance, with sincere desires for righteousness, we covenant that we are willing to take upon us the name of Christ, remember Him, and keep His commandments so that we may always have His Spirit to be with us. (Carol F. McConkie, "The Beauty of Holiness," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2017, 10)