

D&C Lesson 2
REVIEW OF LESSON 1;
“BEHOLD, I AM JESUS CHRIST,
THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD”

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1. Review of Suggested Commitments from Last Week’s Lesson

A. Learn the six historical periods of this dispensation

1. New York Period, 1820-1830
2. Ohio-Missouri Period, 1831-1838
3. Nauvoo Period, 1839-1846.6. The Worldwide Church, 1951-present
4. Pioneering the West, 1846-1898
5. Expansion of the Church, 1899-1950

B. Learn how to make and use Scripture Chains

1. Read *Scripture Chain* instructions on p. 2 of the *Class Member Study Guide*.
2. **Promise yourself that you’ll read and mark in your D&C and other scriptures all the Scripture Chains suggested in the *Class Member Study Guide* this year by the end of the day of the lesson.**
3. Consider making either a list or a set of scripture cards with the Scripture Chain references and a 1-line summary of the verse(s). Example:

The Lord’s Word in the Doctrine and Covenants

D&C 1:37-39	Search these commandments. My words shall all be fulfilled.
D&C 18:33-36	It is my voice, by my Spirit.
D&C 84:60	Blessed if ye hear my words, which are my voice.
D&C 88:66	My voice is Spirit; my Spirit is truth.

C. Commit to read the *Doctrine and Covenants* at least once this year. 294 pages

1. Choose your schedule. Remember to allow time to mark passages and to explore the *Topical Guide* and other cross references. Suggested schedules and finish dates:

Read 1 page a day	294 days = 9.8 months	November 15 th
Read 2 pages a day	147 days = 5 months	June 15 th
Read 3 pages a day	98 days = 3.5 months	April 30 th
Read 4 pages a day	74 days = 2.5 months	March 30 th
Read 5 pages a day	59 days = 2 months	March 15 th
2. Mark something on every page!
3. Make it a family goal. Include your spouse and baptized children.
4. ***Commit to be consecutive*** = commit to never missing a day of scripture reading.

2. Outline of Section 1, the Lord’s Preface

- [1-7] The voice of warning is to all people.
- [8-16] Apostasy and wickedness will precede the Second Coming.
- [17-23] Joseph Smith was called to restore to earth the Lord’s truths and powers.
- [24-33] The Book of Mormon was brought forth and the Lord’s true Church established.
- [34-36] Peace shall be taken from the earth.
- [37-39] Search these commandments.

3. **“The Lord” [1:2] of the D&C** is the same “Lord” [1 Ne. 1:14-15] of the *Book of Mormon*,

who is the same “LORD” [Ex. 20:2] of the *Old Testament* and the “Lord” of the *New Testament* [Mt. 7:21] and the “Lord” of the *Pearl of Great Price* [A of F 4]. **He is Jesus Christ.** See the Topical Guide: *Lord* [p. 296].

4. Suggested year-long study project: choose a subject and glean all you can from the scriptures about it. *My 2001 project:* study and make a list of the attributes of God. What will yours be?

Attributes of Christ from D&C 1

D&C 1:1 He dwells on high.

D&C 1:1 His eyes are upon all men.

D&C 1:1-2, 14 He can speak, has a voice.

D&C 1:4 He has disciples whom he has chosen.

D&C 1:5 He commands his disciples.

D&C 1:6 He has authority.

D&C 1:6, 14 He has servants.

D&C 1:7 He has commanded that his commandments be published to all the earth.

D&C 1:7 He warns that what he has decreed shall be fulfilled.

D&C 1:8 He gives his disciples power to seal both on earth and in heaven.

D&C 1:9 A day will come when his wrath will be poured out upon the wicked.

D&C 1:10 He shall come [to this earth] to recompense every man according to his work.

D&C 1:11 His voice is unto the ends of the earth.

D&C 1:12 He [his coming] is nigh.

D&C 1:13 His anger is kindled.

D&C 1:13 He has a sword; it is bathed in heaven, & it shall fall on the earth’s inhabitants.

D&C 1:14 He has an arm; it shall be revealed.

D&C 1:15 He has [given] ordinances.

D&C 1:15 He has made an everlasting covenant.

D&C 1:16 He expects his followers to seek him.

D&C 1:16 He is righteous; he expects his followers to establish his righteousness.

D&C 1:17 He called upon his servant Joseph Smith; spake to him from heaven; gave him commandments.

He knows the future:

D&C 1:2 There is no eye that shall not see, no ear that shall not hear; no heart that shall not be penetrated [when they hear the voice of the Lord].

D&C 1:3 The rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow.

D&C 1:3 The iniquities of the rebellious shall be spoken upon the housetops.

D&C 1:3 The secret acts of the rebellious shall be revealed.

D&C 1:4 The voice of warning shall be to all people.

D&C 1:4-5 His disciples shall go forth and none shall stay them.

D&C 1:7 What he has decreed [in the D&C] shall be fulfilled.

D&C 1:9 The day will come when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure.

D&C 1:10 He shall come [to this earth] to recompense unto every man according to his work.

D&C 1:13 His sword shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth.

D&C 1:14 His arm shall be revealed.

D&C 1:14 They who will not hear the voice of the Lord nor his servants shall be cut off from among the people.

D&C 1:14-15 People [who have received them] will stray from his ordinances and will break his everlasting covenant.

D&C 1:16 Those who stray shall walk in their own way, after the image of false gods which shall perish in Babylon.

D&C 1:16 Babylon shall fall.

D&C 1:17 Calamity shall come upon the inhabitants of the earth.

D&C 1:18-23 **The weak shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones, so that** (1) man won’t trust in the arm of flesh, (2) faith might increase in the earth, (3) his everlasting covenant might be established, (4) the fulness of his gospel might be proclaimed by the weak unto the ends of the earth, before kings and rulers.

D&C 1:24-28 **He gave commandments so that** (1) if his servants erred it might be made known, (2) his servants who seek wisdom might be instructed, (3) his servants who sinned might be chastened, that they might repent, (4) his servants who are humble might be made strong, (5) his servants might be blessed from on high, and receive knowledge, (6) Joseph Smith might have power to translate the Book of Mormon, through the mercy and by the power of God, (7) those to whom these commandments were given

might have power to lay the foundation of this church, (8) and that they might bring this church out of obscurity and darkness.

D&C 1:35 The day speedily cometh when peace shall be taken from the earth.

D&C 1:36 The Lord shall come down in judgment upon the world and reign in the midst of the saints.

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