

## Lesson 14

## Doctrine and Covenants 76

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

**Complete assignments 1, 4, 5, and one of the remaining assignments:**

### 1. Doctrine and Covenants 76. The Context and Background for the Vision

Read the institute student manual “Historical Background” for section 76 (pages 158–59). Explain in a few sentences how knowing the circumstances surrounding this revelation helps you understand its significance.

### 2. Doctrine and Covenants 76:1–107. Jesus Christ in the Vision

As was mentioned in the student manual, Doctrine and Covenants 76 is the record of a series of visions. Through them all, however, we see and hear about the Savior. Read the student manual commentaries “D&C 76:1–4: ‘Beside Him There Is No Savior’” and “D&C 76:24: Worlds without Number Were Created by the Lord” (pages 159–60). Also read the following verses looking for and making a list of what is taught in each reference regarding the Savior. Your comments concerning Jesus Christ could include His titles, roles, or attributes; how He is the central figure of these verses; or His role in the Father’s plan.

- Verses 1–5
- Verses 13–14
- Verses 20–24
- Verses 40–43
- Verses 50–51
- Verses 68–69
- Verses 77–79

- Verse 82
- Verses 106–7

Write a short statement about what stands out most to you personally regarding the Savior Jesus Christ in this vision.

### 3. Doctrine and Covenants 76:30–38, 43–48. Sons of Perdition

Read Doctrine and Covenants 76:30–38, 43–48 and the student manual commentaries “D&C 76:31: To What Extent Must a Person Know God’s Power and Be a Partaker Before He Becomes a Son of Perdition?” and “D&C 76:35: How Might Anyone ‘Crucify’ the Only Begotten Son of the Father and ‘Put Him to an Open Shame’?” (pages 161–62). Using what you learned from your reading, write a paragraph that explains the extreme circumstances that lead to someone becoming a son of perdition.

### 4. Doctrine and Covenants 76:50–70, 92–96. The Celestial Kingdom

Read the student manual commentaries “D&C 76:53: What Does It Mean to Be Sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise?” and “D&C 76:54: What Is the Church of the Firstborn?” (pages 163–64); also read Doctrine and Covenants 76:50–70, 92–96. From these readings, fill in the chart below and then complete the following instructions:

What We Must Do to Enter the Celestial Kingdom	Blessings for Those in the Celestial Kingdom

- Select one of the blessings you found that is most meaningful to you and explain in writing why you would appreciate this blessing so much.
- Select one of the requirements for the celestial kingdom that you still lack and explain how you plan to change yourself or accomplish it.

### 5. Doctrine and Covenants 76:71–80. The Terrestrial Kingdom

Make a list of the phrases in Doctrine and Covenants 76:71–80 that distinguish those in the terrestrial kingdom from those in the celestial kingdom. Read the student manual commentary “D&C 76:79: What Does It Mean to Be Valiant in the Testimony of the Savior?” (page 165). Then write responses to the following:

- What leads a person to be “valiant in the testimony of Jesus”? (verse 79; see also D&C 58:26–27).
- List something you could do to become more valiant in the testimony of Jesus.

### 6. Doctrine and Covenants 76:81–91, 98–112. The Telestial Kingdom

Review what you studied about the telestial kingdom in Doctrine and Covenants 76:81–91, 98–112. Also read the student manual commentaries “D&C 76:81–85: Those Who Inherit the Telestial Glory Will Pass through Hell” and “D&C 76:89–106: Why Will Those Who Inherit the Telestial Kingdom Receive a Glory That ‘Surpasses All Understanding’?” (pages 165–66); Doctrine and Covenants 19:4–6, 15–20; and Alma 34:15–16. Referring to what you learn from your

reading, write a paragraph that explains how the telestial kingdom demonstrates the perfect justice and mercy of God. Explain in your paragraph what you think the celestial kingdom will be like if the telestial kingdom “surpasses all understanding.” How does this increase your love and appreciation for the Lord?

### 7. Doctrine and Covenants 76:5–10, 114–19. Summary of the Vision

Study Doctrine and Covenants 76:5–10, 114–19. As you study, you may wish to mark in your scriptures what the Lord promises us and what we must do to receive these great blessings. Read the student manual commentaries “D&C 76:5–10: ‘I . . . Delight to Honor Those Who Serve Me in Righteousness’” and “D&C 76:116: They Are Only to Be Seen and Understood by the Power of the Holy Spirit” (pages 159, 166). Then answer the following questions in writing:

- What conditions must you fulfill to receive the blessings promised in these verses?
- How can you fulfill those conditions, so as to receive the blessings through the power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit?
- What difference does it make in your daily life to understand the eternal perspective gained from Doctrine and Covenants 76?