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### Past, Present and Future

- D&C 130:6-7  
"The angels do not reside on a planet like this earth;  
But they reside in the presence of God, on a globe like a sea of glass and fire, where all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord."
- Joseph Smith  
"The great Jehovah contemplated the whole of the events connected with the earth, pertaining to the plan of salvation, before it rolled into existence, or ever 'the morning stars sang together' for joy [Job 38:7]; **the past, the present, and the future were and are, with Him, one eternal 'now;**' He knew of the fall of Adam, the iniquities of the antediluvians [those who lived before the Great Flood], of the depth of iniquity that would be connected with the human family, their weakness and strength, their power and glory, apostasies, their crimes, their righteousness and iniquity; He comprehended the fall of man, and his redemption; He knew the plan of salvation and pointed it out; He was acquainted with the situation of all nations and with their destiny; He ordered all things according to the counsel of His own will; He knows the situation of both the living and the dead, and has made ample provision for their redemption, according to their several circumstances, and the laws of the kingdom of God, whether in this world, or in the world to come." ("Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith" Page 220, History of the Church, 4:597)

### *Time only measured by man*

- Alma 40:8  
" Now whether there is more than one time appointed for men to rise it mattereth not; for all do not die at once, and this mattereth not; **all is as one day with God, and time only is measured unto men.**"

### ***All things are before God***

- D&C 38:1-2  
" Thus saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ, the Great I Am, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the same which looked upon the wide expanse of eternity, and all the seraphic hosts of heaven, before the world was made;  
The same which knoweth all things, **for all things are present before mine eyes;**"
- Moses 1:6  
" And I have a work for thee, Moses, my son; and thou art in the similitude of mine Only Begotten; and mine Only Begotten is and shall be the Savior, for he is full of grace and truth; but there is no God beside me, and **all things are present with me**, for I know them all"
- D&C 88:41  
" He comprehendeth all things, and **all things are before him**, and all things are round about him; and he is above all things, and in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things; and all things are by him, and of him, even God, forever and ever."

### **Time Dimension in Theory of Relativity**

- Einstein's general theory of relativity places time as one of 4 dimensions (space-time)
  - This has interesting implications with the notion of "past, present and future" before someone's eyes
- Jeffrey Bennett (<http://www.jeffreybennett.com/>)  
"Although we cannot picture all four dimensions of space-time at once, we can imagine what things would look like if we could. In addition to the three spatial dimensions of space-time that we ordinarily see, every object would be stretched out through time. Objects that we see as three-dimensional in our ordinary lives would appear as four-dimensional objects in space-time. If we could see in four dimensions, we could look through time just as easily as we look to our left or right. If we looked at a person, we could see every event in that person's life. If we wondered what really happened during some historical

event, we'd simply look to find the answer." ("Albert Einstein's special mark on the universe", CNN, <http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/25/opinions/bennett-einstein-theory-of-relativity/index.html>)