

Doctrine and Covenants Revelation Sites



By Missouri River (Near Miami, Missouri)

McIlwaine's Bend

Section 61

August 1831

Scripture

"And now, verily I say unto you, and what I say unto one I say unto all, be of good cheer, little children; for I am in your midst, and I have not forsaken you;

"And inasmuch as you have humbled yourselves before me, the blessings of the kingdom are yours.

"Gird up your loins and be watchful and be sober, looking forth for the coming of the Son of Man, for he cometh in an hour you think not.

"Pray always that you enter not into temptation, that you may abide the day of his coming, whether in life or in death."

Doctrine and Covenants 61:36-39



Three days into the trip, one of the canoes struck a submerged obstacle that capsized the craft and nearly resulted in tragedy. The group camped for the night on the southern bank of the river near McIlwaines Bend. There, the Lord directed the Prophet to continue the journey by land.

Key Events

- Joseph and his companions camped in this area on their return trip to Ohio from Missouri, and the Prophet received a revelation.



William W. Phelps traveled with the group, and saw in open vision, by daylight, the destroyer in his most horrible power ride upon the face of the water. Others heard the noise, but did not see the vision.

Words of Joseph Smith

“It mattereth not whether we live long or short on the earth after we come to a knowledge of these principles and obey them unto the end.” (History of the Church 4:555)

“All your losses will be made up to you in the resurrection, provided you continue faithful. By the vision of the Almighty I have seen it.” (History of the Church 5:362)

“He that holds out faithful to the end shall in no wise lose his reward. A good man will endure all things to honor Christ, and even dispose of the whole world, and all in it, to save his soul.” (History of the Church 6:427)