
Doctrine and Covenants 7 — The Parchment of John the Beloved

Revelation to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery at Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 1829 — a translated parchment written and hidden up by the Apostle John, resolving whether John died or tarried.

Two men were translating an ancient record, and a question came up that the Bible leaves dangling. They did not look it up or argue it to a draw. They asked God — and got back a page written by the man the question was about.

Hebrew Word Studies

meno (μένω) — to remain, abide, continue v. 3. The verb behind "tarry" in John 21:22 and behind "abide" all through John 15 ("abide in me, and I in you"). John asks to meno — to stay — and is granted exactly that. The beloved disciple who leaned on the Lord's breast becomes the disciple who remains at the Lord's work until He comes.

From the Chapter's Architecture

There is no chiasm to force here; the shape is simply a question opened and a question answered, with the answer arriving as restored text rather than as commentary. That is the architectural signature of the early Restoration — the heavens treated not as a place to send opinions but as an archive to be opened.