

Doctrine and Covenants

Section 7

April, 1829-Harmony, Pennsylvania. Revelation to Joseph Smith, Jr., and Oliver Cowdery in response to their prayers concerning whether John, the beloved disciple, tarried on earth (see John 21:20-24). The 1835 edition states that this was "translated from parchment, written and hid up by himself [John]."

Promises to the apostles Peter, James, and John concerning their ministry

D&C 7:1a And the Lord said unto me, John, my beloved, what desirest thou? For if ye shall ask what you will, it shall be granted unto you.

D&C 7:1b And I said unto him, Lord, give unto me power over death, that I may live and bring souls unto thee.

D&C 7:1c And the Lord said unto me, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, because thou desirest this, thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory and shalt prophesy before nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.

D&C 7:2a And for this cause the Lord said unto Peter, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? For he desiredst of me that he might bring souls unto me; but thou desiredst that thou might speedily come unto me in my kingdom.

D&C 7:2b I say unto thee, Peter, This was a good desire, but my beloved has desired that he might do more, or a greater work yet among men, than what he has before done; yea, he has undertaken a greater work;

D&C 7:2c therefore, I will make him as flaming fire and a ministering angel; he shall minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation who dwell on the earth;

D&C 7:2d and I will make thee to minister for him and for thy brother James; and unto you three I give this power and the keys of this ministry until I come.

D&C 7:3 Verily, I say unto you, Ye shall both have according to your desires, for ye both joy in that which ye have desired.