

D & C Lesson 27
**“THEY MUST NEEDS BE CHASTENED AND TRIED,
EVEN AS ABRAHAM”**

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1. Missouri Time Line

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| A. January, 1831 | The first missionaries arrived in Missouri. |
| B. July, 1831 | The Lord designated Missouri as the location for the city of Zion. |
| C. August, 1831 | Joseph Smith dedicated the temple site in Independence, Missouri. |
| D. July, 1833 | A mob attacked the Saints in Independence, Missouri. |
| E. November, 1833 | The Battle of the Big Blue occurred. The Saints were driven from Jackson County to Clay County, Missouri. |
| F. May–June, 1834 | Zion’s Camp marched from Kirtland, Ohio to Clay County, Missouri. |
| G. June, 1836 | Citizens of Clay County asked the Saints to leave the county. |
| H. September, 1836 | The Saints began moving to Far West and other locations that became Caldwell and Daviess Counties, Missouri. |
| I. March, 1838 | Joseph Smith and his family arrived in Far West, Missouri, after fleeing from persecution in Kirtland, Ohio. |
| J. October, 1838 | The Battle of Crooked River occurred. Governor Boggs issued his extermination order. |
| K. Oct 1838–Apr 1839 | Joseph Smith and other Church leaders were kept as prisoners in Independence [Jackson Co.], then Richmond [Ray Co.], and then Liberty [Clay Co.], Missouri. |
| L. April, 1839 | The Saints fled from Missouri to Illinois. |
| M. Civil War, 1863-64 | Jackson County was burned by Union soldiers as they enforced “Order Number 11, requiring the citizens to evacuate so the southern guerrilla fighters could be wiped out. [<i>Prophecies of Joseph Smith</i> , pp. 326-328] |

2. Ye cannot behold the design of your God concerning things which shall come hereafter

[D&C 58 was revealed through the Prophet Joseph in Zion, Jackson County, Missouri on August 1, 1831, shortly after Joseph Smith arrived there in his first visit to Missouri.]
Read **D&C 58:1-12**.

3. Reasons the Lord gave for allowing afflictions to come upon the Saints in Missouri

[D&C 101 was revealed December 16, 1833, after the saints had been expelled from Jackson County.]
Read **D&C 101:1-19**.

1. *D&C 101:2, 6:* “I, the Lord, have suffered the affliction to come upon them, wherewith they have been afflicted, in consequence of their transgressions; . . . there were jarrings, and contentions, and envyings, and strifes, and lustful and covetous desires among them; therefore by these things they polluted their inheritance.”

2. *D&C 101:4-5:* “They must needs be chastened and tried, even as Abraham, who was

commanded to offer up his only son, for all those who will not endure chastening, but deny me, cannot be sanctified.”

3. *D&C 101:7-8*: “They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; therefore, the Lord their God is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble. In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but, in the day of their trouble, of necessity they feel after me.”

4. **Zion’s Camp**

[*D&C 103 was given to the Prophet on February 24, 1834 at Kirtland, Ohio, when Parley P. Pratt and Lyman Wight came from Missouri and reported the condition of the Saints in Missouri.*] Read *D&C 103:15-36*.

A. *D&C 103:27-28*: “Let no man be afraid to lay down his life for my sake; for whoso layeth down his life for my sake shall find it again. And whoso is not willing to lay down his life for my sake is not my disciple.”

5. **Video: “Zion’s Camp,”** from *Video Teachings from the Doctrine and Covenants and Church History* [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Copyright 1999 by Intellectual Reserve]

6. **What the Lord said the Saints must do before Zion can be redeemed**

[*D&C 105 was revealed through Joseph Smith on June 22, 1834 when Zion’s Camp was encamped on Fishing River, about 40 miles north of Independence, Missouri. Zion’s Camp was sent home without waging battle against the Missourians, and the Saints learned they would have to wait for the redemption of Zion.*]

Read *D&C 105:1-18*.

A. *D&C 105:3-4*: “They have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh saints, to the poor and afflicted among them. And are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom.”

B. *D&C 105:5-6*: “And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself. And my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.”

C. *D&C 105:9*: “Therefore, in consequence of the transgressions of my people, it is expedient in me that mine elders should wait for a little season for the redemption of Zion.”

D. *D&C 105:10-11*: “That they themselves may be prepared, and that my people may be taught more perfectly, and have experience, and know more perfectly concerning their duty, and the things which I require at their hand. And this cannot be brought to pass until mine elders are endowed from on high.”

E. *D&C 105: 38-40*: “Sue for peace, not only to the people that have smitten you, but also to all people; and lift up an ensign of peace, and make a proclamation of peace unto the ends of the earth; and make proposals for peace unto those who have smitten you, according to the voice of the Spirit which is in you, and all things shall work together for your good.”

7. **Video excerpt:** from *Legacy* [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Copyright 2000 by Intellectual Reserve]

Next week, in Lesson 28, we'll study more of how we can better endure adversity by turning to the Savior.

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