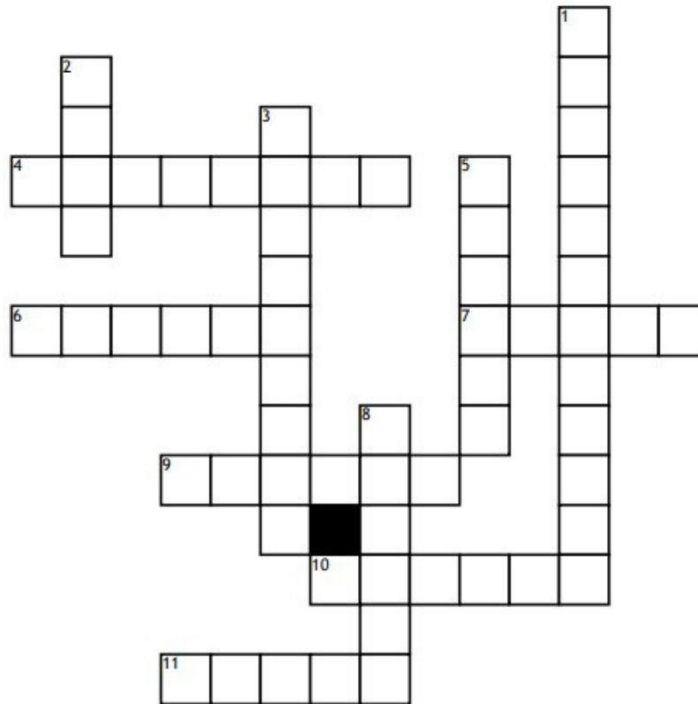


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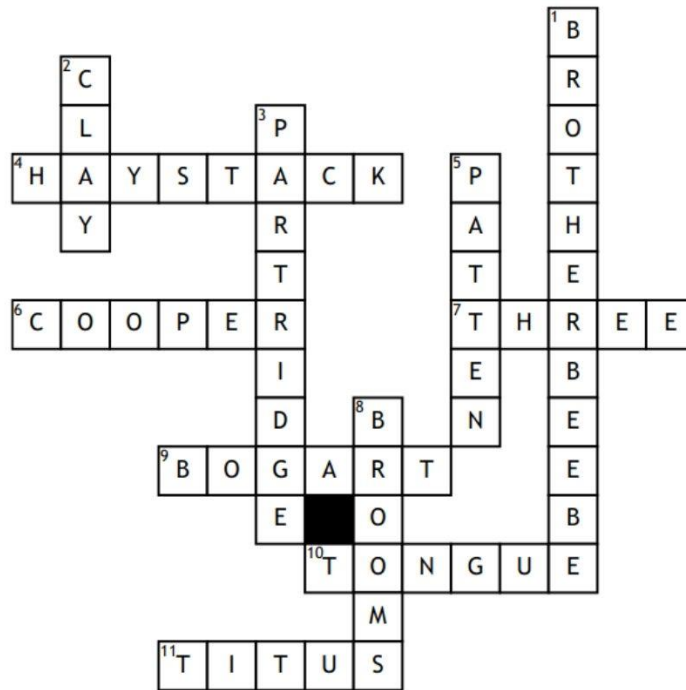
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Joseph Smith later recorded his belief that this was “a literal fulfillment of the word of God” and a sign of the Lord’s power.

Near Independence, Missouri, refugee Saints witnessed the storm while camped along the Missouri River after being driven from their homes. Parley P. Pratt wrote that the event was one of the grandest sights he had ever seen.

Instead of fear, many felt peace. They believed heaven had not forgotten them.

Though driven from their homes, they were still known to God. Though surrounded by enemies, they were still under His watchful care. The stars seemed to testify that the Lord ruled both earth and sky.

A NIGHT REMEMBERED

Scientists studied it. Families told the story to their children.

Historians still call it one of the greatest meteor storms ever recorded—the famous Leonid storm of 1833. It helped begin the serious scientific study of meteor showers.

But for those Saints on the riverbank, it was more than science. It was mercy. It was protection. It was a reminder that even in the darkest night, heaven can still shine.

Sometimes God does not remove the storm.

Sometimes He lights the sky in the middle of it.

The Saints still faced hardship after that night. They still had cold, hunger, and uncertainty.

But they also had hope. And sometimes, hope is the brightest light of all.

References found in Volume 6.
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ON A BITTER NOVEMBER NIGHT IN 1833, THE HEAVENS SEEMED TO OPEN.

Thousands upon thousands of bright meteors streaked across the sky in every direction, each one trailing long ribbons of light. For hours, the dark sky blazed like a grand celebration of heavenly fireworks.

To many, it looked like the end of the world. But to the weary Saints huddled on the cold banks of the Missouri River, it became something else entirely—
a sign of hope.

DRIVEN FROM HOME

More than 1,200 Latter-day Saints had been forced from their homes in Jackson

County, Missouri.

Mobs had burned houses, destroyed property, and threatened lives. Families fled with little more than what they could carry. Some slept in wagons. Others huddled beneath makeshift tents or blankets stretched against the wind.

Winter was coming.

Children cried from hunger and cold. Mothers tried to comfort frightened little ones. Fathers stood watch through the night, uncertain what danger might come next. Across the river, enemies still threatened them. The Saints were homeless, exhausted, and afraid. Yet they prayed.

THE SKY ERUPTS

Then came the night of November 13, 1833. Without warning, the heavens exploded with light.

The great Leonid meteor storm filled the sky. Historians estimate that tens of thousands—even more than 100,000 meteors an hour—were visible across North America.

Witnesses said it looked as though the stars themselves were falling. Bright meteors shot in every direction with blazing tails behind them. Fire seemed to rain from heaven.

For hours the display continued. People cried out that Judgment Day had come.

Even hardened enemies trembled. Those who had gathered to threaten the Saints became frightened themselves. Many fled in fear, believing God had spoken from the heavens.



The Night the Stars Fell!