

& now it came to pass that there were many which heard the words of Samuel the Lamanites which he spake upon the walls of the City & as many as believed on his words went forth & sought for Nephi & when they had come forth & found him they confessed unto him their sins & denied not desiring that they might be Baptised unto the Lord

but as many as there were which did not believe **362** in the words of Samuel were angry with him & they cast stones at him up--on the wall & also many shot arrows at him as he stood upon the wall but the spirit of the Lord was with him insomuch that they could not hit him with their stones neither with their arrows

now when they saw this that they could not hit him there were many more which did believe on his words insomuch that they went away unto Nephi to be Baptized

for behold Nephi was baptizing & a prophesying & preaching crying repentance unto the people shewing signs & wonders working miracles among the people that they might know that the Christ must shortly come

telling them of things which must shortly come that they might know & remember at the time of their coming that they had been made known unto them before hand to the intent that they might believe therefore as many as believed on the words of Samuel went forth unto him to be Baptised for they came repenting & confessing their sins

but the more part of them did not believe in the words of Samuel therefore when they saw that they could not hit him with their Stones & their arrows they cried out unto their captains saying take this fellow & bind him for behold he hath a Devil & because of the power of the devil which is in him they could not hit him with our stones & our arrows therefore take him & bind him & away with him

CHAPTER 16

The Nephites who believe Samuel are baptized by Nephi—Samuel cannot be slain with the arrows and stones of the unrepentant Nephites—Some harden their hearts, and others see angels—The unbelievers say it is not reasonable to believe in Christ and His coming in Jerusalem. About 6–1 B.C.

¹And now, it came to pass that there were many who heard the words of Samuel, the Lamanite, which he spake upon the walls of the city. And as many as believed on his word went forth and sought for Nephi; and when they had come forth and found him they confessed unto him their sins and denied not, desiring that they might be baptized unto the Lord.

²But as many as there were who did not believe in the words of Samuel were angry with him; and they cast stones at him upon the wall, and also many shot arrows at him as he stood upon the wall; but the Spirit of the Lord was with him, insomuch that they could not hit him with their stones neither with their arrows.

³Now when they saw that they could not hit him, there were many more who did believe on his words, insomuch that they went away unto Nephi to be baptized.

⁴For behold, Nephi was baptizing, and prophesying, and preaching, crying repentance unto the people, showing signs and wonders, working miracles among the people, that they might know that the Christ must shortly come—

⁵Telling them of things which must shortly come, that they might know and remember at the time of their coming that they had been made known unto them beforehand, to the intent that they might believe; therefore as many as believed on the words of Samuel went forth unto him to be baptized, for they came repenting and confessing their sins.

⁶But the more part of them did not believe in the words of Samuel; therefore when they saw that they could not hit him with their stones and their arrows, they cried out unto their captains, saying: Take this fellow and bind him, for behold he hath a devil; and because of the power of the devil which is in him they could not hit him with our stones and our arrows; therefore take him and bind him, and away with him.

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& as they went forth to lay their *hands on him* behold *he did cast himself* down(from the wall) & did flee out of their *lands yea even unto his own country* & began to preach & to prophesy among his own people

& behold *he was neaver heard of more among the* Nephites & thus were the affairs of the people

& thus ended *the eighty & sixth year* of the reign of the Judges over the peop--le of Nephi

& thus ended *also the eighty & seventh year* of the reign of the Judges [&] the more part of the *people* remaining *in* their pride & wickedness & the lesser part walking more sircumspectly before God

& thus were the conditions also *in* the eighty & eighth year of the reign of the Judges

& there were but little alteration in the affairs of the people save it were the people began to be more hardened in ini--quity & do more & more of that which was conterary to the commandments of God in the eighty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges

but [behold] it came to pass in the ~~nin~~-ninetieth (year) of the reign of the Judges there were great signs given unto the people & wonders & the words of the prophets began to be fulfilled

& *Angels* did appear unto men wise men & did declare unto them glad tidings of great g(joy) & [&] thus in *this year* the Scriptures began to be fulfilled

nevertheless the people began to harden *their hearts* all save it were the most believing part of them both of the Nephites & also of the Lamanites & began to depend upon their own strength & upon their own wis--dom saying

some things they may have guessed right among so many but beho--ld we know that all these great & marvelous ~~wor~~(works)~~es~~ cannot come to pass *of* which hath been spoken

& they began to reason & to contend among themselves saying

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⁷**And** as they went forth to lay their *hands on him*, behold, **he did cast himself** down[**]**from the wall, **and** did flee out of their *lands, yea, even unto his own country*, **and** began to preach **and** to prophesy among his own people.

⁸**And** behold, **he was ne[]ver heard of more among the** Nephites; **and** thus were the affairs of the people.

⁹**And** thus ended the eig[]hty **and** sixth year of the reign of the **j**udges over the peop[]le of Nephi.

¹⁰**And** thus ended **also the eighty and seventh** year of the reign of the **j**udges, [**X**] the more part of the people remaining **in** their pride **and** wickedness, **and** the lesser part walking more **c**ircumspectly before God.

¹¹**And these** were the conditions also, in the eighty **and** eighth year of the reign of the **j**udges.

¹²**And** there **was** but little alteration in the affairs of the people, save it were the people began to be more hardened in ini[]quity, **and** do more **and** more of that which was cont[]rary to the commandments of God, in the eighty **and** ninth year of the reign of the **j**udges.

¹³**But** [**X**] it came to pass in the [_ _]ninetieth year of the reign of the **j**udges, there were great signs given unto the people, **and** wonders; **and** the words of the prophets began to be fulfilled.

¹⁴**And** **angels** did appear unto men, wise men, **and** did declare unto them glad tidings of great []joy[]; [**X**] thus in **this year** the **s**criptures began to be fulfilled.

¹⁵**Nevertheless**, the people began to harden **their hearts**, all save it were the most believing part of them, both of the Nephites **and** also of the Lamanites, **and** began to depend upon their own strength **and** upon their own wis[]dom, saying:

¹⁶**Some** things they may have guessed right, among so many; but beho[]ld, we know that all these great **and** marvelous [_ _]works[] cannot come to pass, **of** which has[] been spoken.

¹⁷**And** they began to reason **and** to contend among themselves, saying:

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that it is not reasonable that such a being as a Christ shall come if so & he be the Son of God the Father of Heaven & of Earth as it hath been spoken why will he not shew himself unto us as well as unto they which shall be **363** unto Jerusalem

yea why will he not shew himself in this land as well as in the land of Jerusalem

but behold we know that this is a wicked tradition which has been handed down unto us by our fathers to cause us that we should believe in some great & marvellous thing *which* should come to pass but not among us but in a land which is far distant a land *which* we know not therefore they can keep us in ignorance for we *cannot witness with our* own eyes that they are true

& they will by the *cunning & the mysterious arts* of the evil one work some great mystery which we *cannot understand which will keep us down* to be servants to their words & also servants *unto them for we depend upon them for* to teach us the word & thus will they keep us in ignorance *if we will yield ourselves unto them* all the days of our lives

& many more things did the people *imagine up in their hearts which* were foolish & vain & they were much *distrubed for Satan did stir them up to do* iniquity continually yea he did go about spreading *rumors & contentions upon all the face* of the land that he might harden the hearts of *the People against that which* was good & against that which should come

& notwithstanding *the signs & the wonders which was wrought* among the people of the Lord & the many *miracles which they did Satan did get great* hold upon the hearts of the people upon all the face of *the land*

& thus ended the ninetyeth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

& thus ended the Book of Helaman according to the record of Helaman & his Sons——

¹⁸**T**hat it is not reasonable that such a being as a Christ shall come; if so, **and** he be the Son of God, the Father of **heaven and of earth**, as it has_[] been spoken, why will he not **show** himself unto us as well as unto **them who** shall be **at** Jerusalem?

¹⁹**Y**ea, why will he not **show** himself in this land as well as in the land of Jerusalem?

²⁰**B**ut behold, we know that this is a wicked tradition, which has been handed down unto us by our fathers, to cause us that we should believe in some great **and** marvel_[]ous thing **which** should come to pass, but not among us, but in a land which is far distant, a land **which** we know not; therefore they can keep us in **ignorance**, for we **cannot witness with our** own eyes that they are true.

²¹**A**nd they will, by the **cunning and the mysterious arts** of the evil one, work some great mystery which we **cannot understand, which will keep us down** to be serva_[]nts to their words, **and** also servants **unto them, for we depend upon them [X]** to teach us the word; **and** thus will they keep us in ignorance **if we will yield ourselves unto them**, all the days of our lives.

²²**A**nd many more things did the people im_[]agine **up in their hearts, which were foolish and vain; and** they were much **disturbed, for Satan did stir them up to do** iniquity continu_[]ally; yea, he did go about spreading **rumors and contentions upon all the face** of the land, that he might harden the hearts of **the people against that which was good and** against that which should come.

²³**A**nd notwithstanding **the signs and the wonders which were wrought** among the people of the Lord, **and** the many **miracles which they did, Satan did get great** hold upon the hearts of the people upon all the face of **the land**.

²⁴**A**nd **thus ended the ninetyeth** year of the reign of the **judges** over the people of Nephi.

²⁵**A**nd **thus ended the book of Helaman**, according to the record of Helaman **and his sons**_[].
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