

Helaman 12

¹& thus we can behold how fals
& also the unsteadiness of the hearts of the children of men
yea we can see that the Lord in his great infinite goodness
doth bless & prosper those who put their trust in him
²yea & we may see at the verry time when he doth prosper his people
yea in the increase of their fields their flocks & their herds
& in gold & in silver
& in all manner of precious things of every kind
& art spareing their lives & delivering them out of the hands of their enemies
softening the hearts of their enemies
that they should not declare wars against them
yea & in fine doing all things for the wellfare & happiness of his people
yea then is the time that they do harden their hearts
& do forget the Lord their God
& do trample under their feet the Holy One
yea & this because^{of} their ease and their exceding great prosperity
³& thus we see that
except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions
yea except he doth visit them with death & with terror
& with famine & with all manner of pestilences
they will not remember him

⁴O—how foolish & how vain & how evil & devilish
& how quick to do iniquity & how slow to do good
are the children of men
yea how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one
& to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world
⁵yea how quick to be lifted up in pride
yea how quick to boast & do all manner of that which is iniquity
& how slow are they to remember the Lord their God
& to give ear unto his Councils
yea how slow to walk in wisdoms paths
⁶behold they do not desire
that the Lord their God who hath created them should rule & reign over them
notwithstanding his great goodness & his mercy towards them
they do set at nought his counsels
& they will not that he should be their guide

⁷O how great is the nothingness of the children of men
yea even they are less than the dust of the earth
⁸for behold the dust of the earth moveth hither & thither
to the dividing asunder at the command of our great & everlasting God
⁹yea behold at his voice doth the hills & the mountains tremble & quake
¹⁰& by the power of his voice they are broken up & become smoth
yea even like unto a vally
¹¹yea by the power of his voice doth the whole earth shake

¹²yea by the power of his voice do the foundations rock
even to the verry sentre

¹³yea & if he saieth unto the earth move
& it is moved

¹⁴yea if he say unto the earth
thou shalt go back that it lengthen out the day for many hours
& it is done

¹⁵& thus according to his word the earth goeth back
& it appeareth unto man that the Sun standeth still
yea & behold this is so
for sure it is the earth that moveth & not the Sun

¹⁶& behold also if he saieth unto the waters of the great deep
be thou dried up
& it is done

¹⁷behold if he saieth unto this Mountain
be thou raised up & come over & fall upon that City that it be buried up
& behold it is done

¹⁸& behold if a man hideth up a treasure in the earth & the Lord shall say
let it be acursed because of the iniquity of him that hath had it up
behold it shall be acursed

¹⁹& if the Lord shall say
be thou acursed that no man shall find thee from this time henceforth & forever
& behold no man geteth it henceforth & forever

²⁰& behold if the Lord shall say unto aman
because of thine iniquities thou shalt be a cursed forever
& it shall be done

²¹& if the Lord shall say
because of thine iniquities thou shalt be cut off from my presance
& he will cause that it shall be so

²²& wo unto whom he shall say this
for it shall be unto him that will do iniquity
& he cannot be saved

therefore for this cause that men might be saved
hath repentance been declared

²³therefore blessed are they who will repent
& hearken unto the *voice* of the Lord their God
for these are they that shall be saved

²⁴& may God grant in his great fulness
that men might be brought unto repentance & good works
that they might be restored unto grace for grace according to their works

²⁵& I would that all men might be saved
~~for~~^{but} we read that in that great & last day
there are some which shall be cast out
yea which shall be cast off from the presance of the Lord

²⁶yea which shall be consigned to a state of endless misery
fulfilling the words which ^{saieth} ~~ay~~
they that have done good shall have everlasting life
& they that have done evil shall have everlasting damnation
& thus it is
Amen—— ———