

Helaman 13

The prophecy of Samuel the Lamanite to the Nephites

¹And now it came to pass in the eighty & sixth year
the Nephites did still remain in wickedness yea in great wickedness
while the Lamanites did observe ^{strictly} to keep the commandments of God
according to the law of Moses

²& it came to pass that in this year
there was one Samuel a Lamanite came into the land of Zarahemla
& began to preach unto the people
& it came to pass that he did preach many day repentance unto the people
& they did cast him out
& he was about to return to his own land

³but behold the ~~w~~^{voice} ~~oi~~ of the Lord came unto him
that he should return again
& prophesy unto the people
whatsoever things should come into his heart

⁴& it came to pass that they would not suffer
that he should enter into the City
therefore he went & got upon the wall thereof
& stretched forth his hand & cried with a loud voice
& prophesied unto the people whatsoever things the Lord put into his heart

⁵& he said unto them
Behold I Samuel a Lamanite do speak the words of the Lord
which he doth put into my~~ne~~ heart
& behold he hath put it into my heart to say unto this people
that the sword of Justice hangeth over this people
& four hundred years passeth not away
save the sword of Justice falleth upon this people
⁶yea heavy destruction awaiteth this people
& it surely cometh unto this people
& nothing can save this people
save it be repentaⁿce & faith on the Lord Jesus Christ
which surely shall come into the world
& shall suffer many things
& shall be slain for his people

⁷& behold an Angel of the Lord hath declared it unto me
& he did bring glad tidings to my soul
& behold I was sent unto you to *declare* it unto you also
that ye might have glad tidings
but behold ye would not receive me

⁸therefore thus saith the Lord
because of the hardness of the hearts of the people of the Nephites
except they repent
I will take away my word from them
& I will withdraw my spirit from them
& I will suffer them no longer
& I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them
⁹& four hundred years shall not pass away
before I will cause that they shall be smitten
yea I will visit them with the sword & with famine & with pestilence
¹⁰yea I will visit them in my fierce anger
& there shall be those of the fourth generation
which shall live of your enemies
to behold your utter destruction
& this shall surely come except ye repent saith the Lord
& those of the fourth generation shall visit your destruction
¹¹but if ye will repent & return unto the Lord your God
I will turn away mine anger saith the Lord
yea thus saith the Lord
blessed are they who will repent & turn unto me
but wo unto him that repenteth not

¹²yea wo unto this great city of Zarahemla
for behold it is because of they which are righteous that it is saved
yea wo unto this great City
for I perceive saith the Lord that there are many
yea even the more part of this great city
that will harden their hearts against me saith the Lord
¹³but blessed are they who will repent
for them will I spare
but behold if it were not for the righteous which are in this great city
behold I would cause that fire should come down out of Heaven & ~~destroy~~^{destroy} it
¹⁴but behold it is ^{for} ~~for~~ the righteous sake that it is spared

but behold the time cometh saith the Lord
that when ye shall cast out the righteous from among you
then shall ye be ripe for destruction
yea wo be unto this great city
because of the wickedness & abominations which is in her
¹⁵yea & wo be unto ~~the~~^{the} City of Gideon
for the wickedness & abominations which is in her
¹⁶yea & wo be unto all the cities
which are in the land round about which is possessed by the Nephites
because of the wickedness & the abominations which is in them
¹⁷& behold a curse shall come upon the land saith the Lord of Hosts
because of the peopless sake which is upon the land
yea because of their wickedness & their abomination

¹⁸& it shall come to pass saith the Lord of Hosts
yea our great & true God
that whoso shall hide up treasures in the earth
shall find them again no more because of the great curse of the land
save **he** be a righteous man & shall **hide** it up unto the Lord
¹⁹for I will saith the Lord that they shall hide up their treasures unto me
& cursed be they who hideth not up their treasures unto me
for none *hideth* up their treasures unto me save it be the righteous
& he that hideth not up his treasure unto me
cursed *is* he & also the treasure
& none shall redeem it because of the curse of the land

²⁰& the day shall come ^{that} ~~when~~ they shall hide up their treasures
because they have set their hearts upon riches
& because they have set their hearts upon their riches
& **I** will hide up their treasures when they shall flee before their enemies
because they will not hide them up unto me
cursed be they & also their treasures
& in that day ^{shall} they be smitten saith the Lord
²¹behold ye the people of this great city
& hearken unto my words
yea hearken unto the words which the Lord saith
for behold he saith that ye are cursed because of your riches
& also are your riches cursed
because ye have set your hearts upon them
& hath not hearkened unto the words of him who gave them unto you
²²ye do not remember *the* Lord your God
in the things which he hath blessed you
but ye do always remember your riches
not to thank the Lord your God for them
yea your heart is not drawn out unto the Lord
but they do swell with great pride unto boasting
& unto great swelling envyings strifes malice persecutions & murders
& all manner of iniquities
²³for *this* cause hath the Lord God caused
that a curse should come upon the land & also upon your
riches & this because of your iniquities

²⁴yea wo unto this people because of this time which has **arr**riven
that ye do cast out the prophets & do mock them
& cast stones at them & do slay them
& do do all manner of iniquity unto them
even as they did of old time
²⁵& now when ye talk ye say
If our days had been in the days of our fathers of Old
ye would not ~~æ~~^{have} slain the prophets
ye would not have stoned them & cast them out

²⁶ behold ye are worse than they
for as the Lord liveth
if a prophet come among you
& declareth unto you the word of the Lord
which testifieth of your sins & iniquities
ye are angry with him & cast him out
& seek all manner of ways to destroy him
yea you will say that he is a fals prophet
& that he is a sinner & of the Devil
because he testifieth that your deeds are evil

²⁷ but behold if a man shall come among you & shall say
do this & there is no iniquity
do that & ye shall not suffer
yea he will say
walk after the pride of your own hearts
yea walk after the pride of your eyes
& do whatsoever your heart desireth
& if a man shall come among you & say this
ye will receive him
& ^{ye} he will say that he is a prophet

²⁸ yea ye will lift him up
& ye will give unto him of your substance
ye will give unto him of your gold & of your silver
& ye will cloath him with costly apparel
& because he speaketh flattering words unto you
& he sa^{saieth} yet that all is well
& then ye will not find no fault with him

²⁹ O ye wicked & ~~pe~~^{er}ve ye perverse generation
ye hardened & ye stiffnecked people
how long will ye suppose that the Lord will suffer you
yea how long will ye suffer yourselves to be lead by foolish & blind guides
yea how long will ye chose darkness rather than light

³⁰ ye behold the anger of the Lord is already kindled against you
behold he hath cursed the land because of your iniquity

³¹ & behold the time cometh that he curseth your riches
that they become slippery & ^{that} ye cannot hold them
& in the days of your poverty ye cannot retain them

³² & in the days of your poverty ye shall cry unto the Lord
& in vain shall ye cry
for your destr^{desolation}uction is already come upon you
& your destruction is made sure

& then shall ye weep & howl & in that day saith the Lord of *Hosts*
& then shall ye lament & say

³³O that I had repented
& had not killed the prophets & stoned them & cast them out
yea in that day **shall ye** say
O that we had remembered the Lord our God
in the day that he gave us our riches
& then they would not have become slippery
that we should lose them
for behold our riches are gone from us
³⁴behold we layeth a tool here & on the morrow it is gone
& behold our swords are taken from us
in the day we have sought them for battle
³⁵yea we have ^{hid}ad up our treasures
& they have slipped away from us because of the curse of the land
³⁶O that we had repented in the day that the word of the Lord came unto us
for behold the land is cursed
& all things are become *slippery & we cannot hold them*
³⁷behold we are surrounded by Demons
yea we are *encircle^d about by the angels* of him
who hath sought to destroy our Souls
behold our *iniquities are great*
O Lord canst thou not turn away thine anger from us
& this shall be your *language in them days*

³⁸*but* behold your days of probation is passed
ye have procrastinated the day *of your Salvation*
untill it is everlastingly to late & your destruction is made sure
yea for *ye have sought all the days* of your lives
for that which ye could not obtain
& ye have *sought for happiness* in doing iniquity
which thing is conterary to the nature of that *righteousness*
which is in our great & eternal head
³⁹O ye people of the land
that ye would *hear my words*
& *I pray* that the anger of the Lord be turned away from you
& that ye *would repent & be saved*