

& 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 upon 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 inso much that they went away unto Nephi to be Baptised

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 we cannot 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.*

<sup>1</sup>And 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.

<sup>2</sup>But 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.

<sup>3</sup>Now when they saw [X] 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.

<sup>4</sup>For behold, Nephi was baptizing, and [X] 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—

<sup>5</sup>Telling 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.

<sup>6</sup>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 and their arrows, they cried [X] 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 [ ]we [ ] [ ] can [ ] 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<sup>from the wall</sup> & did flee out of their lands yea even unto his own country & began to preach & to prophesy among his own people

& behold he was never heard of more among the Nephites & thus were the affairs of the people

& thus ended the eighth & sixth year of the Reign of the Judges over the people 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 circumspectly 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 iniquity & do more & more of that which was contrary to the commandments of God in the eighty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges

but [behold] it came to pass in the ninetieth<sup>year</sup> 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 joy<sup>o</sup> [&] 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 wisdom saying

some things they may have guessed right among so many but behold we know that all these great & marvelous works cannot come to pass of which hath been spoken

& they began to reason & to contend among themselves saying

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<sup>7</sup>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.

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

<sup>9</sup>And thus ended the eig [ ] hty and sixth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

<sup>10</sup>And thus ended also the eighty and [X] seventh year of the reign of the judges, [X] the more part of the people remaining in their pride and wickedness, and the lesser part walking more circumspectly before God.

<sup>11</sup>And these were the conditions also, in the eighty and eighth year of the reign of the judges.

<sup>12</sup>And there was but little alteration in the affairs of the people, save it were the people began to be more hardened in iniquity, 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 judges.

<sup>13</sup>But [X] it came to pass in the [ \_ \_ ] ninetieth year of the reign of the judges, there were great signs given unto the people, and wonders; and the words of the prophets began to be fulfilled.

<sup>14</sup>And angels did appear unto men, wise men, and did declare unto them glad tidings of great [ \_ ] joy [ \_ ]; [X] thus in this year the scriptures began to be fulfilled.

<sup>15</sup>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 wisdom, saying:

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

<sup>17</sup>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 yeeld 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 disterbed for Satan did Stir them up to do iniquity continually yea he did go about spreading rurers & comentions upon all the face of the land that he might harden the hearts of the People against that wech was good & against that which should come

& notwithstanding the signs & the wonders wech 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

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

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

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<sup>18</sup>That 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?

<sup>19</sup>Yea, why will he not **show** himself in this land as well as in the land of Jerusalem?

<sup>20</sup>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 **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.

<sup>21</sup>And 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 servants 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.

<sup>22</sup>And 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 continually; 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.

<sup>23</sup>And 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.

<sup>24</sup>And thus ended the **ninetieth** year of the reign of the **judges** over the people of Nephi.

<sup>25</sup>And thus **ended the book of Helaman**, according to the record of Helaman **and his sons**~~[\_]~~.  
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