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¹& 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

desireing that they might be Baptised unto the Lord

²but as many as there were

whi◊h did not believe 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

³now 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

⁴for behold Nephi was baptising & 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

⁵telling them of things which must shortly come

that they might know & remember at the time of their comeing

that they had been made known unto them before hand

to the intent that they might beleeve

therefore as many as believed on the words of Samuel

went forth unto him to be Baptiseed

for heey came repenting & confessing their sins

⁶but the more part of them did not believe en the words of Samuel

therefore when they st saw that they could not hit him

with their Stones & their arrows

they cried out unto their captains saying

take thes fellow & bind him

for behold he hath a Devil

& because of the power of the Devil which is en hem

the we y-eou can^{ld} not hit him with our stones & our arrows

therefore take him & bind him & away with him

⁷& as they went forth to lay their hands on him

behold he did cast hemself 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

⁸& behold he was neaver heard of more among the Nephites

& thus were the affairs of the people

⁹& thus ended the eig^tth & sixth year

of the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

¹⁰& 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

¹¹& thus were the conditions also in the eighty & eighth year

of the reign of the Judges

¹²& 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 conterary to the commandments of God
in the eighty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges

¹³but [behold] it came to pass in the nининиeth 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

¹⁴& Angels did appear unto men wise men

& did declare unto them glad tidings of great g^oy^e

[&] thus in thes year the Scriptures began to be fulfilled

¹⁵nevertheless 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

¹⁶some things they may have guessed right among so many

but behold we know that all these great & marvelous wor^{wor}ks
cannot come to pass of which hath been spoken

¹⁷& they began to reason & to contend among themselves saying

¹⁸that 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 unto Jerusalem

¹⁹yea why will he not shew himself in this land

as well as in the land of Jerusalem

²⁰but 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 wihi our own eyes that they are true

²¹& 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

²²& 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 **rumers & comentions**
upon all the face of the land
that he might harden the hearts of **the People**
against that whech was good
& against that which should come
²³& notwithstanding **the signs & the wonders**
whech 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**
²⁴& **thes ended the ninetyeth year**
of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi
²⁵& thus **erded the Book of Helaman**
according to the record of Helaman & his Sons—
