

Episode 9: Samuel the Lamanite

Helaman 13–16

Name: _____

Principle: Prophets speak what the Lord puts in their hearts, even when it's unpopular. Signs strengthen faith; they don't replace it.

Read Helaman 13:4; Helaman 14:2–3; Helaman 14:5; Helaman 14:12–13; Helaman 16:2

Helaman 13:4 ⁴And it came to pass that they would not suffer that he should enter into the city; therefore he went and got upon the wall thereof, and stretched forth his hand and cried with a loud voice, and prophesied unto the people whatsoever things the Lord put into his heart.

Helaman 14:2–3 ²And behold, he said unto them: Behold, I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. ³And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day.

Helaman 14:5 ⁵And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you.

Helaman 14:12–13 ¹²And also that ye might know of the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and of earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and that ye might know of the signs of his coming, to the intent that ye might believe on his name. ¹³And if ye believe on his name ye will repent of all your sins, that thereby ye may have a remission of them through his merits.

Helaman 16:2 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.

Discuss & reflect

1. The Nephites “did cast him out” (13:2), but Samuel came back and preached from the wall. What do you think made him return?
2. He prophesied “whatsoever things the Lord put into his heart” (13:4). How can you tell when a prompting is from the Lord?
3. Many believed and sought baptism (16:1); others threw stones and shot arrows. Same message, opposite reactions. Why?
4. Signs were given “to the intent that ye might believe” (14:12). Do signs create faith, or confirm it?

What I learned

One thing I'll do this week:

Cross-reference

Amos 3:7 “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

Matthew 2:2 “Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

✍ Mark it

Mark Helaman 14:12. Note in the margin one teaching from a living prophet you will act on.

Sketch notes

 doodle, map, or diagram

Family discussion

What has a living prophet taught recently that our family could act on together?

✂ cut out • keep in your scriptures as a bookmark

MEMORY VERSE

“And if ye believe on his name ye will repent of all your sins, that thereby ye may have a remission of them through his merits.”

Helaman 14:13