

Samuel the Lamanite's Prophecies

Key Scripture Helaman 14

Explanation As the time neared for Samuel the Lamanite's prophecies to be fulfilled, Nephi³ witnessed the growing skepticism of the people concerning the predicted earthly advent of Jesus Christ. This skepticism led to the persecution of those who believed in Christ's coming by those who felt the time of his birth had already passed. These skeptics threatened to kill the believers unless the sign of Christ's birth appeared before a certain date. Possibly because the very lives of the believers depended on the fulfillment of those prophecies, Nephi paid careful attention to documenting their exact fulfillment. Nephi also tracked Samuel's prophecies concerning Christ's death and their fulfillment.

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Concerning Christ's Birth

	Reference	Fulfillment
Christ will be born in 5 years	Helaman 14:2	3 Nephi 1:13
No darkness for 2 days, 1 night	Helaman 14:3–4	3 Nephi 1:15
A new star will arise	Helaman 14:5	3 Nephi 1:21
There will be signs and wonders	Helaman 14:6	3 Nephi 2:1
People will fall to the earth	Helaman 14:7	3 Nephi 1:16–17

Concerning Christ's Death

	Reference	Fulfillment
No light for 3 days	Helaman 14:20, 27	3 Nephi 8:19–23
Thunderings and lightnings	Helaman 14:21	3 Nephi 8:6–7
Earth will shake, tremble, and be broken up	Helaman 14:21–22	3 Nephi 8:12, 17–18
Mountains will be laid low and valleys raised	Helaman 14:23	3 Nephi 8:10, 13; 9:8
Resurrected people will appear to many	Helaman 14:25	3 Nephi 23:9–14