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Questions
Handout

Helaman

Helaman 1 CONTENTION OVER GOVERNMENT

1. How was Pahoran appointed to be the chief judge?
2. What did Pacumeni do after the appointment of Pahoran?
3. Why was Paanchi condemned to death?
4. Why was Kishkumen not disclosed as the murderer of Pahoran?
5. Who succeeded Pahoran? Why?
6. Who killed Pacumeni?
7. What advantage did Coriantumr's coming in the center of the land give Moronihah?

Helaman 2 THE ORIGIN OF THE GADIANTON BAND

1. Who succeeded Pacumeni as chief judge? How?
2. Who was Gadianton and how did he seek to be placed in the judgment seat?
3. How were the plans of Kishkumen to destroy Helaman spoiled?
4. What does Mormon say about Gadianton and the people of Nephi?

Helaman 3 THE LAND OF DESOLATION AND THE GADIANTON ROBBERS

1. Why did many leave Zarahemla and go unto the land northward?
2. How is the land northward, an exceeding great distance, described?
3. Why was the land northward called desolate?
4. Why did they build their houses of cement?
5. How did they get timber to their land?
6. How much of the account of this people is recorded in our present Book of Mormon and how many other records were kept? By whom?
7. Where were the Gadianton robbers located at this time? Why weren't they destroyed?
8. What was the condition of the church at this time?
9. What three "thus we see" concepts does Mormon want us to learn?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
10. What began to enter into the hearts of those who professed to belong to the church in the 51st year and what effect did this have?
11. What did the more humble part of the people do and what was the result?
12. Who succeeded Helaman as the chief judge. How did he reign?
13. What years are covered to for these chapters?

Helaman 4 THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH IN ZARAHEMLA

1. Where did Moronihah fortify against the Lamanites? For what length?
2. Why did the Nephites suffer great loss and not prosper?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Why did the Nephites again prosper?
4. As the Nephites remembered the prophecies of Alma and the words of Mosiah, what did they see?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. What began to happen in the Church?
6. Why did the spirit of the Lord no more preserve them?
7. How did the Lamanites compare to them at this time?

Helaman 5 THE CONVERSION OF THE LAMANITES

1. Why did Nephi turn over the judgment seat to Cezoram?
2. Why had Helaman named his sons Lehi and Nephi?
3. What was Helaman's desire for his sons?
4. What words of King Benjamin did Helaman give to his sons?
5. What words of Amulek did Helaman give to his sons?
6. What did Helaman want his sons to know about Christ, the Son of God?
7. What did the dissenters who repented and joined the Church do?
8. How were Nephi and Lehi able to speak with such power and authority?

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9. Why were the Lamanites afraid to lay hands on Lehi and Nephi?
10. As the cloud of darkness came over the prison, how many times was a voice heard and how is the voice described?
11. What did the Nephite dissenter see and point out to the multitude?
12. What did Aminadab tell the Lamanites to do in order to overcome the darkness?
13. As the cloud dispersed, what happened to the Lamanites? Why?

Helaman 6 GADIANTON'S OATHS AND COVENANTS

1. How prosperous did both Lamanites and Nephites become?
2. Why was the land north called Mulek and the land south called Lehi?
3. What happened to Cezoram and his son?
4. Why had the people grown exceedingly wicked again?
5. Who was responsible for what had happened to Cezoram and his son?
6. What did the oaths and covenants of the Gadianton robbers include?
7. How was a brother who had entered the covenant distinguished?
8. How were those tried who revealed their wickedness and abominations?
9. Where did these oaths and covenants come from?

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9. Where did these oaths and covenants come from?
10. In what other specific periods of time had these covenants been made general?
 - a.
 - b.
11. Upon what condition does the author of all sin operate?
12. What was beginning to happen to the Nephites? Why?
13. What was beginning to happen to the Lamanites? Why?
14. How did the Lamanites eliminate the robbers from among them?
15. Why did the robbers spread among the Nephites?
16. How extensive did the robbers become among the Nephites?
17. What conclusion does Mormon draw for us?
18. What years are covered in these chapters?

Helaman 7 NEPHI UPON THE TOWER

1. Why did Nephi return from the land northward?
2. What conditions were in Zarahemla upon Nephi's return from the northward?
3. What was Nephi's wish because of these conditions?
4. What does Nephi tell the people will be reversed if they do not repent?
5. Why does Nephi say it will be better for the Lamanites than for them?
6. How did Nephi know the things which he told them was true?

Helaman 8 NEPHI CITES THE ANCIENT PROPHETS

1. What were the judges reactions to Nephi's stern warning?
2. What did others say about Nephi?
3. What other words did Nephi say they were denying?
4. What two Old Testament incidents are cited by Nephi?
 - a.
 - b.
5. Who else beside Moses had testified of these things? Why?
6. Who was Zenos and why was he slain?
7. Name four other prophets who had testified.
8. What evidence was given that Jeremiah's prophecy had been fulfilled?
9. Nephi testified that these people are doing what instead of laying up treasures in heaven?
10. What prophecy of that time does Nephi now make?

Helaman 9 NEPHI'S PROPHECIES ARE VERIFIED

1. What happened to the five who were sent to check out Nephi's prophecy?
2. What further sign does Nephi give when he is accused of murder?
3. Why did some of the people think that Nephi was a god?

Helaman 10 GOD GRANTS POWER UNTO NEPHI

1. Why did God grant unto Nephi all things which he should say?
2. What power was granted unto Nephi?
3. What was Nephi commanded to declare to the people?
4. Why were they unable to cast Nephi into prison?

Helaman 11 NEPHI BRINGS A FAMINE

1. What did Nephi request God to do to prevent the people's destruction?
2. Why did the people rejoice and esteem Nephi as a prophet of God?
3. How did Lehi compare to Nephi?
4. How was the contention over the points of doctrine settled?
5. What came again into the land in the eightieth year?
6. What years are covered in Chapters 7-11?

Helaman 12 MAN IS LESS THAN THE DUST OF THE EARTH

1. Who apparently wrote this chapter?
2. What three things does the writer want the reader to know?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Why is man less than the dust of the earth?
4. What evidence is there that the Nephites understood astronomy?
5. Why had repentance been declared?
6. Why does Mormon wish that men will be brought unto repentance and good works?
7. What words will be fulfilled when some are cast out at the last day?

Helaman 13 SAMUEL PROPHECIES OF DESTRUCTION

1. Why was Samuel, the Lamanite, cast out? Why did he return?
2. Why did he get on the wall of the city?
3. What does Samuel, the Lamanite, prophecy concerning before 400 years?
4. What was the source of Samuel's information?
5. Why was the city of Zarahemla being saved at the present time?
6. What did Samuel prophecy concerning treasures?
7. Why were this people worse than those of old who had slain the prophets?
8. What lament is prophesied of for the day of their poverty?
9. What was made sure for these people at this time? Why?

Helaman 14 SAMUEL PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST

1. What signs did Samuel prophecy about Christ's coming in five years?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. What reactions were to come from these signs?
3. Why did Samuel say they were rejecting his message?
4. What was Samuel's intent in coming upon the walls of the city?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
5. Why was it expedient that Christ die?
6. Where does the resurrection bring man?
7. What happens to those who are not prepared for the redemption of Christ?
8. What signs does Samuel give of Christ's death?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
9. What is the overall intent of sending Samuel, the Lamanite, to Zarahemla?
10. What does Samuel tell his brethren to remember?

Helaman 15 WHY THE NEPHITES WERE DESTROYED BUT NOT THE LAMANITES

1. What does Samuel say will happen if they don't repent?
 - a.
 - b.
2. Who does Samuel cite as an example of repentance?
3. What prophet had prophesied of the restoration of the Lamanites? When?
4. What had he prophesied?
5. Why had the Lamanites not been destroyed?
6. What will happen to the Nephites?

Helaman 16 THE EFFECTS OF SAMUEL'S PROPHECY

1. Why could those who were angry not hit Samuel with the stones and arrows?
2. What part of the people believed Samuel?
3. What excuse did they make for not being able to hit Samuel?
4. What happened in the ninetieth year?
5. How did some people rationalize against Samuel's words?
6. What was Satan's activities in these years?
7. What years are covered in chapters 13-16?
8. What happened to Samuel?