

Helaman 14

Signs of the Savior

Heavenly Father sends prophets to help His children believe in His Beloved Son, such as when He instructed Samuel the Lamanite to prophesy to the Nephites. As part of his prophecies, Samuel told of signs that would announce the birth and death of Jesus Christ. This lesson can help you strengthen your belief in Jesus Christ as you understand signs God has given us.

Announcements

Think of events in your life that are so important that you will announce them to friends and family ahead of time. In many cultures, formal announcements of graduation, marriage, significant birthdays, and other events are created and sent out weeks or months in advance.

What are some reasons people would send these announcements before the day of the event?

What are some events that Heavenly Father has chosen to announce beforehand through His prophets? Why do you think those events are so important to make known?

Through Samuel the Lamanite's prophecies, God announced to the Nephites important future events and signs that would accompany them.

Read [Helaman 14:12](#), looking for reasons God commanded Samuel to prophesy of these signs.

One truth we can learn is that knowing signs God has given can affirm our belief in Jesus Christ.

How do you think witnessing the signs given by Samuel to announce the birth and death of Jesus Christ would have affected you? Ponder what signs or experiences God has given you to confirm your belief in the Savior. These might include signs that precede the Savior's Second Coming.

Signs of the Savior's birth and death

Complete the following:

Using the following prophecies, create announcements for the Nephites in Samuel's day of the birth and death of the Savior. Strive to capture the excitement of the Savior's birth and the weight of His death. Also include why people should prepare for these coming events.

Signs of His birth: [Helaman 14:2-8](#)

Signs of His death: [Helaman 14:14–15, 20–27](#)

Ponder the following questions:

- Why do you think signs involving light and darkness announced the Savior’s birth and death?
- How might seeing these signs have affirmed the Nephites’ belief in the Savior?

Signs of the Second Coming

Just as Heavenly Father used signs to prepare the ancient Nephites for the coming of His Son, He uses signs in our day to help us prepare for the Second Coming of His Son.

To help you become familiar with or remember some of the signs preceding the Second Coming, read the following scripture passages and match them with the description of the sign. If you would like to study more signs, see “[Signs of the Times](#)” in the Guide to the Scriptures (scriptures.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

1 Nephi 14:14	People from all nations will be drawn to the temple of God
2 Nephi 3:6, 11, 15	A descendant of Joseph of Egypt (Joseph Smith) will bring forth God’s word (the Book of Mormon)
Isaiah 2:2–3	The gospel will be preached in all the world
Matthew 24:14	The Lord’s people will be found all over the earth and will be blessed with God’s power
2 Timothy 3:1–7	People will be selfish and sinful and will turn away from God

Answer the following questions:

How have you seen some of the signs of the Savior’s Second Coming fulfilled?

Before answering the following question, ponder how your belief in the Savior has been affected by the restored Church of Jesus Christ, the Prophet Joseph Smith, the Book of Mormon, missionary work, and temples.

How has the fulfillment of these signs affirmed your faith in the Savior?
