

The Role of a Prophet

Capacity as seen through Nephi, son of Helaman Helaman 7-11

- 1- Helaman 7:8-9 Mission is in the Present
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 365)
- 2- Helaman 7:17-19 Cries Repentance\Warns of Coming Judgments
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 361)
- 3- Helaman 7:29 Called of God – Not Self Appointed
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 307)
- 4- Helaman 8:4-6 Unpopular with Wicked
(ETB, *Speeches-2/80*)
- 5- Helaman 8:11; 13-20 Consistent with Other Prophets
(ETB, *TETB*, pg.66)
- 6- Helaman 8:20 Supported by External Evidence
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 266-67)
- 7- Helaman 8:27-28 Speaks on Current Events
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 302-03)
- 8- Helaman 9:25 Gives Signs When Appropriate
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 157; 278)
- 9- Helaman 10:7-10 Given Power (to Seal, to Bless, to Curse)
(JS, *TPJS*, pg. 340)
- 10- Helaman 11:5-6 Miracles Attend Prophets
(ETB, *TETB*, pg. 68)
- 11- Helaman 11:18 Held in High Esteem by the Righteous
(ETB, *Ensign*, Jan. 1986, pg.12)
- 12- Helaman 11:23 Receives Revelation Daily
(ETB, *Speeches-2/80*)

#2 “Today I shall speak doctrine, by way of warning and of testimony, and shall do so as one holding the holy apostleship, whose responsibility it is to proclaim the Lord's message in all the world and to all people. Each of my brethren of the Council of the Twelve has the same responsibility I have to declare these things to the world and to bear record of them before all men.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, November 1975, pg. 33)

#4 “Every man to whom the heavens have been opened and who had received revelations from God has been hated by his fellows; his life has been sought, and he has had no peace on the earth. No matter how numerous such persons have been they have been hunted and driven.” (George Q. Cannon, *Journal of Discourses*, 12:367)

“A prophet is seldom popular, and the cost of being a prophet is always great, for he may be called upon to say those things which are not pleasing... and he may find himself fighting against a tide of mass—misconception, and, as history records, be stoned, crucified, banished, ridiculed, shunned, or rejected, For the truth is not pleasing unto all men, and time has proved that majorities are not always right....It is not important that a prophet should say those thing with which you and I are in full accord. But it is important that you and I should bring ourselves into full accord with those things which a prophet speaks by virtue of his calling.” (Richard L. Evens, *Improvement Era*, November 1939, pg. 672)

#7 “Judge, you will aspire to the presidency of the United States; and if ever you turn your hand against me or the Latter-day Saints, you will feel the weight of the almighty upon you; and you will live to see and know that I have testified the truth to you.” (Joseph Smith, *TPJS*, pg. 302-03)

#9 “The Lord once told me that what I asked for I should have. I have been afraid to ask God to kill my enemies, lest some of them should, peradventure, repent. I asked a short time since for the Lord to deliver me out of the hands of the Governor of Missouri, and if it needs must be to accomplished it, to take him away; and the next news that came pouring down from there was, that Governor Reynolds had shot himself. And I would now say, ‘Beware, O earth, how you fight against the Saints of God and shed innocent blood...’” (Joseph Smith, *TPJS*, pg. 340)