

# Samuel's Quotation of Benjamin

## Mosiah 3:8

And he shall be called  
*Jesus Christ, the Son of  
God, the Father of  
heaven and earth,  
the Creator of all  
things from the  
beginning;*

and his mother shall  
be called Mary.

## Helaman 14:12

And 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.

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**Key Scriptures** Mosiah 3:8; Helaman 14:12

**Explanation** Though Samuel did not explicitly state that he was quoting Benjamin, his words in Helaman 14:12 are a precise repetition of Benjamin's key words in Mosiah 3:8. Samuel could have known of the teachings of Benjamin through the ministry of Helaman's sons Lehi and Nephi to the Lamanites. Because Helaman stressed that his sons should remember the words of Benjamin (see Helaman 5:9), it is likely that Lehi and Nephi used exact quotes of Benjamin in their proselytizing. In Mosiah 3:8, Benjamin revealed to his people, in connection with their covenant with God, the name and titles of their Lord God Omnipotent. This took place at Zarahemla. A century later, Samuel the Lamanite stood on the walls of that same city and called the people to repentance. His use of Benjamin's covenantal language probably struck them especially powerfully.

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