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## Appendix: Annals of the Nephite Wars

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*Appendix:*

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**Key****Sources:**

- # = Nephite records  
 Z# = Zeniffite record  
 SM# = Sons of Mosiah record

**Type of Conflict:**

- L = Lamanite initiative  
 N = Nephite initiative  
 NvsN = Nephites vs. Nephites  
 LvsL = Lamanites vs. Anti-Nephi-Lehies  
 Z = Zeniffite initiative  
 O = Intended action not carried out  
 A = Multiple battles involved

**Quality rating for date:**

- <sup>a</sup> = specific month cited (3 occurrences)  
<sup>b</sup> = commencement or end of year specified  
       or implied (32 occurrences)  
<sup>c</sup> = plausible inferential basis (11 occurrences)
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### *1. Era: Since departure from Jerusalem*

<b>#</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
1	LA	2 Nephi 5:34		Within forty years, Nephites had already had wars and contentions with the Lamanites.
2	LA	Jacob 7:24	55-179	Lamanites delight in wars and seek to destroy Nephites continually.
3	LA	Enos 1:20	55-179	Enos sees wars in his lifetime; Lamanites continually seek to destroy Nephites.
4	LA	Jarom 1:7	179-238	Lamanites come many times against Nephites.
5	LA	Omni 1:2-3	ca. 238- 320	Omni fights much against Lamanites; seasons of serious war.
6	L	Omni 1:24	ca. 440- 460	A serious war in the days of Benjamin.
7	L	Words of Mormon 1:13-14	ca. 440- 460	Lamanites come from land of Nephi; Benjamin's armies beat them back.
8	NO	Mosiah 9:1-2	ca. 405	Zeniff and a Nephite army go to land of Nephi to destroy the Lamanites, but do not act.

### *2. Era: Zeniff as king/Since departure from Jerusalem*

<b>#</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
Z1	L	Mosiah 9:14	13/ca. 445	Lamanites attack.
Z2	Z	Mosiah 9:16-18	13/ca. 445	Nephites counterattack, drive Lamanites out of their land.
Z3	L	Mosiah 10:3, 5, 8-10, 19-20	35/ca. 467	Lamanites attack Shilom from Shemlon after twenty-two years of peace, but are driven out.
Z4	L	Mosiah 11:16-17	40/ca. 472	Lamanites attack Zeniffite guards.
Z5	Z	Mosiah 11:18	40/ca. 472	Noah's army defeats Lamanites.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
Z6	ZO	Mosiah 18:33	ca. 43/ca. 475	Noah's army pursues Alma's people.
Z7	L	Mosiah 19:6-20	ca. 43/ca. 475	Lamanites attack Noah; he flees, dies.
Z8	L	Mosiah 20:7-11	ca. 45/ca. 477	Lamanites attack people of Limhi because of stolen maidens.
Z9	Z	Mosiah 21:7-8	ca. 46/ca. 478	Limhi and army attack Lamanites and are beaten.
Z10	Z	Mosiah 21:11	ca. 46/ca. 478	They renew the fight and suffer much loss.
Z11	Z	Mosiah 21:12	ca. 46/ca. 478	And still again, losing once more.
Z12	LO	Mosiah 22:15	ca. 53/ca. 485	Lamanite army pursues Limhi's people into the wilderness unsuccessfully.
Z13	L	Mosiah 23:25-29	ca. 53/ca. 485	Lamanite army that had chased Limhi enters Helam where Alma and his people dwell.
Z14	LO	Mosiah 24:23	ca. 55/ca. 487	Lamanite army pursues Alma's people, but cannot catch them.

### *3. Era: Reign of the Judges*

#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
9	NvsN	Alma 2:1	5.I.10- III.30 (= 514)	Contention begins; Amlici strives to be king.
		Alma 2:5-7	IV.1-VI.1	Voice of the people obtained: negative.
		Alma 2:8	VI.5- VII.30	Amlici stirs up followers.
		Alma 2:10	VIII.1- IX.30	Action 10 planned.
		Alma 2:12-14	X.1-XI.25	Mobilization of Amlicites and Nephites.
		Alma 2:15	XI.25-28	Amlicites move from homelands to hill Amnihu.
		Alma 2:17-19	5.XI.29 <sup>b</sup>	Fighting.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
10	L	Alma 2:27-28	5.XI.30 <sup>b</sup>	Amlicite-Lamanite combined army attempts to reach Zarahemla, but Nephites drive them away.
11	L	Alma 3:20-23 Alma 3:25, 27	5.XII. 5-12 <sup>b</sup> XII.30 (+ 5?)	A backup army attacks and is driven off. All these wars commenced and ended in fifth year. Thus ends the year.
SM1	LvsL	Alma 24:2	10.	Lamanites attack Anti-Nephi-Lehies.
12	L	Alma 16:1 Alma 16:2-3	10.XII.1- 11.II.5 11.II.5-7 <sup>a</sup>	Lamanites prepare, march to target. Attack at Ammonihah and around Noah.
13	LA	Alma 25:3	11.II. 7-23 <sup>a</sup>	En route back, Lamanites had many battles.
14	N	Alma 16:8 Alma 16:9	11.III.7 <sup>a</sup> XII.30 (+ 5?)	Battle above Manti; captives are recovered. Thus ends the eleventh year.
15	L	Alma 16:12	14.	Lamanites come to war this year; no details.
SM2	LvsL	Alma 27:2	14.	Lamanites again destroy Anti-Nephi-Lehies.
16	L	Alma 27:14 Alma 27:20 Alma 27:21-26  Alma 28:1 Alma 28:2-3 Alma 28:4-6 Alma 28:7	14.XII. 7-21 XII.21-25 15.I.1-II.1  II-X 15.XI. 15-17 <sup>b</sup> XII.1-30 XII.30 (+5?)	Anti-Nephi-Lehies flee to the borders of the land of Zarahemla. Alma, Ammon consult the chief judge. Voice of the people obtained; leaders return; Anti-Nephi-Lehies go to Jershon. They settle, plant, build; Nephite armies placed. Huge battle with Lamanites; tremendous slaughter on both sides. Ritual mourning period. Thus ends the fifteenth year.
17	LO	Alma 35:10	17.X-XII	Zoramites stir up their people and Lamanites against people of Ammon.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
		Alma 35:12	XII.30 (+ 5?)	Thus ends the seventeenth year.
		Alma 35:13	18.I-II	Ammonites move to Melek (compare Alma 43:13), leaving Nephite army in Jershon to contend with Lamanites and Zoramites.
		Alma 43:4, 15, 22	18.II <sup>b</sup>	Nephites prepare for war; Lamanite armies want to attack but do not due to superior Nephite preparations.
18	L	Alma 43:22-33	18.III-X	Lamanite redeployment to Manti sector (via land of Nephi homeland?). Moroni spies on them, sends to Alma and receives prophetic assistance, marches to Manti, mobilizes locals, positions his men, waits.
		Alma 43:35-54	18.XI.25 <sup>b</sup>	Battle; Lamanites defeated.
		Alma 44:23	XII.1-15	Nephite armies return to homes.
		Alma 44:24	XII.30 (+ 5?)	Thus ends the eighteenth year.
19	NvsN	Alma 45:1	19.I	Fasting, prayer, thankfulness.
		Alma 45:2-18	I.15	Alma charges his son, leaves.
		Alma 45:20-22	I.25- III.25	Helaman preaches, organizes in all the land.
		Alma 46:1-7	III.25- IV.30	Sorting out of sides, arming, Amalickiah's "flattery," and gathering of dissident force.
		Alma 46:12-28	IV.1- IV.30	Moroni rallies the faithful.
		Alma 46:29-33	19.V.1-7 <sup>c</sup>	Amalickiah departs; Moroni and posse pursue, intercept, slay some. Amalickiah escapes.
20	L	Alma 47:1.36	19.V.20- VIII.20	Amalickiah gains, consolidates power.
		Alma 48:1-5	VIII.20- X.10	Amalickiah stirs up Lamanites, prepares for war, staffs army with Zoramites.
		Alma 48:8-9	X-XI	Moroni fortifies Nephite sites.

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21	N	Alma 49:1	X.10- XI.10	Lamanites on way to Ammonihah.		
		Alma 49:3-24	19.XI. 10-15 <sup>b</sup>	Lamanites are defeated at Ammonihah and Noah.		
		Alma 49:25	XI.15- XII.15	Lamanites return to land of Nephi.		
		Alma 49:29	XII.30 (+ 5?)	Thus ends the nineteenth year.		
		Alma 50:1-6	20.I-II	Nephites fortify extensively.		
		Alma 50:7	20.II. 10-30 <sup>c</sup>	Lamanite squatters driven from east coastal area by Nephite army.		
		Alma 50:9-15	III-XII	Settlers installed; Nephites construct cities and fortifications.		
		Alma 50:16	XII.30 (+ 5?)	Thus ends the twentieth year.		
		22	NvsN	Alma 50:25	24.II.1- III.15	Contention arises between peoples of Morianton and Lehi; legalistic jousting.
				Alma 50:26-27	III.15- IV.30	A warm contention; former take up arms; Lehi group flees to Moroni.
Alma 50:28-29	V-XI			Morianton worries, determines to flee to north, sells his people on it.		
Alma 50:33-35	24.XII. 1-20 <sup>b</sup>			Morianton group flees; Moroni pursues; battle occurs.		
Alma 50:36	XII.21-30			Moriantonites returned; lands united.		
Alma 50:40	XII.30 (+ 5?)			Thus ends the twenty-fourth year.		
23	NvsN			Alma 51:1	25.I-II	Peace.
				Alma 51:2-6	III.1-V.30	Contentions develop; petitions made; sides chosen.
		Alma 51:7	VI.1- VII.30	Voice of the people obtained.		
		Alma 51:7	VIII.1- X.1	Political stalemate.		
		Alma 51:14	IX.15- XII.1	Lamanite army on the way to east coast.		
		Alma 51:15-21	25.IX.30- XI.30 <sup>c</sup>	Moroni receives (emergency or partial?) approval by the voice of the people, subdues rebels.		

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24	L	Alma 51:22-23	25.XII.1 <sup>a</sup>	City of Moroni attacked, taken.
		Alma 51:25-37	XII.5-30 (+ 5?)	Lamanite army advances to near Bountiful. On new year's eve, Teancum slays Amalickiah in his tent on the beach. Lamanites hole up. Thus ends the twenty-fifth year.

The chronology from here to the beginning of the thirtieth year constitutes a revision of the literal dates in Alma 52-58, which contain contradictions likely due to errors of memory by Helaman. The revision is developed in my paper, "The Significance of the Chronological Discrepancy between Alma 53:22 and Alma 56:9," which can be requested from FARMS. The revisions do not change any seasonal information.

#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
25	L	Alma 52:2	26.II.1- III.15	Ammoron travels to Nephi.
		Alma 52:4-5	III.15- VIII	He consolidates power.
		Alma 52:12-13	26.IX- XI.15 <sup>b</sup>	He raises a new (limited) army and attacks the west sea borders of the Nephites with little success but poses a threat.
		Alma 52:11, 15	XI- 27.I.30	Moroni goes to the west sea front, organizes, recruits, establishes defenses.
26	NO	Alma 52:15-17	26.XI- XII <sup>b</sup>	Moroni has instructed Teancum to attack Mulek if possible and has sent some reinforcements, but Teancum lacks a tactical plan. Keeps visibly preparing for attack while fortifying.
27	L	Alma 52:19; 56:13-14	27.X.25- XI.15 <sup>b</sup>	Lamanites capture Manti, Zeezrom, Cumeni and Antiparah.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
28	LO	Alma 56:9 Alma 56:10,18	XI.15-30 27.XII- 28.II <sup>b</sup>	Helaman's two thousand sons march from Melek to Judea. They help fortify Judea; Lamanites dare not attack though expected to.
29	N	Alma 52:18  Alma 52:19-20  Alma 52:21-26 Alma 53:7	27.XI.1- XII.20  28.I.8-30  28.II.5-6 <sup>b</sup> III-XII	Moroni has been recruiting a large army and now leaves Zarahemla for Bountiful to join Teancum. Council of captains at Bountiful, then embassies to get Lamanites to come fight. Stratagem leads to recapture of Mulek. Nephites on the east fortify and farm.
30	LA	Alma 56:29 Alma 56:29	II.15  28.III.1- VI(?).30 <sup>c</sup>	Food, reinforcements arrive at Judea. Lamanites, nervous about increased Nephite strength, sally out to intercept support.
31	N	Alma 56:30-34	28. "VII" (III?).1-5 <sup>a</sup>	Stratagem carried out near Antiparah to defeat Lamanites.
32	NO	Alma 57:3-4 Alma 57:5	28.X-XI <sup>b</sup>  XII.30 (+ 5?)	Helaman prepares to attack Antiparah, but Lamanites abandon it. Thus ends the twentieth-eighth year.
33	N	Alma 55:7-24 Alma 55:25	29.II.14- 15 <sup>c</sup> II.16- III.15	Gid is recaptured. Lamanite prisoners labor fortifying Gid.
34	LA	Alma 55:27	29.III.1- IV.30 <sup>c</sup>	Lamanite tricks, minor attacks to free prisoners fail.
35	N	Alma 57:6 Alma 57:8-12 Alma 57:13-16	II  29.II.15- III.30 <sup>b</sup> IV.1-14	Supplies, six thousand more men reach Helaman. Helaman's army besieges Cumeni; Lamanites surrender. Large number of prisoners create a dilemma; they are sent toward Zarahemla.

#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
36	L	Alma 57:17-22	29.IV.15 <sup>b</sup>	New Lamanite army attacks, but is defeated, retreats to Manti.
37	NO LO	Alma 58:1-2	29.V <sup>c</sup>	Stalemate at Manti, but tactical tricks by both sides tried with no real battle; Lamanites will not come out to fight.
		Alma 58:3-4	V-X	Helaman waits for food and men.
		Alma 58:5	V-X	Lamanites being reinforced and supplied.
		Alma 58:8	XI.1	Helaman receives some food, a few men.
38	N	Alma 58:10-30	29.XI.20- 21 <sup>b</sup>	Operation at Manti captures the city; Lamanites flee to the land of Nephi.
		Alma 58:41	XII.1	Helaman writes, sends his epistle.
39	NO	Alma 55:33-34	XI-XII	Lamanites fortify Morianton, bring in supplies, men.
		Alma 55:33	29.XII. 15-30 <sup>b</sup>	Moroni prepares to attack Morianton.
		Alma 55:35	XII. 30(+5?)	Thus ends the twenty-ninth year.
		Alma 59:5	30.I <sup>c</sup>	Moroni continues preparation.
40	NvsN	Alma 61:5, 8	30.I.15 <sup>b</sup>	Rebels in Zarahemla drive out Pahoran to Gideon; write to Lamanite king.
41	L	Alma 59:5-8	30.I.25 <sup>b</sup>	Lamanites, including some from Manti, attack, capture Nephihah.
42	NvsN	Alma 62:3-6	III-V	Epistles having been exchanged in the wake of action 41, Moroni goes to Pahoran, recruiting as he goes.
		Alma 62:6	VI-X	In Gideon, loyalist forces are gathered, consolidated, armed.
		Alma 62:7-8	30.XI <sup>b</sup>	Moroni and Pahoran lead army against the king-men under Pachus, defeat them.
		Alma 62:9-11	XII	The disloyal receive trials; government functions are restored. Thus ends the thirtieth year.

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43	N	Alma 62:14-15	31.I.30- II.25 <sup>b</sup>	Moroni leads a large army toward Nephihah. En route, they encounter a Lamanite force headed to Nephihah, capture them.
44	N	Alma 62:18-29	31.II.27- 30 <sup>b</sup>	Nephites take back Nephihah and pack prisoners off to Melek.
45	N	Alma 62:30-38	31.III.1-2 <sup>b</sup>	Nephites attack Lehi, driving Lamanites to the city of Moroni, then out of the land.
46	L	Alma 62:39	XII.30 (+ 5?)	Thus ends the thirty-first year.
		Alma 63:10-15	39.XI? <sup>c</sup>	
47	LA	Alma 63:16	XII. 30(+ 5?)	Thus ends the thirty-ninth year.
		Helaman 1:14 Helaman 1:15-34	41.I-X 41.XI-XII <sup>b</sup>	Lamanites gather a well-armed, innumerable army. Lamanites come down, led by Coriantumr, take Zarahemla, and go through the center of the land toward Bountiful. But they are headed off, retreat, and are decimated. Thus ends the forty-first year.
48	NvsNA	Helaman 3:17-22	46-48	Great contentions and wars among the Nephites. Thus ends the forty-sixth year. In the latter end of the forty-eighth year, the wars and contentions begin to diminish a small degree.
49	NvsN	Helaman 4:1-2	54	Contention among the Nephites with much bloodshed; rebels are slain or driven out to Lamanite lands.
50	LA	Helaman 4:4	56	Dissenters and Lamanite armies prepare for war.
		Helaman 4:5-6	57	Dissenters and Lamanite armies come down, possess Zarahemla, and drive Nephites near to the land Bountiful.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
51	L	Helaman 4:8	58-59	Nephites are driven entirely out of the land southward.
52	NA	Helaman 4:9	60	Nephites regain many parts of the land.
53	NA	Helaman 4:10, 17	61	Nephites regain half their possessions. Thus ends the sixty-first year.
54	NA	Helaman 4:18	62	Nephites try but fail to gain more.
55	NvsNA	Helaman 11:1-2	72-73	Robbers cause a war that goes on all year and through the next.
56	NvsNA	Helaman 11:24-25	80	Dissenters, robbers war with Nephites, retreat to wilderness and mountains after murdering and plundering.
57	NvsN	Helaman 11:28-29	80.XI(?)	Nephites send an army to search for robbers, but it is driven back. Thus ends the eightieth year.
58	NvsN	Helaman 11:30-32	81.I-II <sup>b</sup>	At the beginning of the year, Nephites go against robbers and destroy many, but must return to their own lands because of robbers' numbers. Thus ends the eighty-first year.
59	NvsN	3 Nephi 1:27	93	During the year, Gadianton robber bands living in the mountains slaughter many.

#### *4. Era: Signs of Christ's birth*

#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
60	NvsNA	3 Nephi 2:11-19	13-15	There begin to be wars through all the land. Before the thirteenth year has passed away, this war threatens Nephites with destruction. It continues for two years.
61	NvsN	3 Nephi 3:1, 13-26 3 Nephi 4:7-12	16-17 19."VI" (?) <sup>a</sup>	In these years, the people gather in one place to starve out robbers. In the nineteenth year, "sixth month," robbers battle Nephites, but are beaten and eliminated.

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#	Action	Text	Dates	Events
62	LA	Mormon 1:8-12	322	In this year a war with multiple battles begins; Lamanites withdraw.
63	L	Mormon 2:1	326	A new war begins.
64	L	Mormon 2:3	327	Lamanites come against the Nephites, who retreat northward.
65	L	Mormon 2:4	327-330	Unsuccessful stand at Angola.
66	L	Mormon 2:5	327-330	Unsuccessful stand in land of David.
67	L	Mormon 2:9	327-330	At Joshua, Nephites defeat the Lamanites.
68	LA	Mormon 2:15	?-344	Implied slaughter of Nephites in wars.
69	L	Mormon 2:16	345	Nephites driven into the land northward to Jashon.
70	L	Mormon 2:20	345	Driven northward to land of Shem.
71	L	Mormon 2:22-25	346	Nephites defeat Lamanites.
72	NA	Mormon 2:27	347-349	Nephites attack, regain their old lands.
73	L	Mormon 3:4-7	361	Lamanites attack at the narrow pass, are beaten, and flee to their own lands.
74	L	Mormon 3:8	362	Lamanites return and are again beaten.
75	N	Mormon 4:1-2	363	Nephites attack Lamanites, then retreat to land of Desolation.
76	L	Mormon 4:2	363	Immediately a new Lamanite army arrives and beats Nephites, taking land of Desolation.
77	L	Mormon 4:7-8	364	Lamanites come against the city Teancum, but they are repelled.
78	N	Mormon 4:8	364	Confident Nephites retake land of Desolation.
79	L	Mormon 4:10-14	367.1?	The 366th year has passed away, and Lamanites come again, taking possession of lands of Desolation and Teancum.
80	N	Mormon 4:15	367	Nephites drive out the Lamanites once more.

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81	LA	Mormon 4:17-20	377	Lamanites mercilessly drive Nephites; in land of Desolation, Nephites lose and flee.
82	LA	Mormon 4:20	378?	At Boaz, the Lamanites must attack twice to win.
83	LA	Mormon 5:3-4	379	Two Lamanite attacks at Jordan fail.
84	L	Mormon 5:6-7	380	Nephites are beaten badly and flee.
85	L	Mormon 6:5-15	384	The final battle at Cumorah; tens of thousands destroyed; Nephites become extinct as a nation and people.

