

Wars in the Book of Mormon

Key Scripture Alma 43–62

Explanation There are several major wars or periods of warfare documented in the Book of Mormon. The approximate dates and locations of these wars, along with accompanying scriptural references, are listed in this chart. Having names and dates for these wars can help readers keep all of this confusing action straight. Although the Book of Mormon is a complex record, it is still very clear and purposeful.

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| Date | War | Location | Reference |
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| 500–100 B.C. | Early tribal wars | Land of Nephi | Jacob 1:10, 14; Enos–Omni |
| 160–150 B.C. | Wars of King Laman's sons | City of Nephi and the land of Zarahemla | Omni 1:24; W of M 1:13–14; Mosiah 9–10 |
| 87 B.C. | War of Amlici | Zarahemla, hill Amnihu, and river Sidon | Alma 2–3 |
| 81 B.C. | Destruction of Ammonihah | Ammonihah, west of Zarahemla | Alma 16:1–11; 24:1–25:14 |
| 77 B.C. | War of the Ammonite secession | Zarahemla, the land of Jershon | Alma 28 |
| 74 B.C. | Zoramite war | Between Antionum and Jershon | Alma 43–44 |
| 72 B.C. | First Amalickiahite war | Ammonihah, Noah, the east coast near narrow neck of land | Alma 46:1–50:11 |
| 67–61 B.C. | Second Amalickiahite war (seven years' war) | Throughout land of Zarahemla | Alma 51–62 |
| 52 B.C. | Rebellion of Paanchi | City of Zarahemla | Hel. 1:1–13 |
| 51 B.C. | War of Tubaloth | Cities of Zarahemla and Bountiful | Hel. 1:14–34 |
| 38, 35–30 B.C. | War of Moronihah | Land of Zarahemla | Hel. 4 |
| 26–19 B.C. | War of Gadianton and Kishkumen | The entire land, but centered in the land of Zarahemla | Hel. 6:15–11:20 |
| A.D. 13–22 | War of Giddianhi and Zemnarihah | From Zarahemla to Bountiful | 3 Ne. 2:11–4:28 |
| A.D. 30 | Rebellion of Jacob | Land of Zarahemla | 3 Ne. 6:14–7:14 |
| A.D. 322, 327–28 | Final Nephite wars, phase I | Land of Zarahemla and northward | Morm. 1:6–2:9 |
| A.D. 346–350 | Final Nephite wars, phase II | Lands of Zarahemla, Jashon, and Shem | Morm. 2:16–3:1 |
| A.D. 361–85 | Final Nephite wars, phase III | The narrow neck of land and all the land northward | Morm. 3:4–6:15 |