

Wars in the Book of Mormon

Date	War	Location	Reference
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

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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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