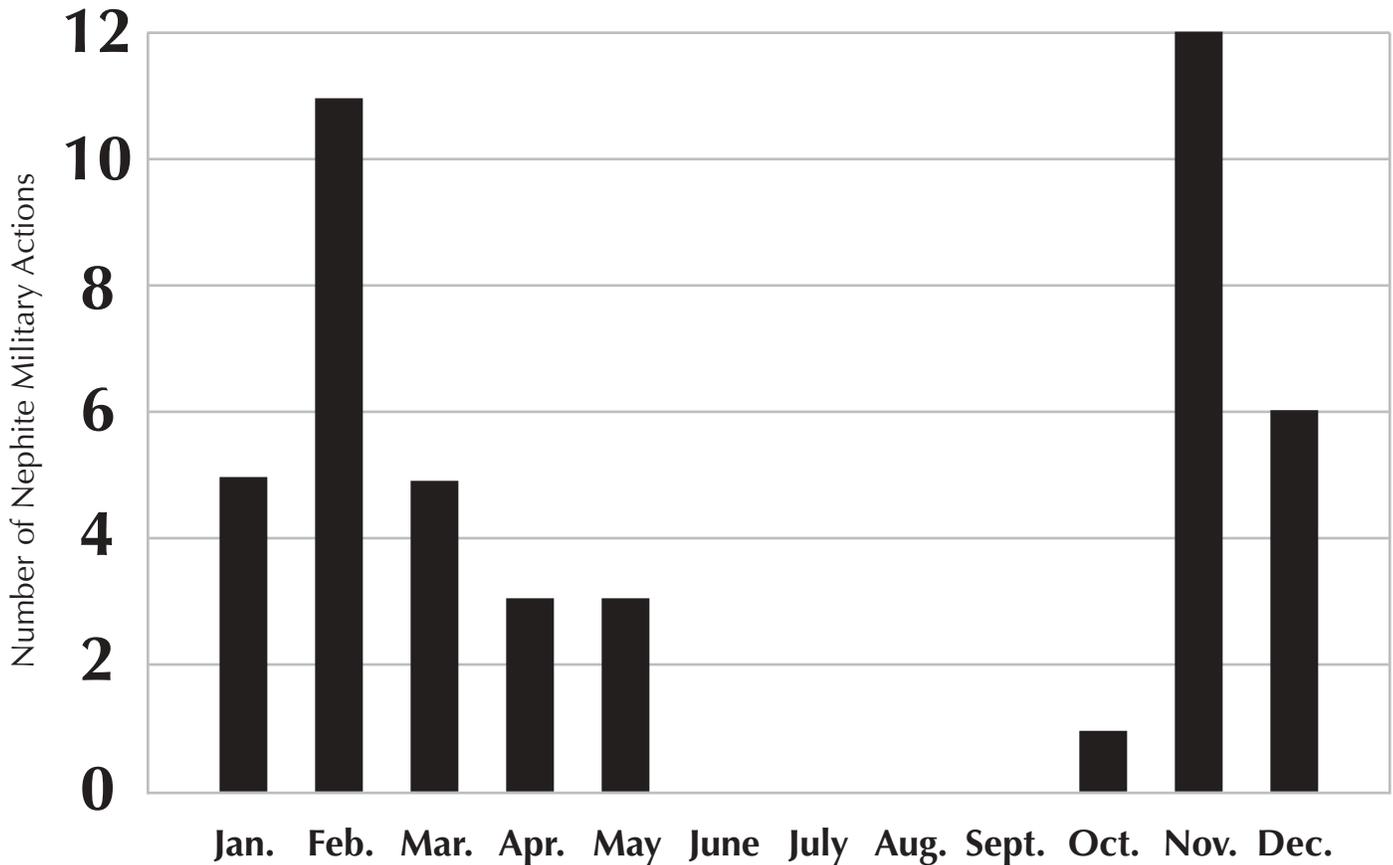


Number of Months Involving Nephite Military Actions



Nephite Calendar

First Month
 Second Month
 Third Month
 Fourth Month
 Fifth Month
 Sixth Month
 Seventh Month
 Eighth Month
 Ninth Month
 Tenth Month
 Eleventh Month
 Twelfth Month

Probable Julian Equivalent

25 February–26 March
 27 March–25 April
 26 April–25 May
 26 May–24 June
 25 June–24 July
 25 July–23 August
 24 August–22 September
 23 September–22 October
 23 October–21 November
 22 November–21 December
 27 December–25 January
 26 January–24 February

Five extra days would then complete the year

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Key Scripture Alma 43–62

Explanation John L. Sorenson, an archaeologist who has devoted his life to the study of ancient Mesoamerica and how it corresponds to the history of the Nephite, Lamanite, and Jaredite peoples in the Book of Mormon, concludes that “Nephite wars were typically carried out early in the dry season as permitted by the agricultural maintenance pattern and when weather conditions were most suited for military campaigns. . . . The Nephite seasonality pattern for warfare agrees remarkably well with what we know from Mesoamerica about seasons for fighting and for cultivation and harvest.” As this chart illustrates, November and February were the months in which the most warfare was conducted. Other months were reserved for cultivation and harvesting of crops, taxing, celebrating according to the law of Moses, and so forth.

Source John L. Sorenson, “Seasonality of Warfare in the Book of Mormon and in Mesoamerica,” in *Warfare in the Book of Mormon*, ed. Stephen D. Ricks and William J. Hamblin (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book and FARMS, 1990), 455–57.