

BOOK of MORMON CHRONOLOGY

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Lehi and his group left Jerusalem six-hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ (2 Nephi 25:19; 3 Nephi 1:1), and time has been measured accordingly. At the coming of signs and wonders that marked the Messiah's birth, however, the Nephites began reckoning their time with that event as their new reference marker (3 Nephi 2:8).

Numbers in superscript after some names are those used in the Book of Mormon Index since 1981 and have been used only where needed to differentiate between persons with the same name.

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| prior to 600 | 1 Nephi 1 | Lehi commanded to preach repentance; wicked seek to kill him. |
| 600 | 1 Nephi 1-2 | Lord directs Lehi to flee Jerusalem with his family. |
| 600 - 592 | 1 Nephi 3-16 | Lehi's sons return to Jerusalem for Brass Plates; Laban slain; Zoram joins them. Lehi's sons return to Jerusalem for Ishmael & family; Laban and others rebel. Lehi's vision of the Tree of Life and the Iron Rod. Lehi prophesies; Babylonian captivity; mission of the Messiah. Nephi's vision; tree of life; mother of the Son of God; mission of the Lamb of God and his apostles; the Land of Promise and Christ's ministry there; discovery and colonization of America; latter-day scripture; two churches; saints persecuted; gathering of Israel, including Lehi's seed. Lehi and Ishmael's children intermarry; the Liahona given to guide them; Ishmael dies, his sons murmur; Nephi's steel bow breaks. |
| 592 - 591 | 1 Nephi 17 | party arrives at Bountiful and builds ship; Nephi rebukes his brothers. |
| 591 | 1 Nephi 18 | They set sail for the Promised Land. |
| 588 - 570 | 1 Nephi 19-22 | Nephi prophesies of the Messiah's ministry among his seed; quotes and commentates Isaiah 48-49; prophesies of Israel in the latter-days. |
| 588 - 570 | 2 Nephi 1-4 | Lehi prophesies to his sons as he delivers his last words; he dies and is buried. |
| 559 - 545 | 2 Nephi 6-11 | Jacob preaches to the people; the future of the Jews, help they receive from the gentiles, to be restored when they have faith in the messiah; he quotes from Isaiah 50-52; teaches the atonement and the resurrection. |
| 559 - 545 | 2 Nephi 12-33 | Nephi quotes from Isaiah 2-14; he glories in its plainness and commentates what he read; prophesies of many false teachers in latter-days, the Book of Mormon, and of the baptism of Christ. |
| 544 - 421 | Jacob 1-7 | Jacob and Joseph labor to teach the people; Nephi dies. Jacob teaches that |

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| | | the temple; denounces pride, unchastity, and unauthorized polygamy; Lamanites' righteousness exceeds the Nephites'; Abraham's offering of his son a similitude of God and Christ; quotes Zenos' parable of the tame and wild olive trees; the Lord to redeem Israel. The anti-Christ Sherem denies the gospel and demands a sign; is smitten and dies after renouncing his teachings. |
| 544 - 421 | Enos 1 | Enos remembers his father's teachings; seeks repentance; is promised a future salvation for the Lamanites. |
| 399 | Jarom 1 | Jarom writes on the plates; they keep the Law of Moses; Lamanites much more numerous; many prophets. |
| 361 | Jarom 1:13 | There has been wars and contentions for the space of much time. |
| 323 - 317 | Omni 1:1-3 | Omni becomes the recordkeeper; many seasons of peace and of war. |

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| 279-130 BC; Omni 1:4-8 - Amaron becomes recordkeeper; most Nephites destroyed in war. Chemish and Abinadom keep the records. Mosiah leads the righteous to the Land of Zarahemla; discovers the Mulekites; Nephites join them . . . | | |
| . . . Zeniff leads a group from Zarahemla to Lehi-Nephi; Mosiah's son Benjamin succeeds as king. | 200-187 BC; Mosiah 9 - Zeniff leads a group from Zarahemla to Lehi-Nephi; Lamanite king allows them to settle the city of Shilom; Lamanite King Laman grows uneasy with their prosperity; there is war; Zeniff's people defeat Lamanites. 178 BC; Mosiah 10 - King Laman dies; Zeniff's people prepare for another war. 160 -150 BC; Mosiah 10:22 – 11:20 - Zeniff turns the kingdom over to his son Noah, who reigns in wickedness; builds tower; prevails over the Lamanites; the | |

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| | <p>prophet Abinadi's first mission to King Noah's people; he is cast out. Abt 148 BC; Mosiah 12-17 - Abinadi returns and preaches; is arrested; is divinely protected while preaching to Noah and his wicked priests; quoted Isaiah 53; preaches about Christ; Alma, one of the priests, believes, is converted, and flees; Abinadi is put to death.</p> | |
| <p>Before 130 BC; Word of Mormon 1:12-18 - Wars between the Nephite and Lamanites; false Christs and teachers among the Nephites are confounded by King Benjamin and the holy prophets.</p> | <p>148-147 BC; Mosiah 18 - Alma preaches and baptizes; they flee into the wilderness. Gideon attempts to kill Noah; Lamanites invade; Noah killed by his own troops; his son Limhi becomes a tributary king to the Lamanites.</p> | <p>145-121 BC; Mosiah 23-24 - Alma and followers travel eight days into the Land of Helam and establish a community...</p> |
| <p>Abt 130 BC; Mosiah 1 - King Benjamin teaches his sons; religion and civilization preserved due to the possession of scriptures; his son Mosiah to succeed him and to possess the record. Abt 124 BC; Mosiah 2-6 ... King Benjamin's people gather for his final address; councils them to serve God and others; those who rebel against God will suffer; the Atonement; put off the natural man; forgiveness through faithfulness. 124 BC; Mosiah 6:4 - Mosiah begins his reign.</p> | <p>145-122 BC; Mosiah 20-21 - Surviving priests of Noah kidnap Lamanite girls; Lamanites blame and attack Limhi's people but are stopped and pacified. Lamanites again attack.</p> | <p>abt 145 BC; Mosiah 19 - they are eventually discovered by a Lamanite army; Noah's former priests, now allied with the Lamanites, are put over them as rulers; Amulon, head of the priests, enslaves them and forbids worship; the Lord eases their burdens . . .</p> |
| <p>121 BC; Mosiah 6:5-chap 8 - King Benjamin dies; Mosiah sends men to the Land of Lehi-Nephi find Nephites who had settled there; they discover King Limhi</p> | <p>Abt 121 BC; Mosiah 21:22 - 22:16 - Ammon and his party find Limhi's people and help them escape from the Lamanites; they rejoin the main nation of the</p> | <p>. . . the Lord aides their escape. After twelve day's journey they arrive in Zarahamla and join the bulk of the Nephite nation.</p> |

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| abt 120 | Mosiah 25 | Mulekites, who still outnumber Nephites, become Nephites; Alma baptizes Limhi and his people; King Mosiah authorizes Alma to organize the Church of God. |
| 120 -100 | Mosiah 26 | Rising generation begins to fall away from the church, led away by unbelievers; Mosiah to judge civil matters and Alma to judge spiritual matters; must repent or be excommunicated; Alma promised eternal life. |
| 100 - 92 | Mosiah 27-28 | Mosiah forbids religious persecution; Alma the Younger (Alma ²) and the sons of Mosiah seek to destroy the church until commanded to stop by an angel; they repent and strive to repair the damage they cause. |
| abt 92 | Mosiah 28-29 | Sons of Mosiah leave on a mission to the Lamanites; Mosiah proposes a system of Judges. |

| GENERAL NEPHITE NATION | MISSION OF THE SONS OF MOSIAH |
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| 91 BC; Mosiah 29 - Alma ² becomes the first Chief Judge and the High Priest over the church; Mosiah and Alma ¹ (the Elder) die. 91-90 BC; Alma 1 ... Antichrist Nehor introduces priestcraft; persecutes the church and kills Gideon; is punished with death for the murder. Persecution against the church continues; righteous become more righteous, wicked grow more wicked. | abt 90 BC; Alma 17-21 - Ammon's mission to Lamoni's kingdom; Lamoni's conversion; goes to Middoni to help release this brothers. Meanwhile, Aaron and others had preached to the Amalekites with no success; were imprisoned in Middoni; rescued by Ammon, Lamoni, and Lamoni's father. |
| 87 BC; Alma 2-3 - Amlici attempts to become king; is defeated; he and his followers become Lamanites and together attack Nephites; is defeated. 86 BC; Alma 4:1 - Peace and recovery from war; growth in church. 85 BC; Alma 4:5 - 3,500 join the church. 84 BC; Alma 4:6 - Pride and contention invade the church. 83 BC; Alma 4:11 - chap 7 - Wickedness of church members becomes a stumbling block to others; Alma ² resigns as Chief Judge to devote himself to the ministry; he preaches throughout Zarahemla, setting the church in order; preaches in Gideon. | 90-77 BC; Alma 22-27 - Lamanite king converted; how the land was divided; Religious freedom among the Lamanites; Anti-Nephi-Lehies . . . |

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| 82-81 BC; Alma 8-14 - Alma ² preaches in Melek; leaves Ammonihah after being rejected there but returns as an angel instructs; is received by Amulek; they preach together in Ammonihah; Zeezrom contends with them; they are imprisoned; the righteous and the scriptures burned; the prison falls. Alma and Amulek establish the church in Sidom; they heal and baptize Zeezrom and others; return to Zarahemla. | |
| 81-78 BC; Alma 16-17:3 - War with the Lamanites; Ammonihah destroyed; Zoram defeats the Lamanites; gospel is preached throughout the land; Alma reunited with the Sons of Mosiah. | . . . Amalikites and Amulonites reject the gospel; during war with Nephites, unconverted Lamanites attack converted Lamanites; Lord commands Ammon to lead the converts to safety; they meet Alma; the Nephites give them the land of Jershon; they become known as the People of Ammon - the Ammonites. |

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| 76 | Alma 28 | Great war between Lamanites and Nephites. |
| 74 - 73 | Alma 30-44 | Antichrist Korihor preaches against the church; demands a sign; is struck dumb; is trodden upon and dies; Alma leads a mission to the Zoramites; Alma preaches to his own sons concerning the Resurrection and the judgment; Wicked Zoramites join the Lamanite nation and war begins; Captain Moroni offers peace but Zerahemnah refuses; a great slaughter. |
| 73 | Alma 45-46 | Alma prophesies before being taken up by the Spirit; his son Helaman reestablishes the church throughout the land as distention grows; Amalickiah attempts to become king of the Nephites; Moroni and the Title of Liberty; Amalickiah and followers join the Lamanites. |
| 72 | Alma 47-50 | Amalickiah becomes Lamanite king through murder and marriage; begins war against the Nephites; Nephites defend and fortify as Heleman continues to preach. |
| 68 | Alma 50:25-36 | Morianton and his dissenters defeated by Teancum. |
| 67 | Alma 50:37 - chap 51 | Pahoran takes the Judgement Seat; King-man and Free-men; Amalickiah builds Lamanite fortifications along the border; Teancum repels invasion and defeats and kills Amalickiah. |

| WESTERN FRONT OF WAR: | EASTERN FRONT OF WAR: |
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| 66-62 BC; Alma 53:10-22, Alma 56-58 ... Two-thousand Ammonite boys join Helaman's force; Heleman and Antipus join forces against the Lamanites and retake several cities with the aid of Gid and his army. | 66-62 BC; Alma 52-55 ... Ammoron becomes Lamanite king; Moroni, Teancum, and Lehi lead Nephite forces; Nephite dissenters give the Lamanites an advantage; Moroni effect the escape of the Nephites held prisoner; cities retaken 62-60 BC; Alma 59-62 ... Captian Moroni writes to Pahoran demanding supplies and aid; Pahoran has been dealing with civil war and requests Moroni's aid; Moroni gives aid while reinforcing east and west fronts of the war; Lamanites are defeated and peace returns. |

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| 60 - 57 | Alma 62:39-52 | Moroni yields command to his son Moronihah; Pahoran returns to the Judgement Seat; Heleman ¹ returns to preaching before dying. |
| 56 - 53 | Alma 63 | Shiblon and later Heleman ² (the younger) take possession of the sacred things; Captain Moroni dies; Hagoth makes two sailings. |
| 52 - 51 | Helaman 1 | Pahoran ¹ dies; his son Pahoran ² takes over the Judgment Seat and is killed by Kishkuman; war with the Lamanites. |
| 50 | Helaman 2 | Helaman ² becomes Chief judge; Kishuman killed; the Gadianton Robbers. |
| 49 - 30 | Helaman 3-4 | Contention; Nephite migration to the north; many conversions; Heleman ² 's son Nephi ³ becomes Chief Judge; Nephite dissenters and Lamanites take the Land of Zarahemla, defeating the Nephites due to their wickedness; church dwindles. |
| 30 - 27 | Helaman 5-6 | Nephi ³ gives the Judgment Seat to Cezoram; he and Lehi preach the gospel; many Lamanites converted and in turn preach the gospel to the wicked Nephites. |
| 26 - 24 | Helaman 6:15-41 | Cezoram murdered; people grow wicked; Gadianton Robbers grow strong; secret combinations; Gadiantons secretly take over the government. |
| 23 - 20 | Helaman 7-10 | Nephi's words rejected; he returns to Zarahemla, prays upon his garden tower and calls the people to repentance; corrupt judges anger the people against him; inspired, he announces the murder of the chief judge and it is confirmed; Nephi identifies the killer; he is accepted by few as prophet; the Lord gives Nephi the sealing power; he commands the people to repent or perish; is carried from congregation to congregation by the Spirit. |
| 20 - 7 | Helaman 11-12 | Contention and war; the Lord through Nephi replaces war with famine |

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| | | which lasts three years; people repent; church grows until Nephite dissenters and Lamanites war against them; great bands of robbers; people grow in pride. |
| 6 | Helaman 13-15 | The Lamanites are righteous and the Nephites wicked; Samuel the Lamanite prophesies to the Nephites of their destruction and of the Messiah's coming. |
| 6 thru 1 | Helaman 16 | Nephites converted by Samuel's words are baptized by Nephi; unbelievers grow more stubborn. |

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| 1 thru 2 | 3 Nephi 1 | Nephi ³ departs; his son Nephi ⁴ preaches and teaches; signs of Christ's birth in the Old World, many converted but many also join the Gadiantons. |
| 3 thru 9 | 3 Nephi 2 | Wickedness abounds; Lamanites join with Nephites to fight against Gadiantons; both nations become one under the name Nephite. |
| 15 | 3 Nephi 2:18 | Gadiantons gain advantage over the people. |
| 16 - 17 | 3 Nephi 3 | Giddianhi demands the people surrender; the people gather to Zarahemla to defend themselves. |
| 18 thru 26 | 3 Nephi 4-5 | Giddianhi and Zemnariah are slain and robbers defeated; the people turn to God in thanks; they repent. |
| 26 thru 33 | 3 Nephi 6-7 | Nephites prosper and are filled with pride and fall away; many prophets preach and are slain; people divide into tribes; Nephi continues to preach and angels attend him; many repent and are baptized. |
| 34 | 3 Nephi 8-26 | Destruction at the death of Christ in the Old World; darkness for three days; voice of Christ from Heaven; the Law fulfilled; the ministry of Christ among the Nephites. |
| 34 thru 35 | 3 Nephi 27-28 | Christ to the Twelve; instructs them and grants their wishes; three to remain. |
| 36 | 4 Nephi 1:1-3 | All the people in the land are converted; all things held in common. |
| 37 - 60 | 4 Nephi 1:4-13 | Great and marvelous works; great prosperity; great cities rebuilt; no contentions. |
| 72 - 100 | 4 Nephi 1:14-17 | All but three of the Nephite Twelve pass away; no evil among the people; one class or people. |

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| 100 - 111 | 4 Nephi 1:18-21 | Still no evil among the people; Nephi ⁴ gives the records to Amos; Amos gives them to his son Amos. |
| 200 | 4 Nephi 1:22-23 | Second generation since Christ's visit passed away in righteousness; the people multiplied and spread all over the face of the land; exceedingly rich due to faithfulness. |
| 201 - 210 | 4 Nephi 1:24-26 | Pride seeps in; no more holding of all things in common; divided into classes; built churches to get gain. |
| 210 - 230 | 4 Nephi 1:27-34 | Many churches; all manner of wickedness; true church persecuted; disciples persecuted. |
| 231 - 244 | 4 Nephi 1:35-39 | True followers called Nephites; all others called Lamanites; willful rebellion against God; Lamanites teach their children to hate Nephites. |
| 245 - 300 | 4 Nephi 1:40-44 | Lamanites become more numerous than Nephites; secret oaths and covenants among the wicked; pride rears up among the Nephites. |
| 300 - 305 | 4 Nephi 1:45-46 | Nephites as wicked as Lamanites; Gadianton Robbers across the land. |
| 306 | 4 Nephi 1:47 | Amos give records to this brother Ammaron and dies. |
| 321 | 4 Nephi 1:48-49; Mormon 1:1-5 | Ammaron constrained by the Spirit to hide up the sacred records; Ammaron seeks out ten-year-old Mormon; reveals the hiding place of the records; charges him with their keeping. |
| 322 | Mormon 1:6-15 | Mormon moves south to Zarahemla with his father; war between Nephites and Lamanites; wickedness so strong that the disciples are taken and miracles cease; the Spirit and gifts are withheld. |
| abt 326 | Mormon 1:15-19 | Mormon visited by the Lord and tastes of his goodness; is forbidden to preach; land cursed by wickedness; slippery treasures; sorceries and witchcrafts. |
| 327 - 331 | Mormon 2:1-9 | Mormon appointed head of Nephite armies in war against Lamanites; his army frightened and refuses to fight; he gathers Nephites; no repentance; great carnage; withstands Lamanite army. |
| 345 | Mormon 2:16 | Nephites flee as far as the Land of Jashon; Nephites are hunted and driven |
| 346 | Mormon 2:22-27 | Lamanites come upon Nephites; Mormon is able to get his army to stand; they turn the Lamanites away. |
| 350 | Mormon 2:28-29 | Treaty made between Nephites, Lamanites, and Gadiaton Robbers, giving the Land Northward to the Nephites. |
| 360 | Mormon 3:1-6 | Ten years of peace in which the Nephites strengthen their defenses; Mormon preaches to deaf ears. |

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| 361 | Mormon 3:7 | War begins at Desolation; Lamanites held back. |
| 362 | Mormon 3:8-29 | Another war; Nephites win and boast; Mormon resigns and refuses to lead because of the wickedness of vengeance. |
| 363 - 375 | Mormon 4:1-6 | Lamanites drive Nephites out of the Land of Desolation and the City of Teancum; thousands slain; Lamanites offer prisoners as sacrifices; Desolation changes hands several times; Mormon hides all records in the Hill Shim. |
| 375 - 384 | Mormon 5 | Mormon again leads Nephite army; Lamanites kill all who do not gather for safety; Mormon writes prophesies of the future of the House of Israel. |
| 385 | Mormon 6 | Remainder of Nephites gather to the Land of Cumorah; Mormon hides the sacred plates in the hill there; Nephites are defeated and destroyed |
| 401 | Mormon 8 | Moroni seeks to finish his father's record; Lamanites seek out and kill any Nephites; whole face of the land caught up in bloodshed. |
| 401 - 421 | Mormon 8-9; Ether 1-15 | Moroni completes the record Mormon was making at the time of his death; he added to the record a few things (Moroni 1-10) he thought would be of worth when the record was brought forth. He abridges the record of the Jaradites and includes it in his record. In AD 421 he finished the record and it is believed he buried the plates immediately upon finishing them. |
| Before 421 | Moroni 1-10 | Moroni adds some of his words and some letters from his father to the plates before burying them. What we have at the Title Page of the Book of Mormon was the final item added to the Gold Plates. |