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War in the Book of Mormon

An Eight Part Series of Lectures

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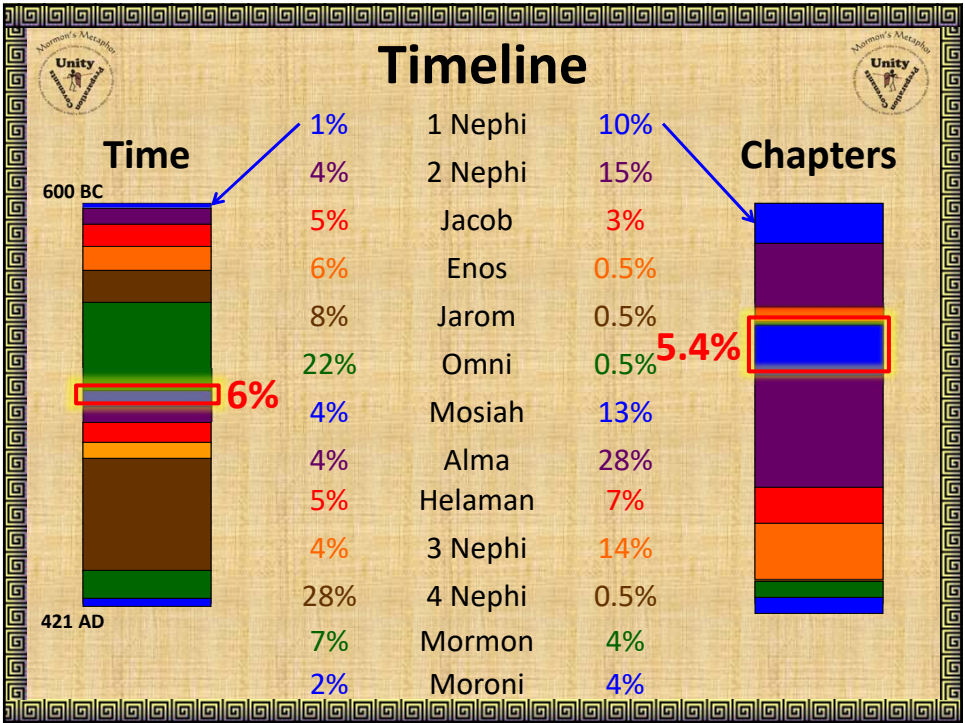
Most Important Points

- Details Matter – Show more than Tell
- “Now this account ... gave them much knowledge” (Mosiah 28:18)
- This part of the Book of Mormon is about firsts
 - First spies
 - First walls
 - First armor
 - First towers
 - First standing armies
 - First chief captains
 - First strategists

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Mormon's three great sermons

1st Battle of Manti (Alma 43-44)
Amalickiahite War (Alma 46-62)
Gadianton Robber War (Helaman & 3 Nephi)

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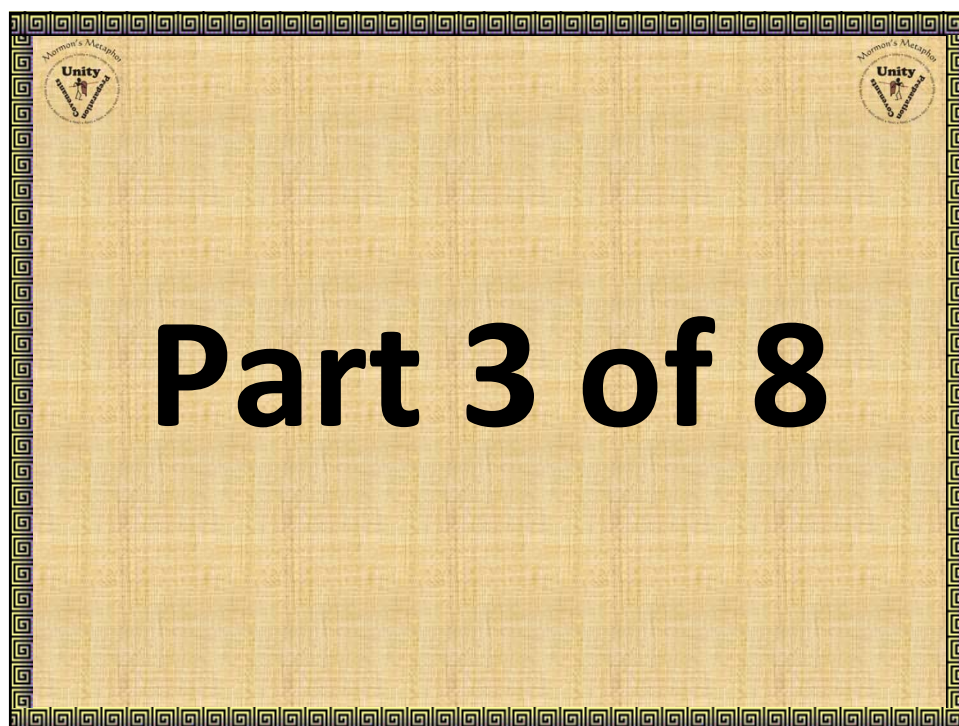
Wars in the Book of Mormon

I.	Lehite Family War	c. 588-559 BC	XIV.	Tubaloth's War	53-51 BC
II.	Mulekite War	c. 585-220 BC	XV.	2nd Nephite Civil War	46-38 BC
III.	1st Lehite Clan War	c. 544-520 BC	XVI.	Dual Dissension War	38-29 BC
IV.	2nd Lehite Clan War	c. 520-420 BC	XVII.	3rd Nephite Civil War	20-18 BC
V.	1st Lehite Tribal War	c. 399-361 BC	XVIII.	Gadianton Robber War	12 BC-27 AD
VI.	1st Lehite Tribal Group War	c. 323-279 BC		2nd Destruction of Nephite State	30 AD
VII.	2nd Lehite Tribal Group War	c. 279-220 BC	XIX.	2nd Nephite Tribal War	30-34 AD
	1st Destruction of Nephite State	c. 220 BC	XX.	1st Post-Visit War	322 AD
VIII.	Zeniffite Colony War	201-121 BC	XXI.	2nd Post-Visit War	327-330 AD
IX.	1st Nephite Civil War	c. 180-170 BC	XXII.	3rd Post-Visit War	344-350 AD
X.	Anti-Nephi-Lehi War	91-77 BC	XXIII.	4th Post-Visit War	361-367 AD
XI.	Amlicite War	91-87 BC	XXIV.	5th Post-Visit War	375-385 AD
XII.	Zoramite War	75-74 BC		3rd Destruction of Nephite State	385 AD
XIII.	Amalickiahite War	73-61 BC	XXV.	Intra-Lamanite Wars	c. 385-401 AD

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- “Now **this account** did cause the people of Mosiah to mourn exceedingly, yea, they were filled with sorrow; nevertheless it gave them **much knowledge**, in the which they did rejoice.” (Mosiah 28:18)
- Refers primarily to the Jaredite record
- Also useful in seeing the value of the Zeniffite experience to future Nephite actions

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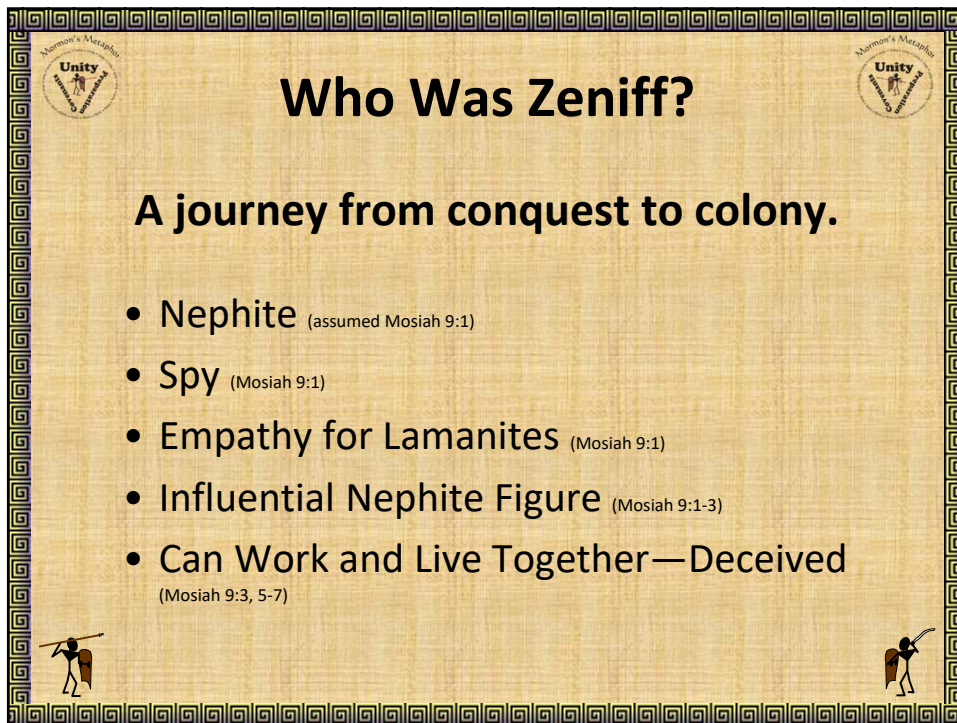


The Development of Strategy

- First battle narratives (Mosiah 10:6-21, 20:6-13)
 - Nephite war from mass to strategy (Mosiah 9:16-19 to 20:6-13)
 - Lamanites develop cunning (Mosiah 24:7)
- Beginning of Nephite just war doctrine
 - In line with the will of the people
 - Only in defense of the community
- After the end of the Zeniffite period and the translation of the Jaredite record the Nephite-Lamanite conflict sees **significant** transformation
- Complexity increases in operations and organization





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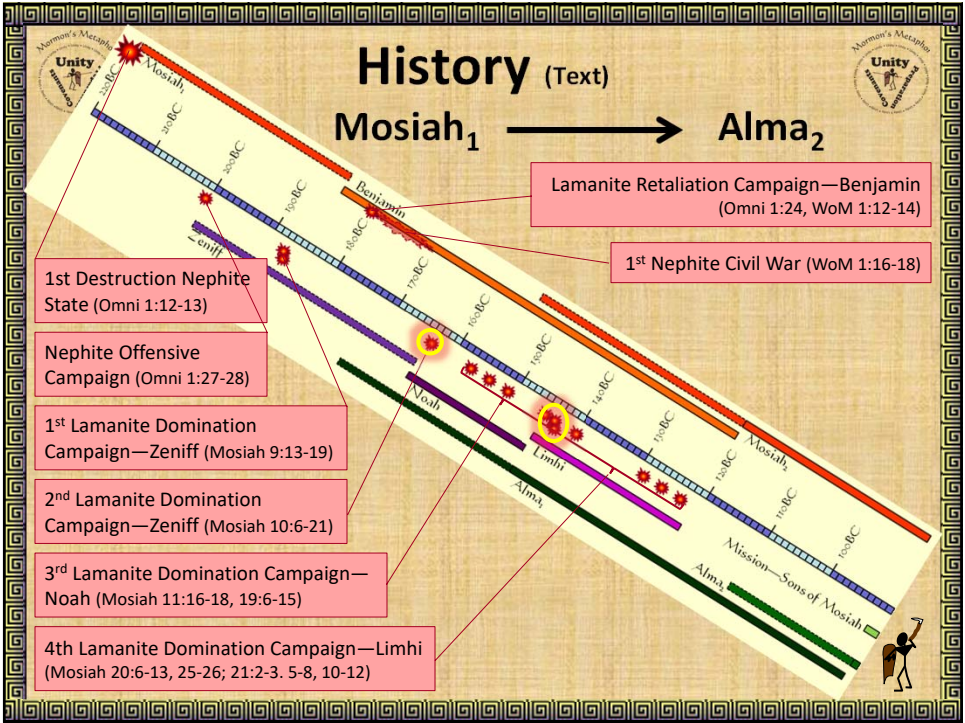
Who Was Zeniff?

A journey from conquest to colony.

- Nephite (assumed Mosiah 9:1)
- Spy (Mosiah 9:1)
- Empathy for Lamanites (Mosiah 9:1)
- Influential Nephite Figure (Mosiah 9:1-3)
- Can Work and Live Together—Deceived (Mosiah 9:3, 5-7)



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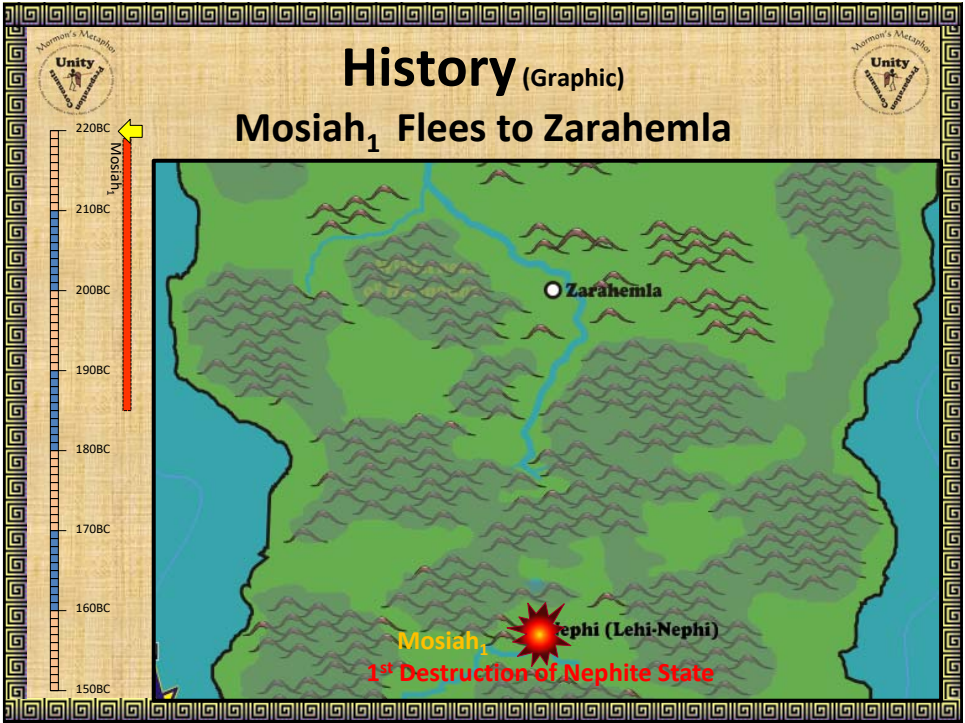
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History of the Zeniffites

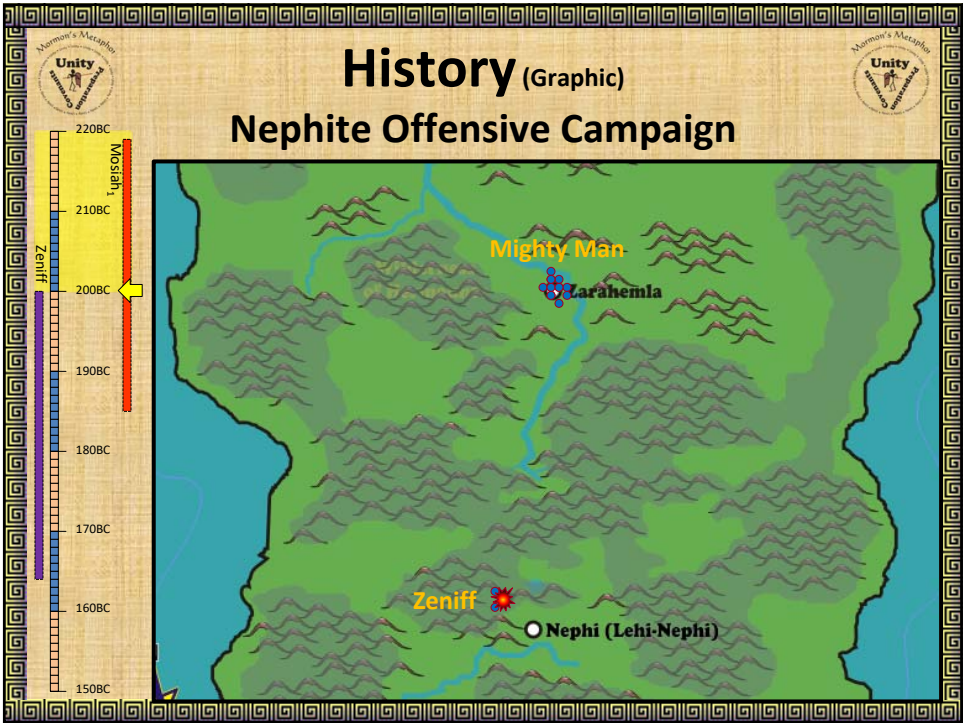
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- Expedition of conquest fails.
 - Zeniff a spy (Mosiah 9:1)
 - Civil strife leaves all dead, but 50 (Omni 1:28)
- **Zeniff’s record in the first person.** (Mosiah 9:1)
- Zeniff returns with followers to live. (Mosiah 9:3)
 - Given lands of Nephi and Shilom (Mosiah 9:6)
 - Repairs walls (Mosiah 9:8)
 - 12 years of peace (Mosiah 9:11)
- Zeniff has spies in Lamanite capital. (Mosiah 9:11-13, 10:7)

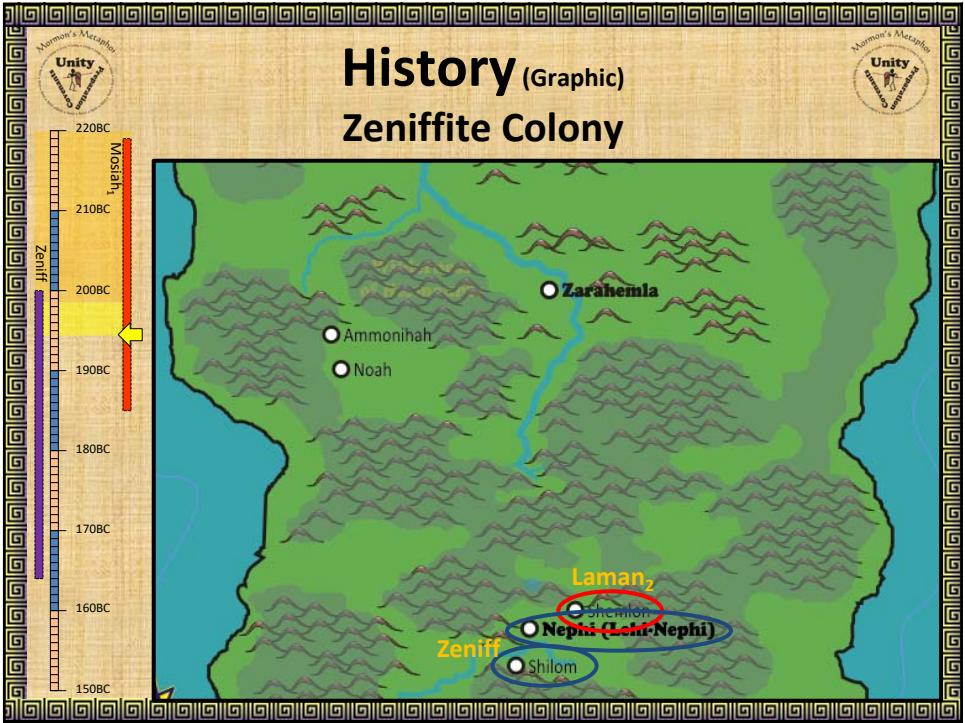
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- Wars and contentions between groups (WoM 1:16-18)
- Guards for the land (Mosiah 10:2)
- Wilderness as a place of safety (Mosiah 10:9, 19:9)
- 1st Defense of Zeniffite Colony (Mosiah 9:13-19)
- Battles are not in isolation—King Benjamin (Omni 1:24, W of M 1:12-14)
- 2nd Defense of Zeniffite Colony (Mosiah 10:6-21)
- Noah reigned as a wicked king, but period of innovation. (Mosiah 11:1)
 - Taxation, change in ecclesiastical leaders, building program (towers), change in agriculture (Mosiah 11:3,5-7,8-13,15)

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How Many Zeniffites?

Not that it matters, but it may be of interest.
This is for conceptual scope and scale.

Simple Assumptions (all are open for debate)

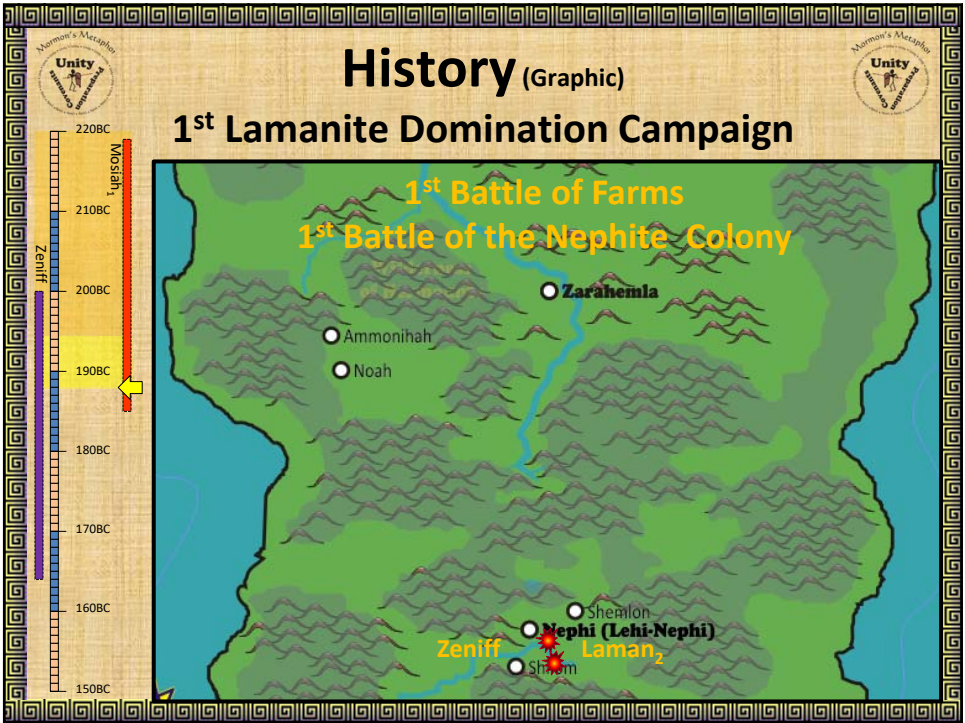
1. pre-industrial society
2. median age roughly beginning of adulthood
3. an army breaks between 20-50% casualties
4. Lamanite armies were bigger, but not by a lot
5. societies committed maximum capacity to war

Lamanites lost ~3,000 ➡ army of 6,000-15,000

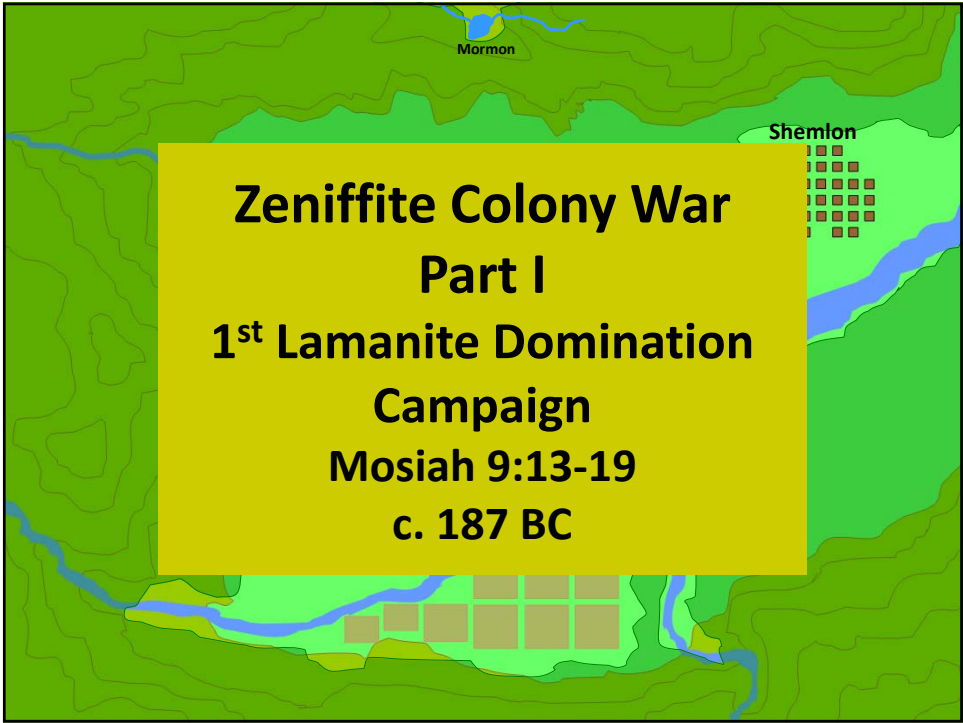
Lamanite society ➡ >24,000-60,000

Zeniffite society ➡ ~20,000-40,000

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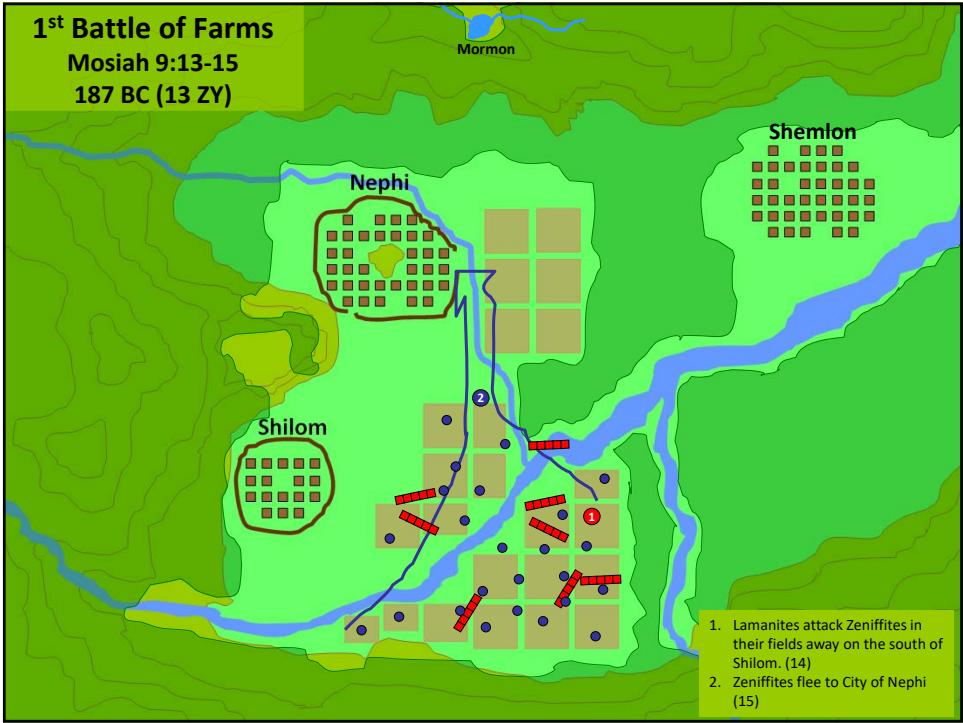
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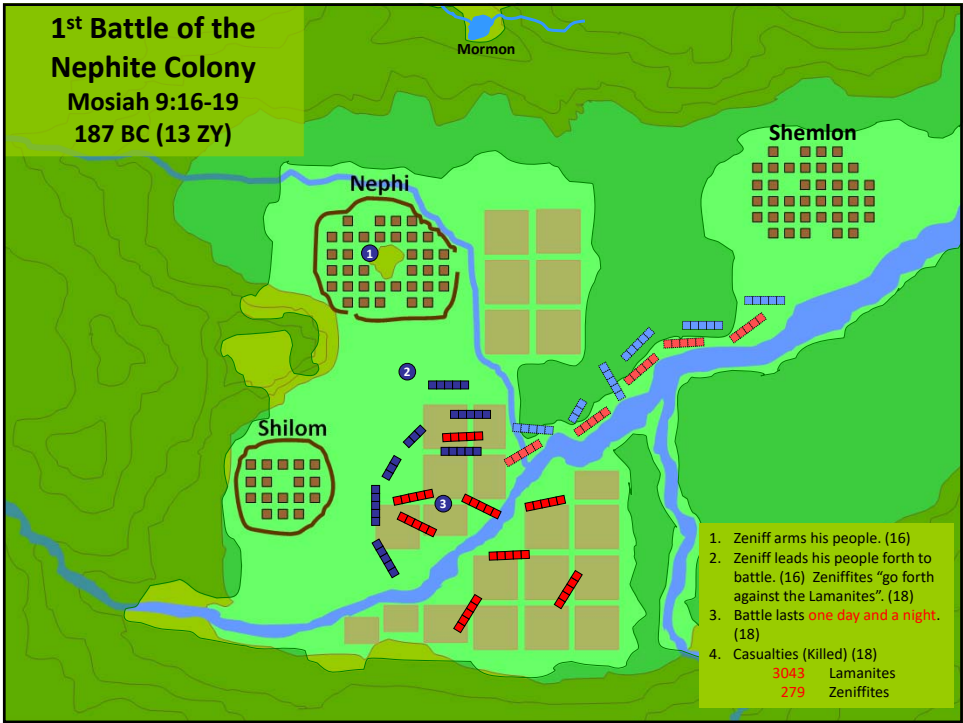
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Battle (Incident)			
Time	Type of Conflict	Groups and Commanders	
Date/Period	Location	Victory/Loss	
Reference			
Size of Force and Casualties (N / L)			
1st Battle of Farms			
Day	Open Field Raid	Zeniffites—Unknown	
187 BC	Land of Shilom	Lamanites—Unknown	
Mosiah 9:13-15		Zeniffite Loss	
N [100s]—[10s]		L [1000s]—[1s]	
1st Battle of the Nephite Colony			
Day & Night	Open Field Battle	Zeniffites—Zeniff	
187 BC	Land of Shilom	Lamanites—[Laman ₂]	
Mosiah 9:16-19		Zeniffite Victory	
N [5-10,000]—279		L [6-15,000]—3,043	

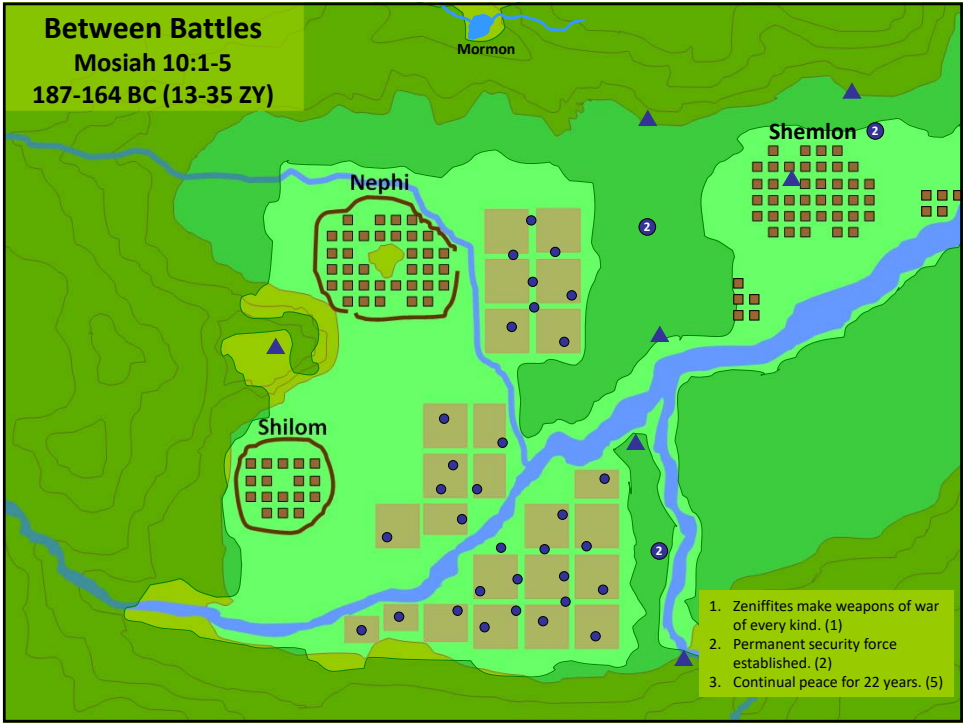
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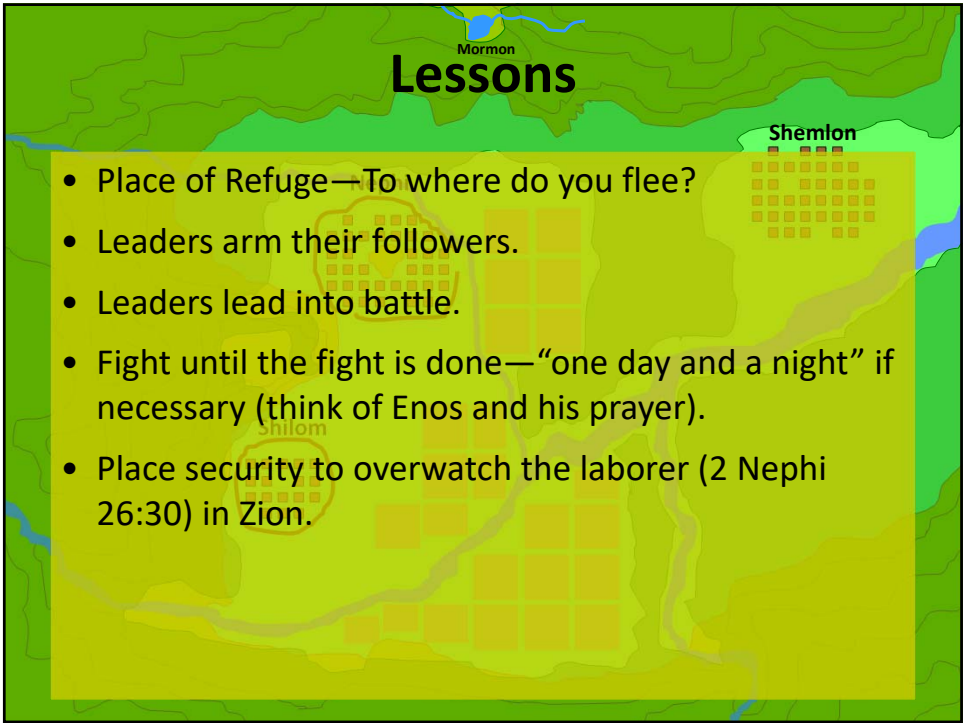
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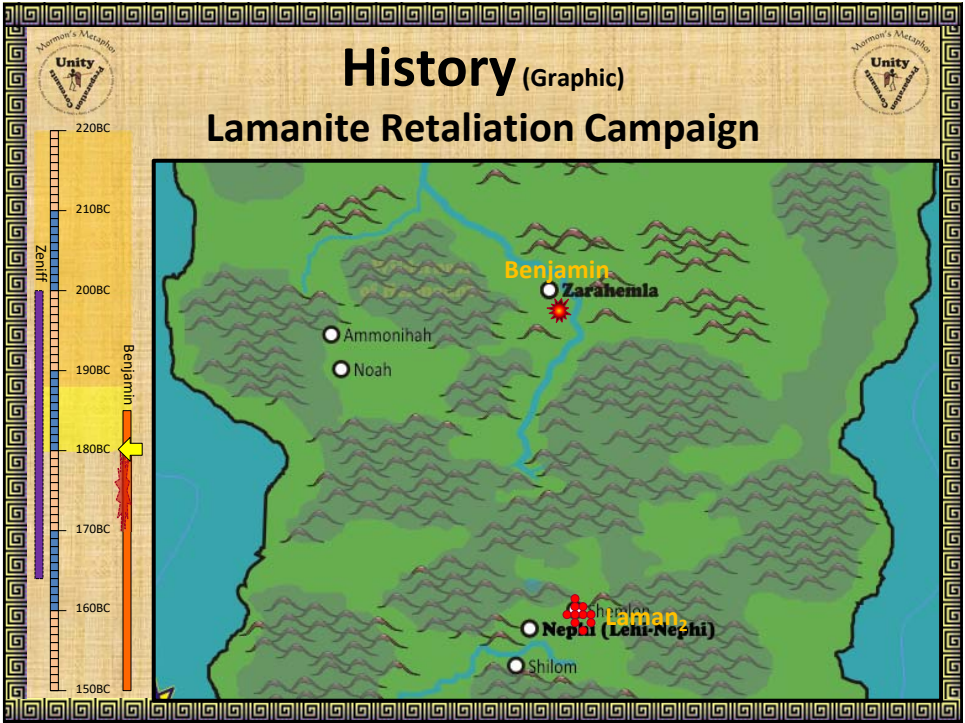
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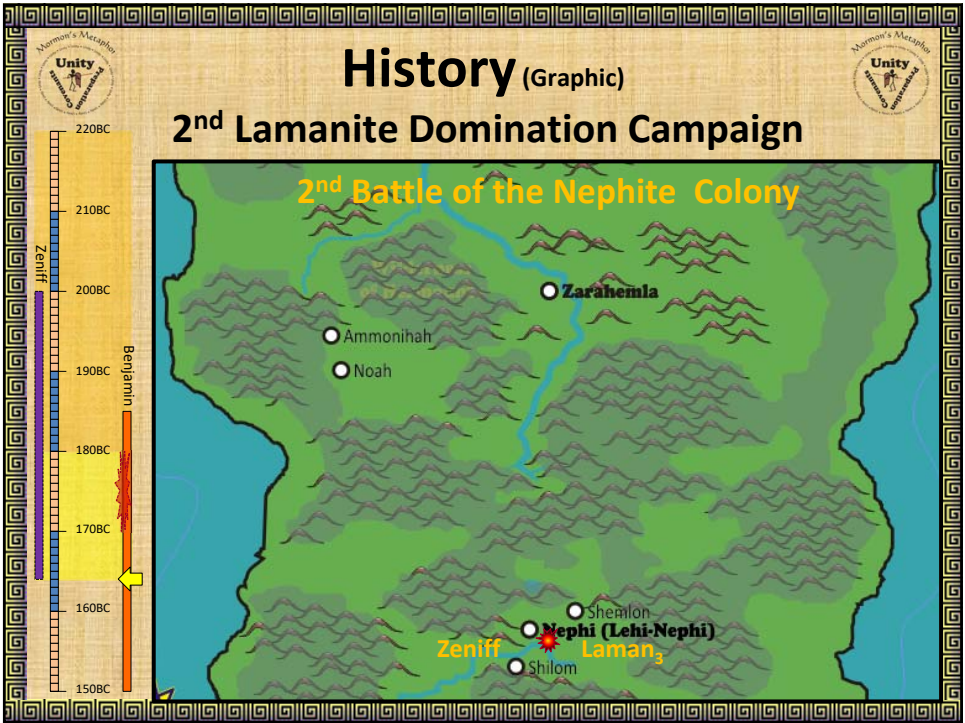
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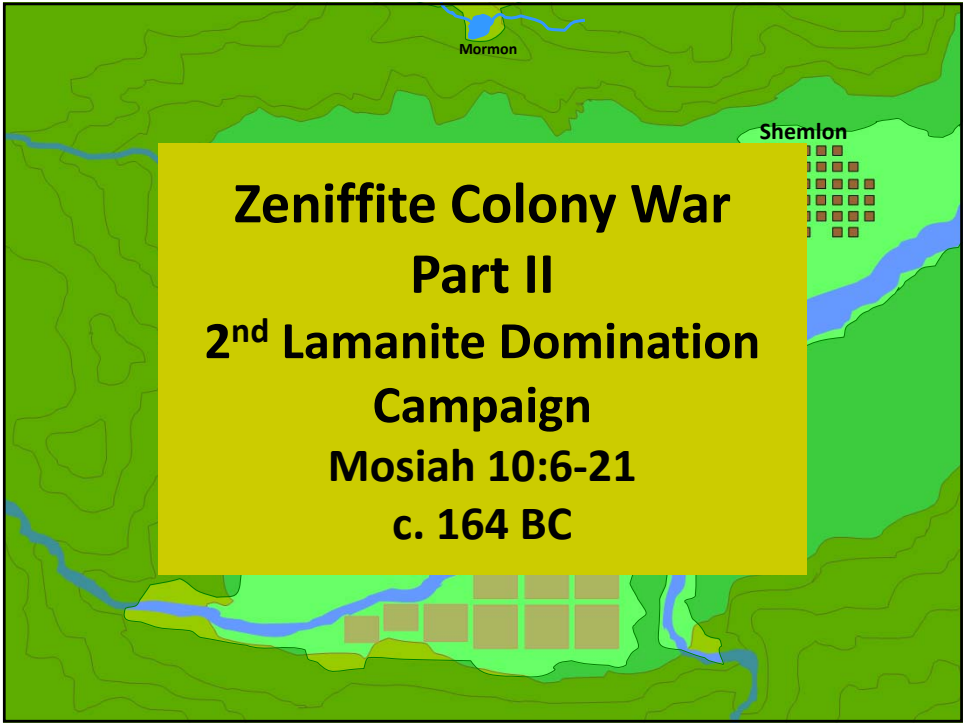
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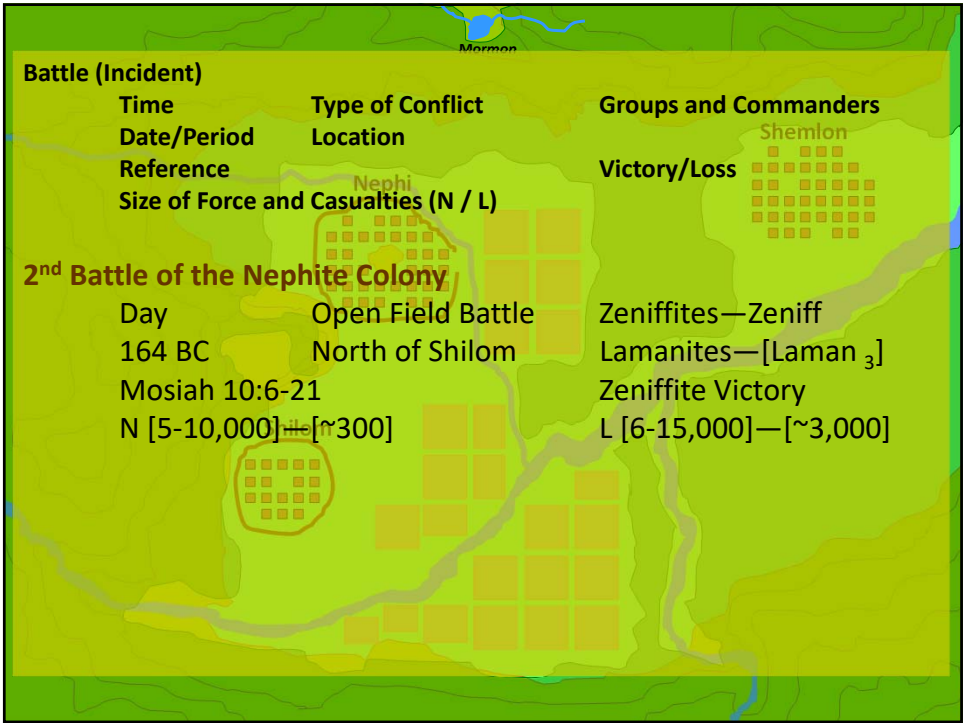
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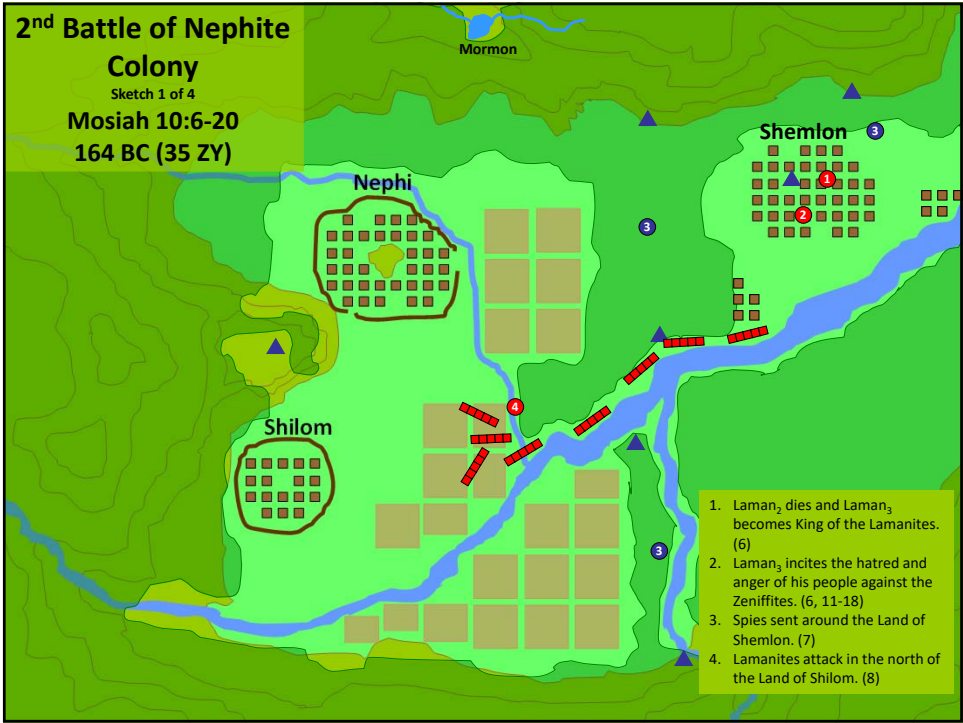
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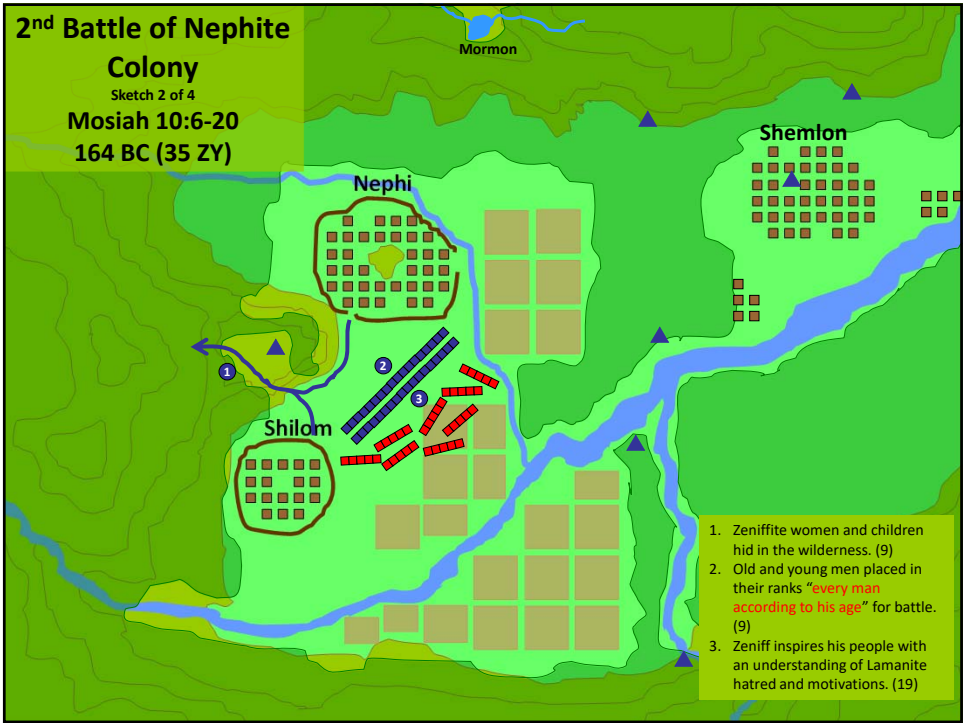
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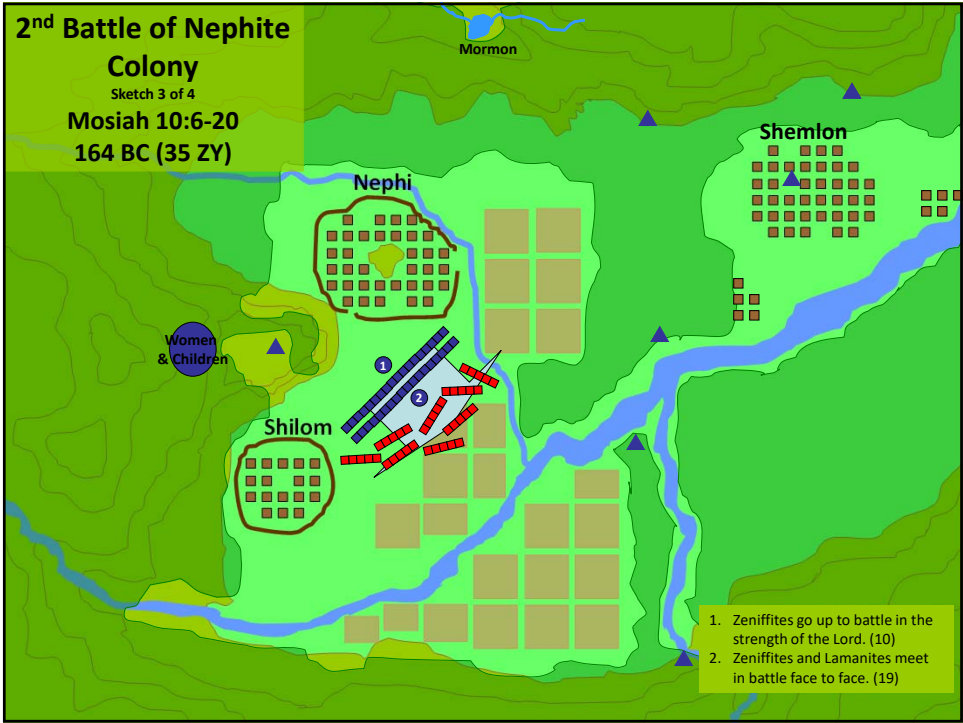
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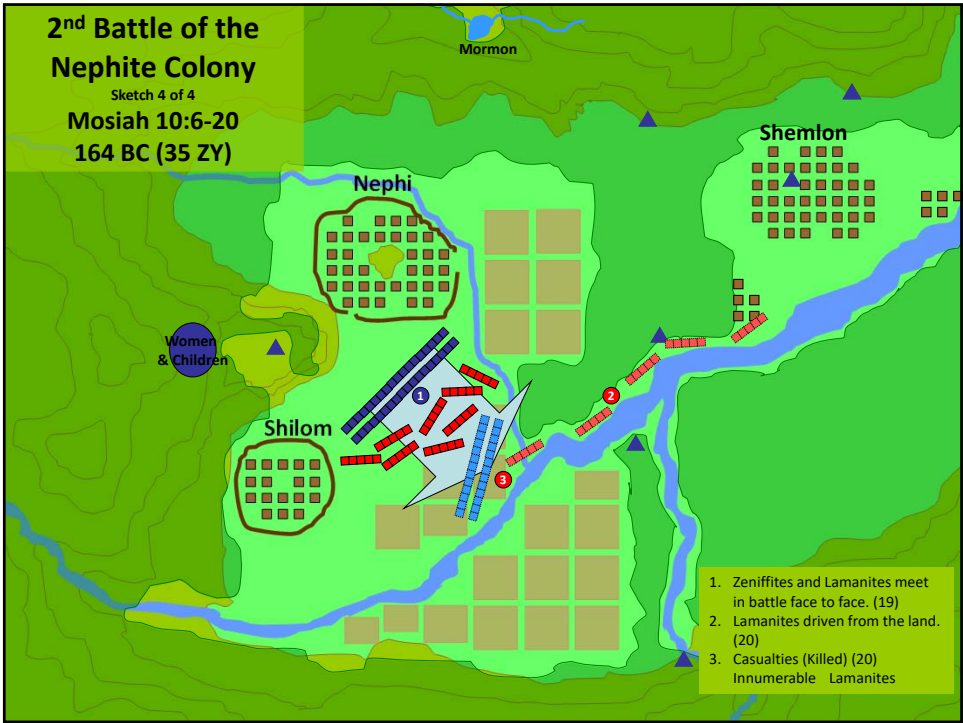
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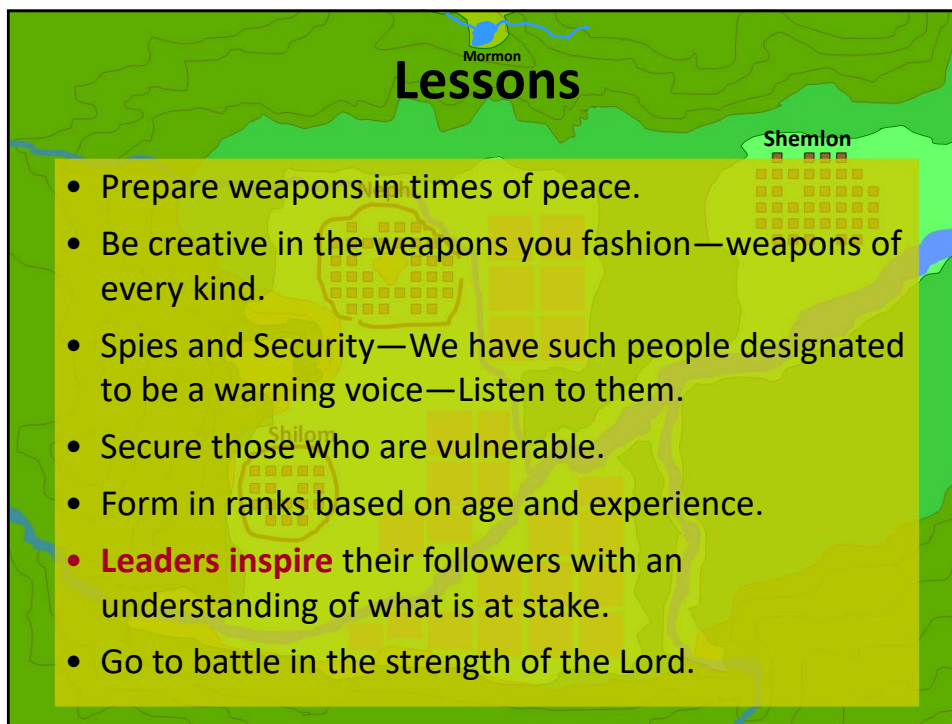
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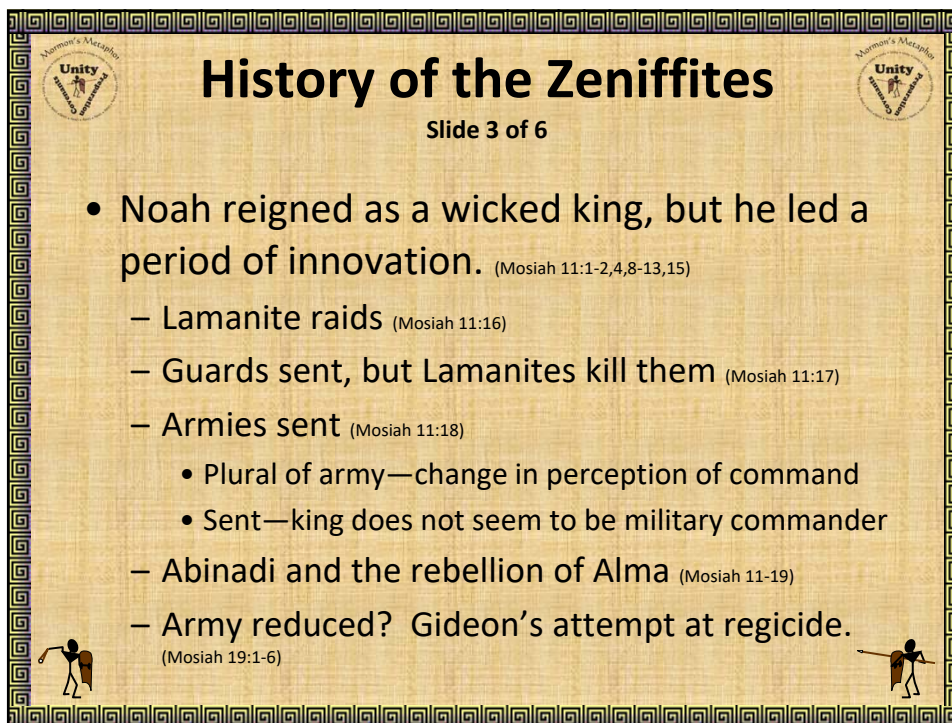
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Lessons

- Prepare weapons in times of peace.
- Be creative in the weapons you fashion—weapons of every kind.
- Spies and Security—We have such people designated to be a warning voice—Listen to them.
- Secure those who are vulnerable.
- Form in ranks based on age and experience.
- **Leaders inspire** their followers with an understanding of what is at stake.
- Go to battle in the strength of the Lord.

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- Noah reigned as a wicked king, but he led a period of innovation. (Mosiah 11:1-2,4,8-13,15)
 - Lamanite raids (Mosiah 11:16)
 - Guards sent, but Lamanites kill them (Mosiah 11:17)
 - Armies sent (Mosiah 11:18)
 - Plural of army—change in perception of command
 - Sent—king does not seem to be military commander
 - Abinadi and the rebellion of Alma (Mosiah 11-19)
 - Army reduced? Gideon's attempt at regicide. (Mosiah 19:1-6)

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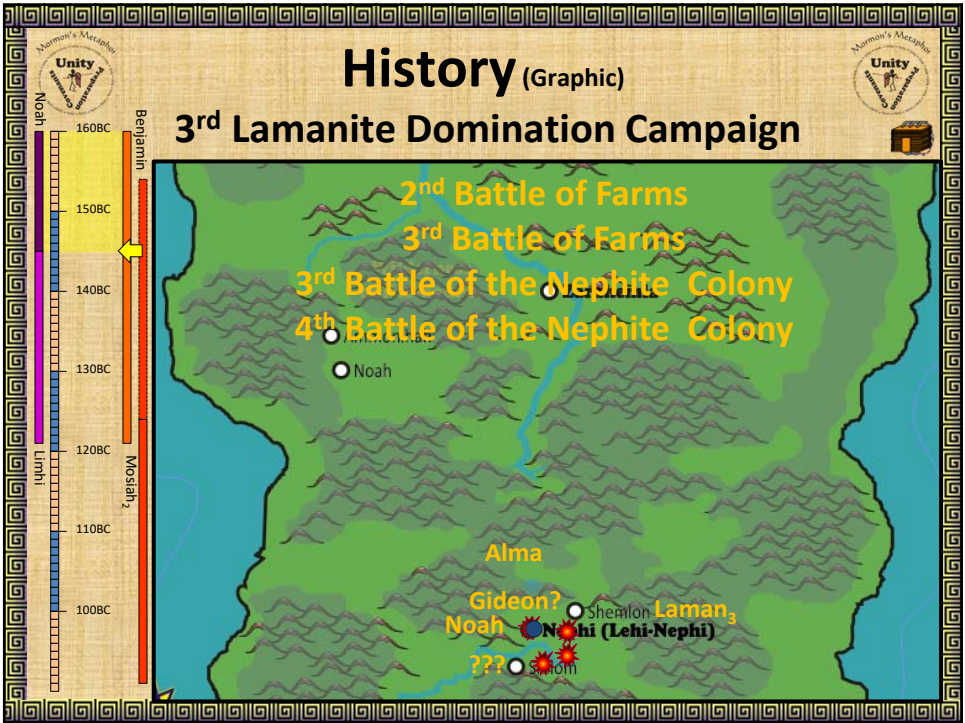
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- Noah flees attack by Lamanites (Mosiah 19:9-12)
- Zeniffite Kingdom becomes client state (Mosiah 19:15,25-26)
 - Young women plead for families (Mosiah 19:13-15)
 - 50% of wealth and production as tribute (Mosiah 19:15,26)
 - Noah executed by Zeniffites (Mosiah 19:20)
 - Limhi becomes king (Mosiah 19:26)
- Fall of Zeniffite Kingdom caused by
 - Loss of Zeniff's intelligence network—Noah always surprised
 - Guard force shrinks—success against bandits
 - Guards used to fight internal opponents

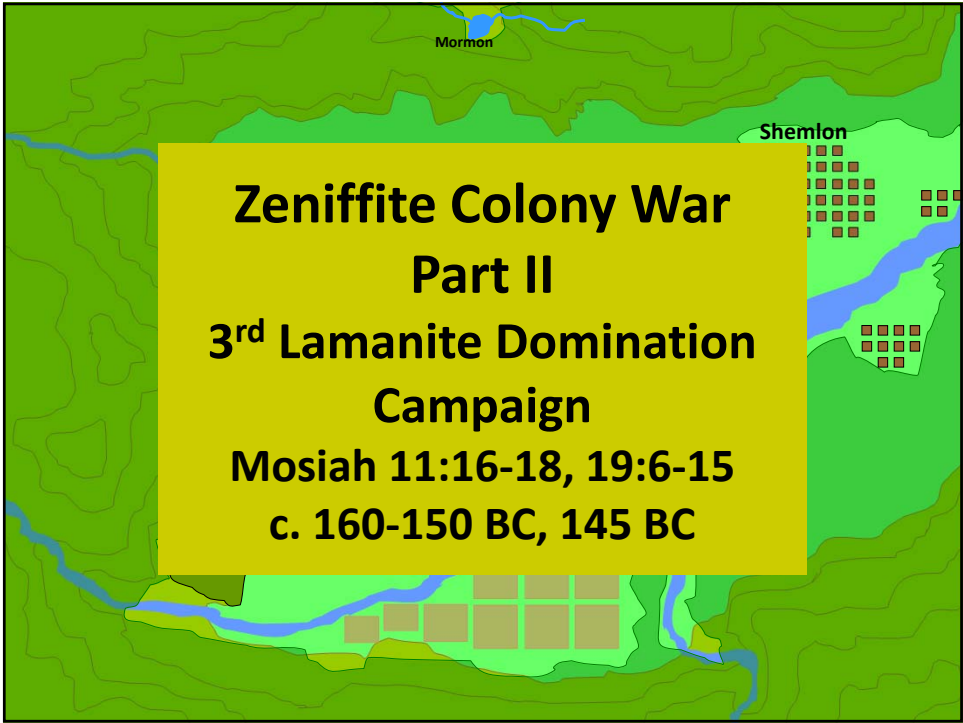
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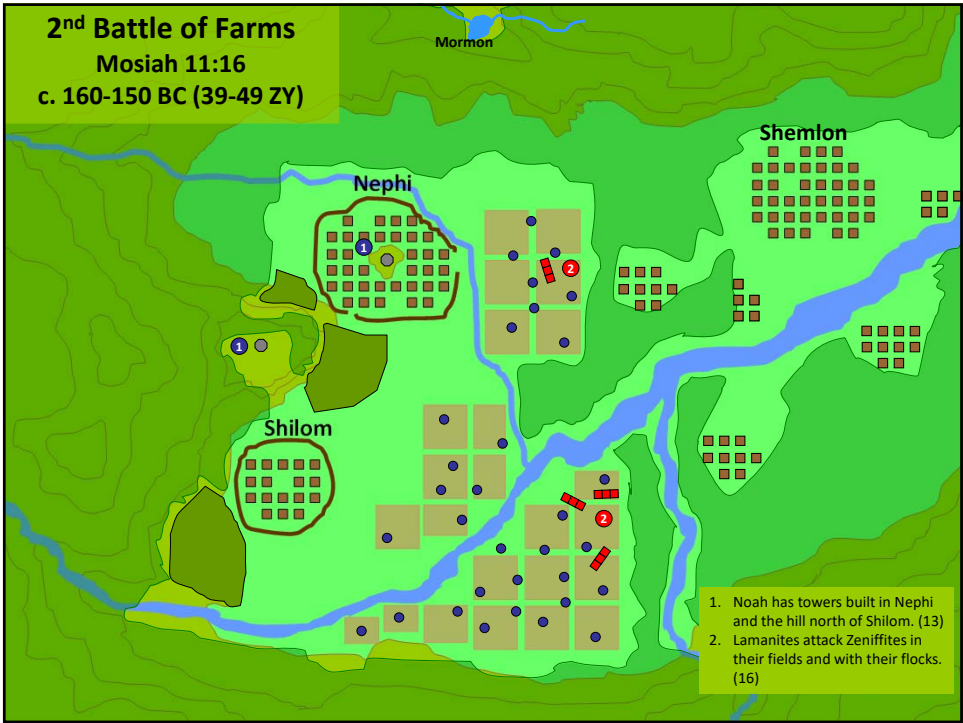
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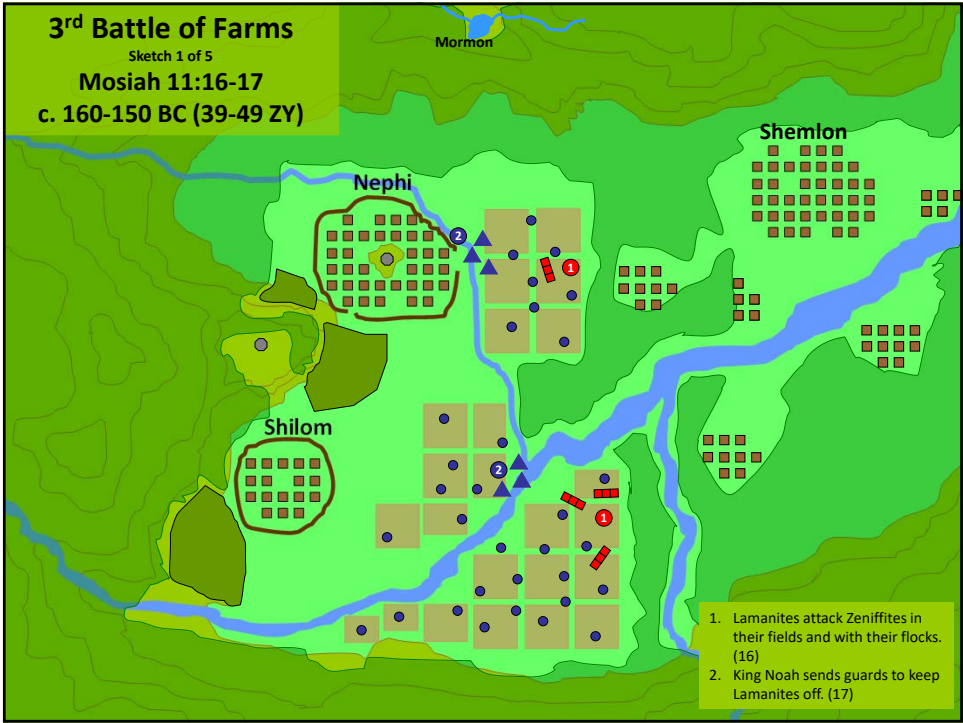
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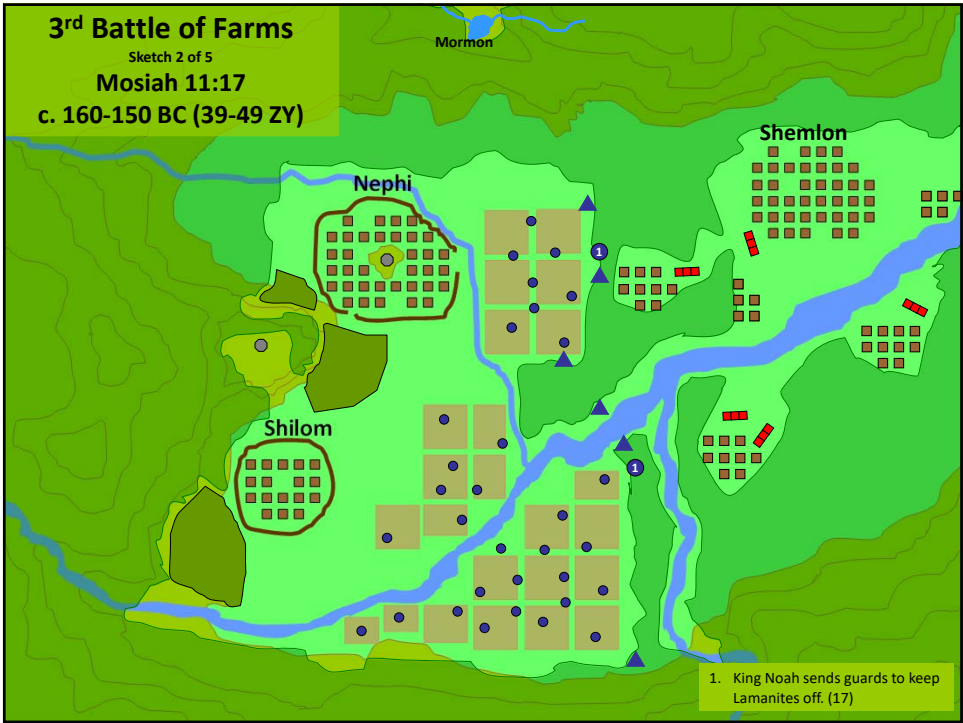
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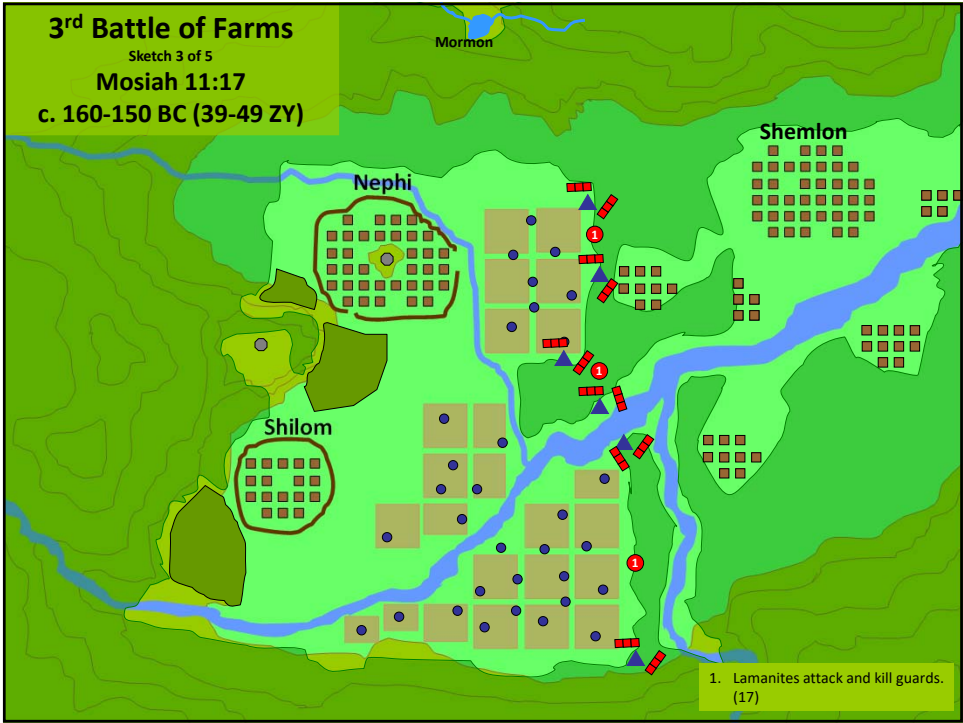
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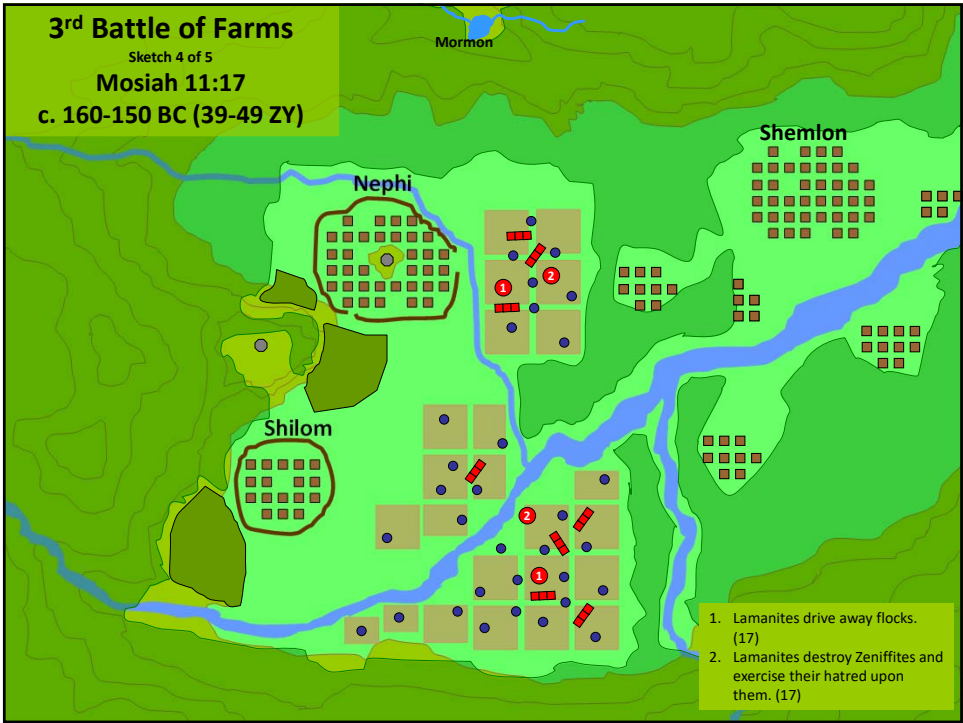
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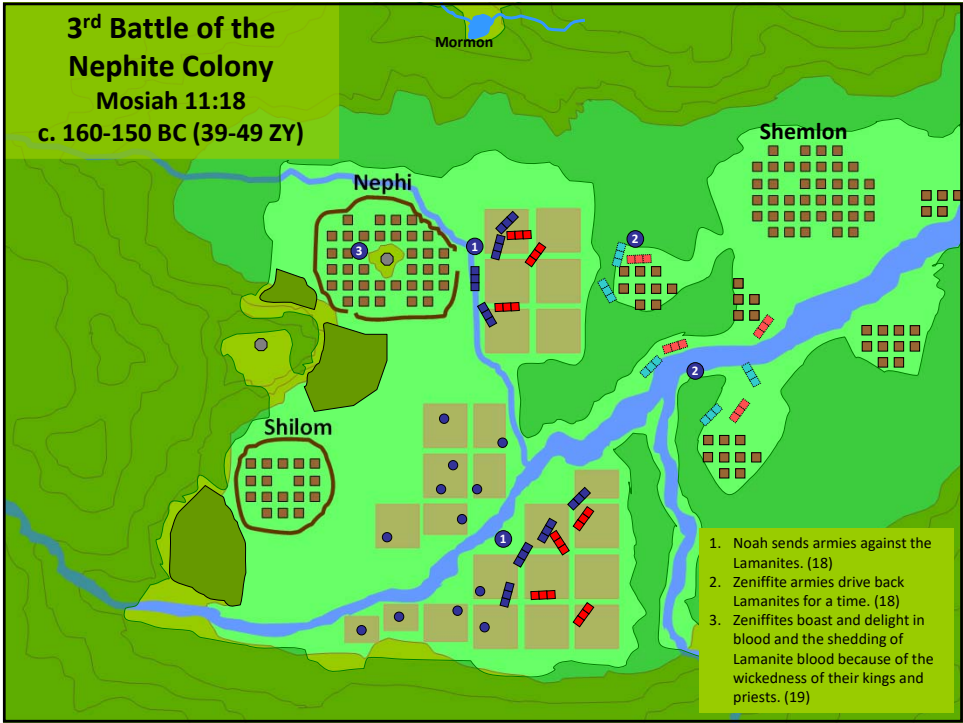
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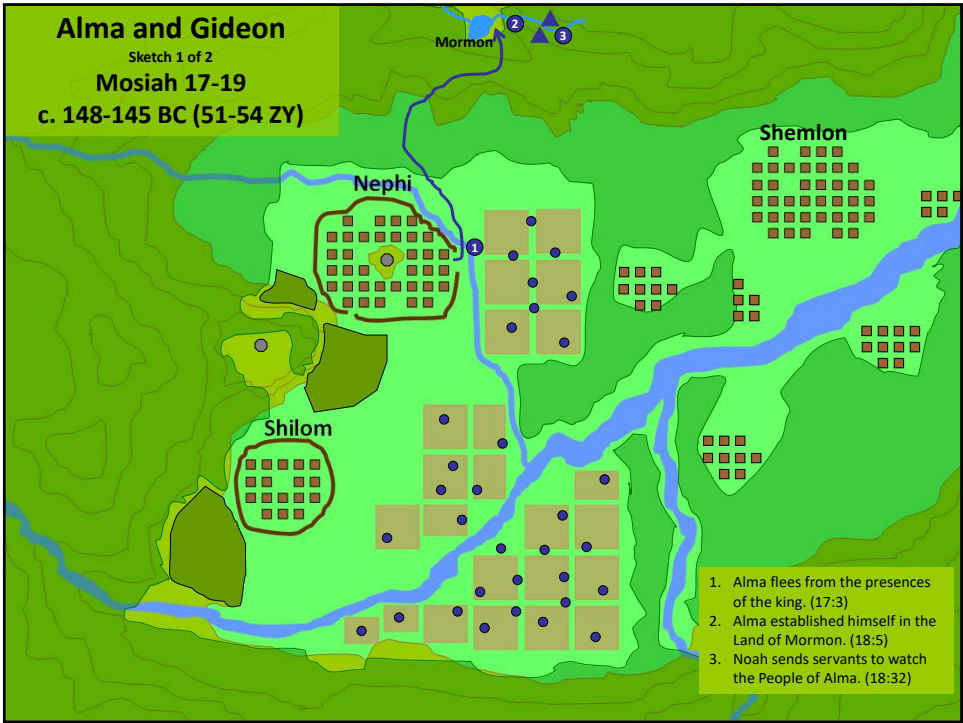
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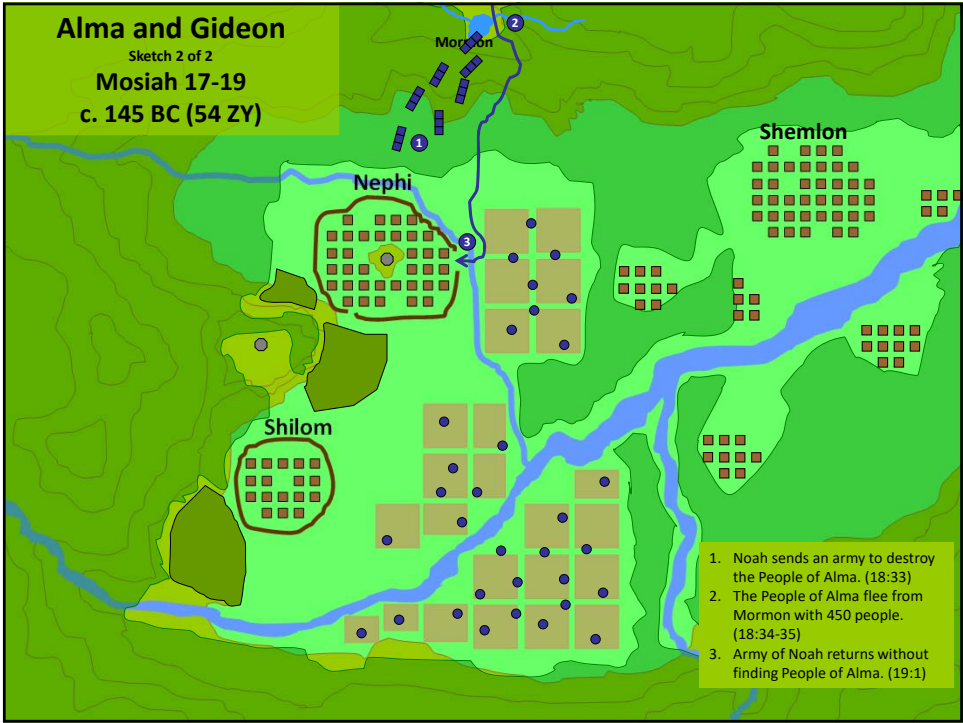
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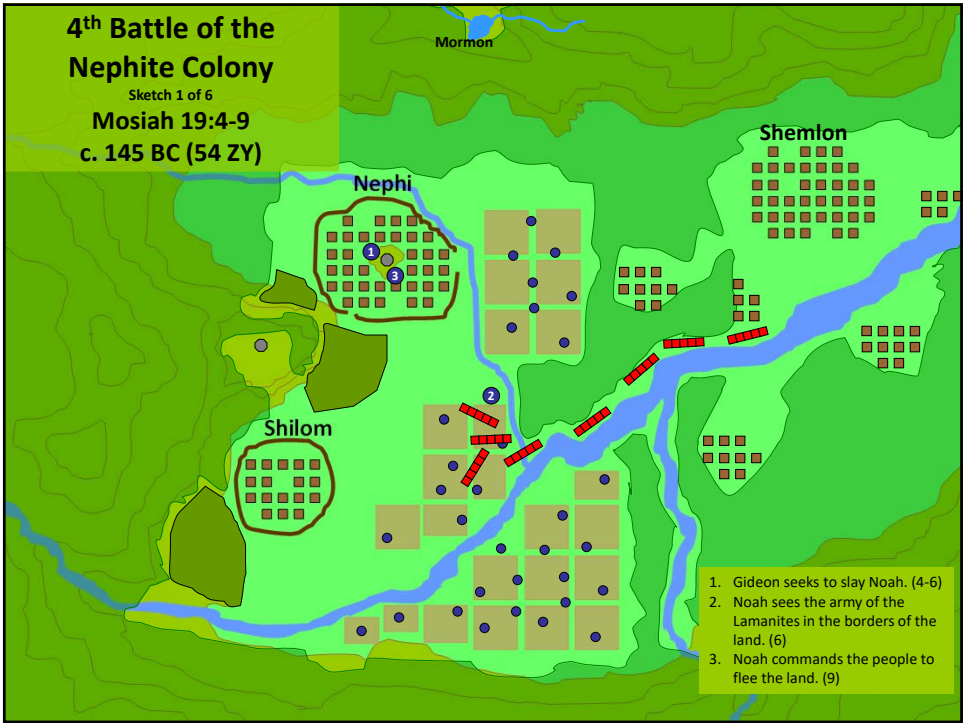
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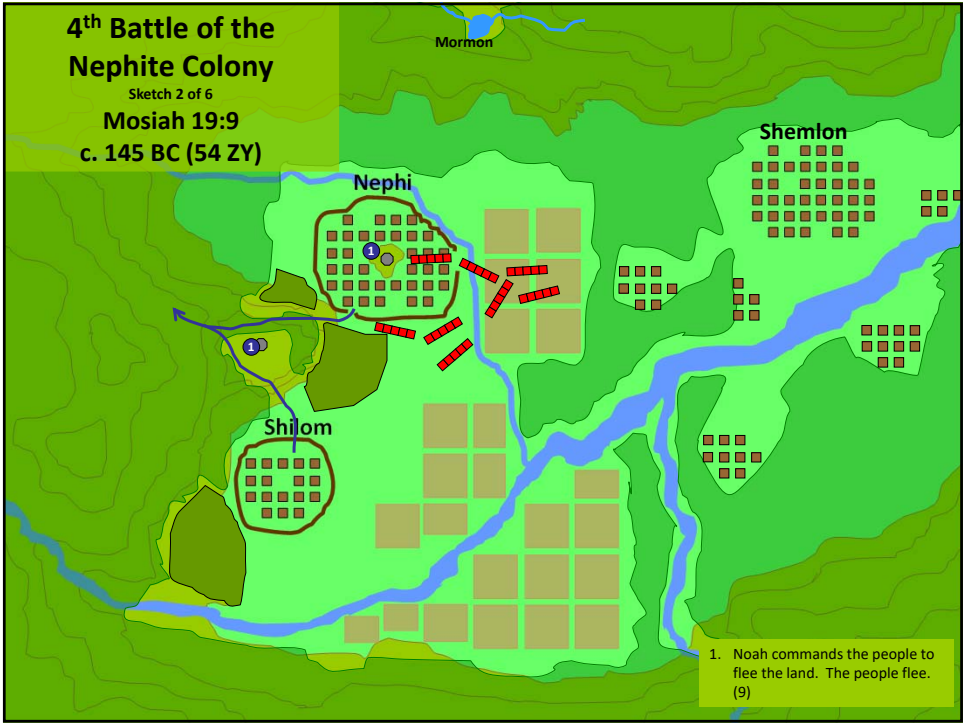
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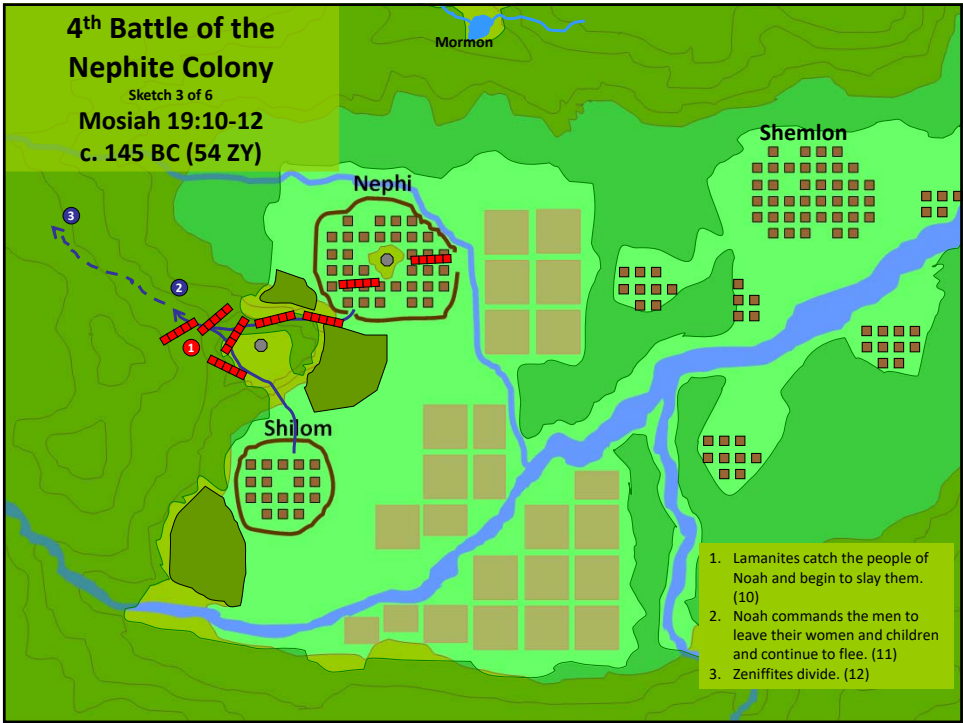
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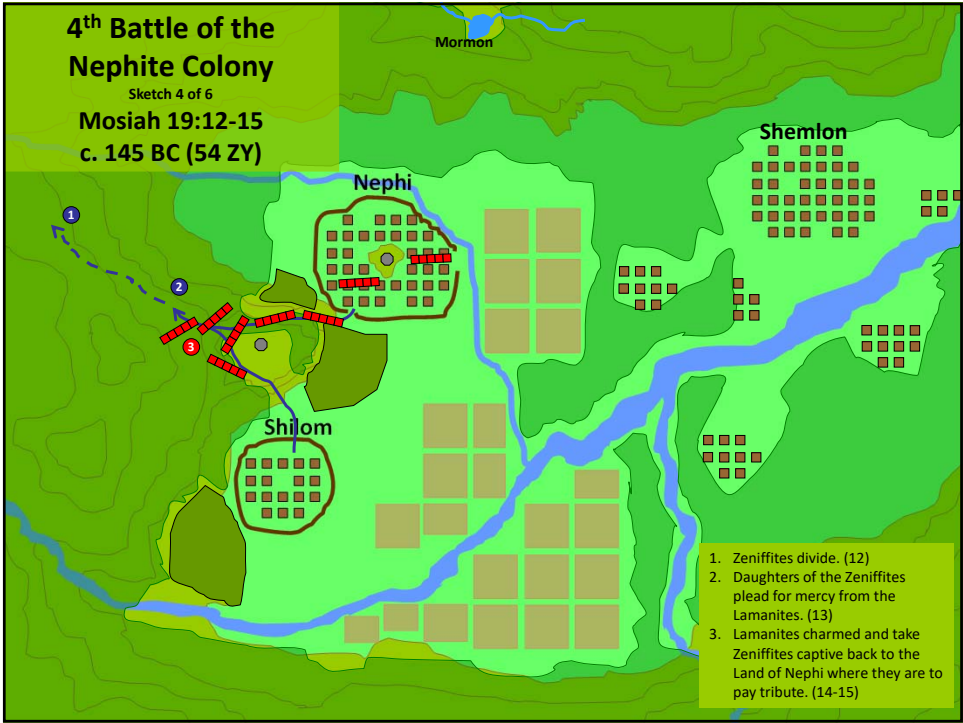
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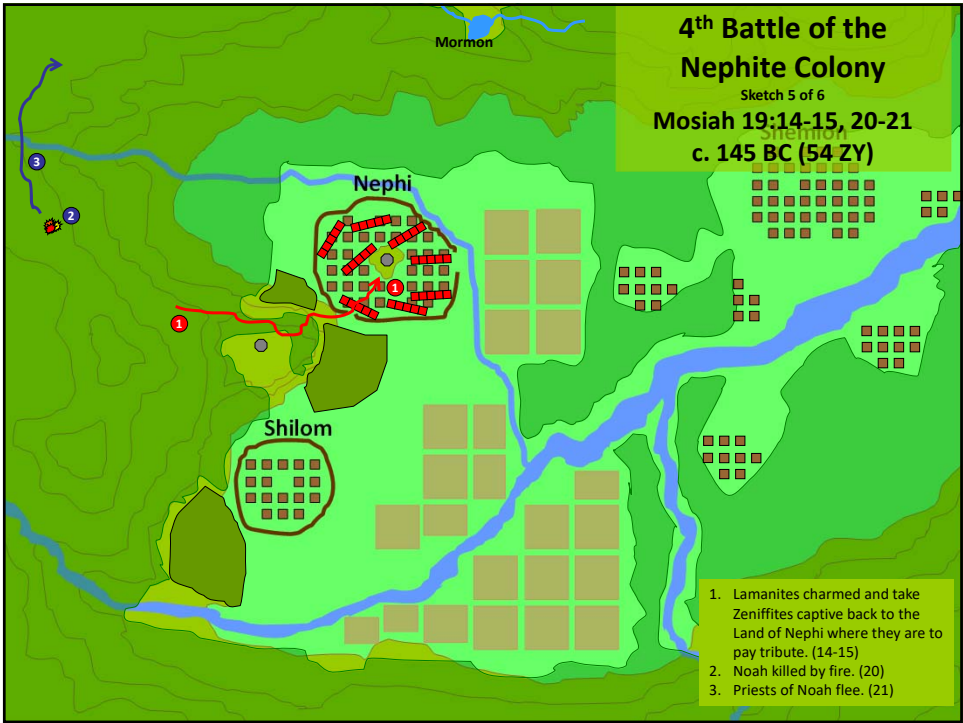
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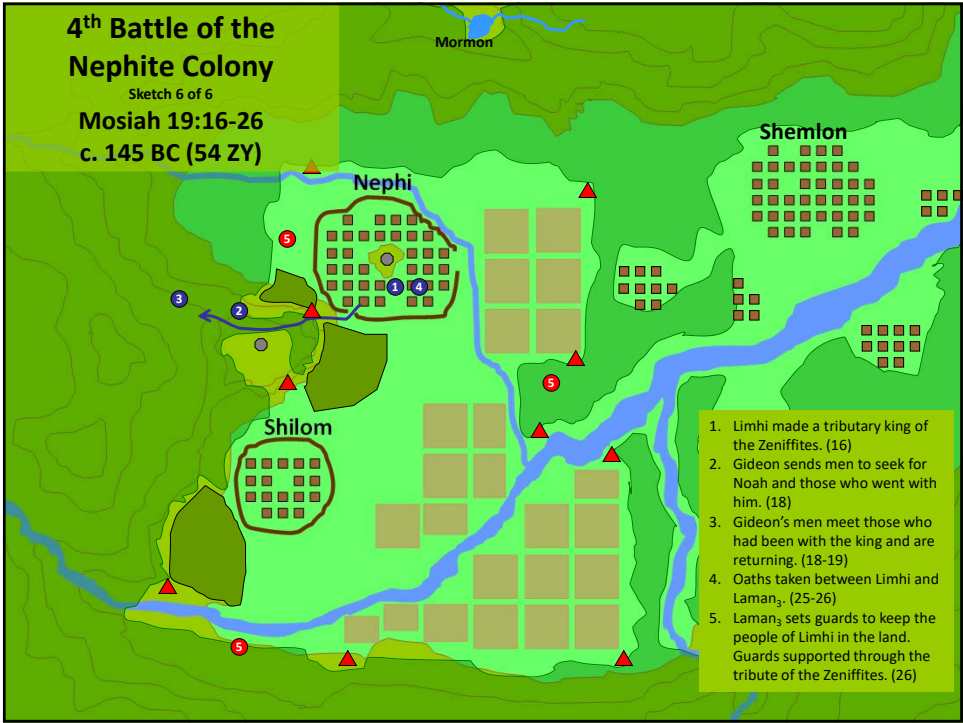
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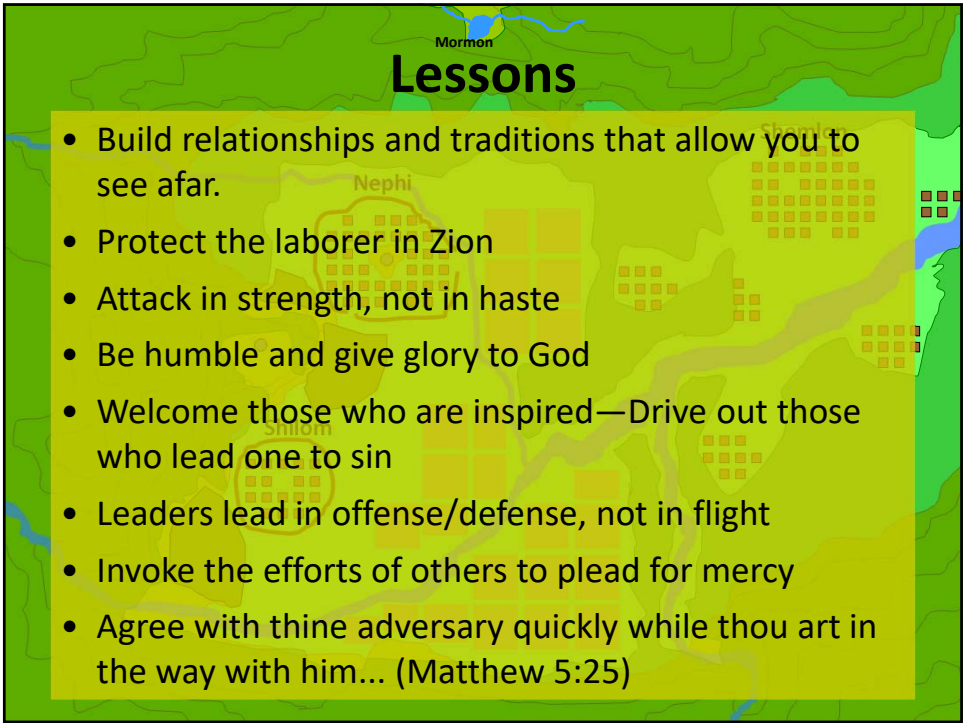
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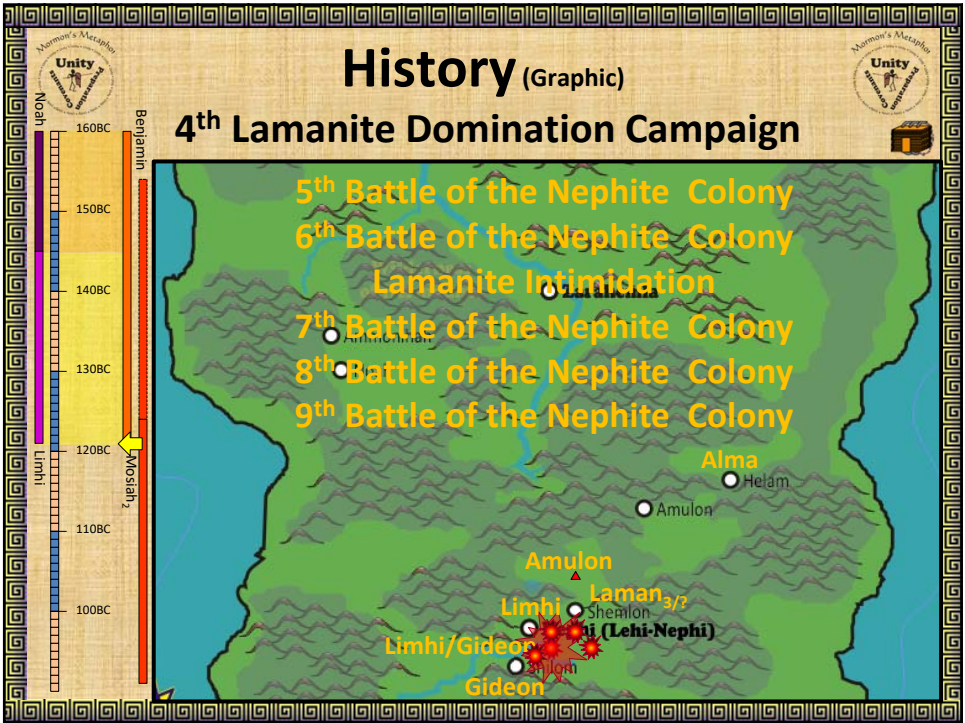
- Limhi's challenges.
 - Abduction of Lamanite daughters (Mosiah 20:5)
 - 4th Defense of Zeniffite Colony (Mosiah 20:6-11)
 - Lamanite blockade (Mosiah 21:5)
 - 3 failed Zeniffite attacks (Mosiah 21:5-8,10-11,12)
 - Social/political changes
 - Widows provided through social welfare (Mosiah 21:17)
 - General security to protect food (Mosiah 21:18)
 - King only leaves city with guards (Mosiah 21:19)
- Nephite language taught to Lamanites. (Mosiah 24:4)

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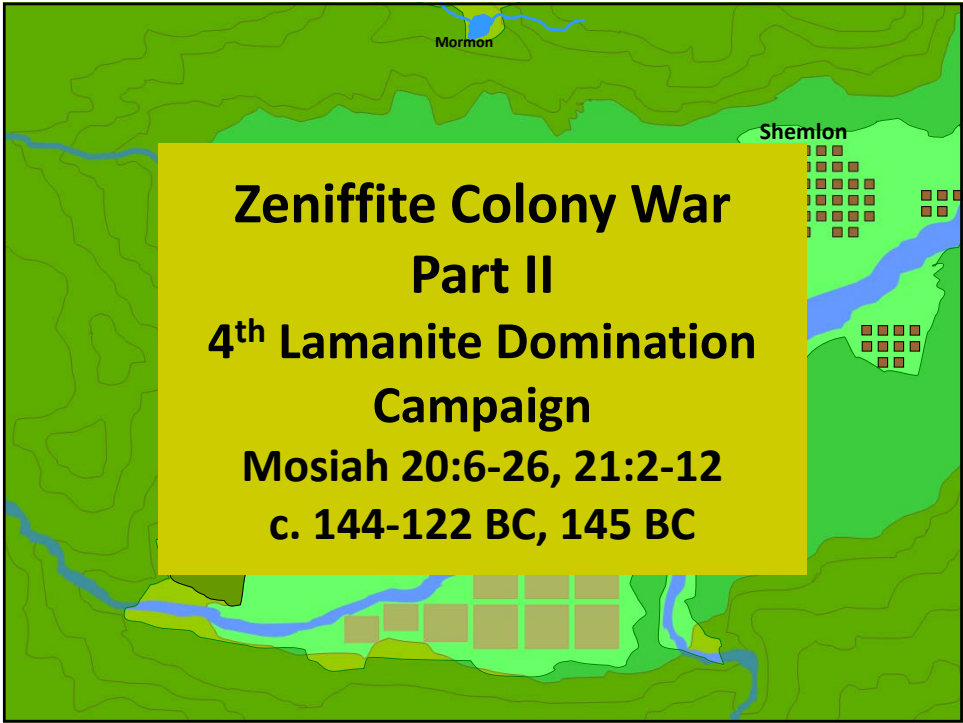
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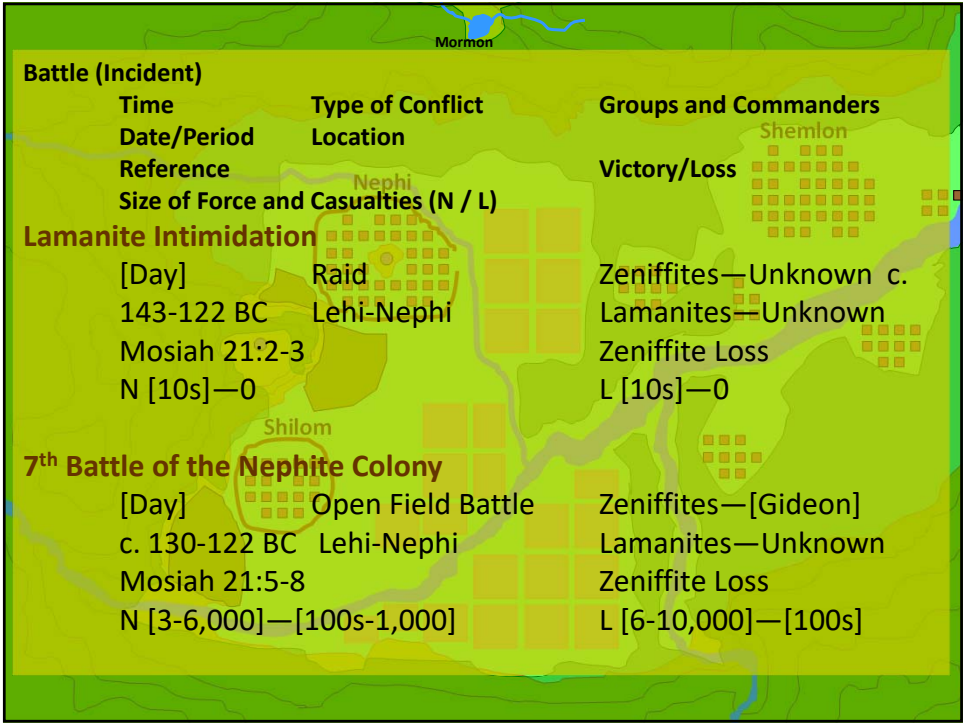
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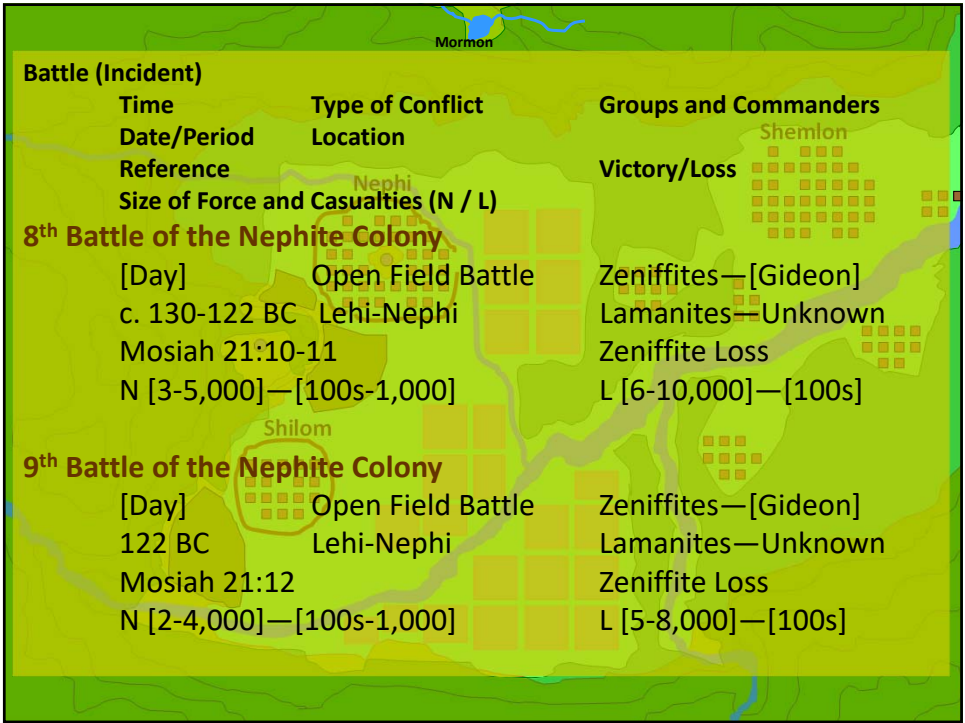
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Battle (Incident)			
Time	Type of Conflict	Groups and Commanders	
Date/Period	Location	Victory/Loss	
Reference			
Size of Force and Casualties (N / L)			
5th Battle of the Nephite Colony			
[Day]	Open Field Raid	Zeniffites—Limhi/Gideon	
144 BC	Lehi-Nephi	Lamanites—[Laman _{3/2}]	
Mosiah 20:6-13		Zeniffite Victory	
N [3-6,000]—[100s]		L [6-15,000]—[~1-2,500]	
6th Battle of the Nephite Colony			
[Day]	Open Field Battle	Zeniffites—Limhi	
144 BC	Lehi-Nephi	Lamanites—[Laman _{3/?}]	
Mosiah 20:25-26		Zeniffite Victory	
N [3-6,000]—0		L [6-15,000]—0	

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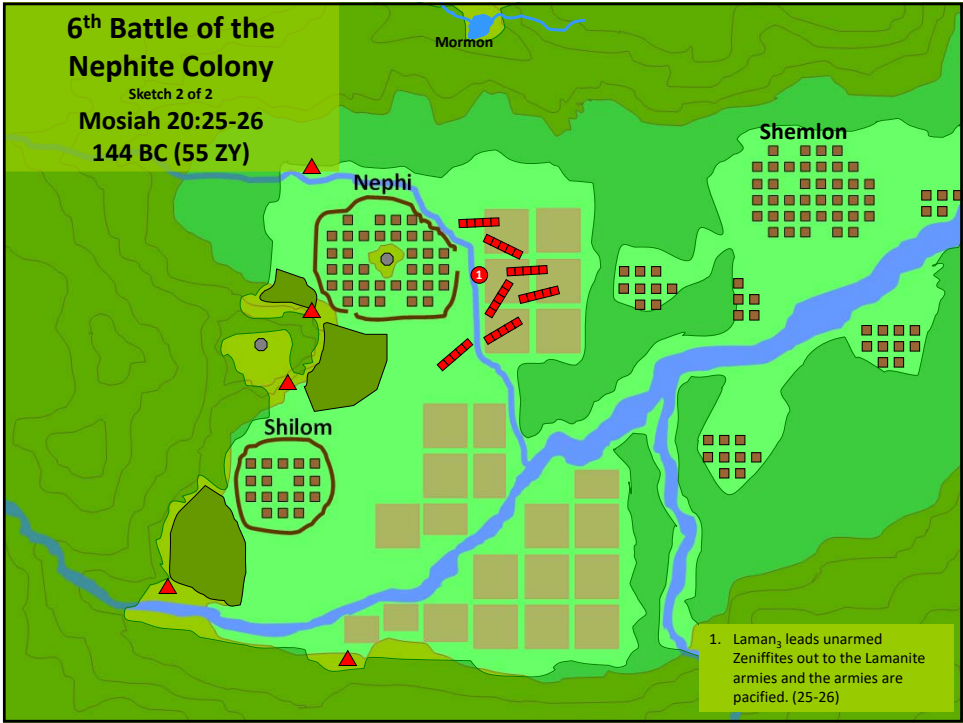
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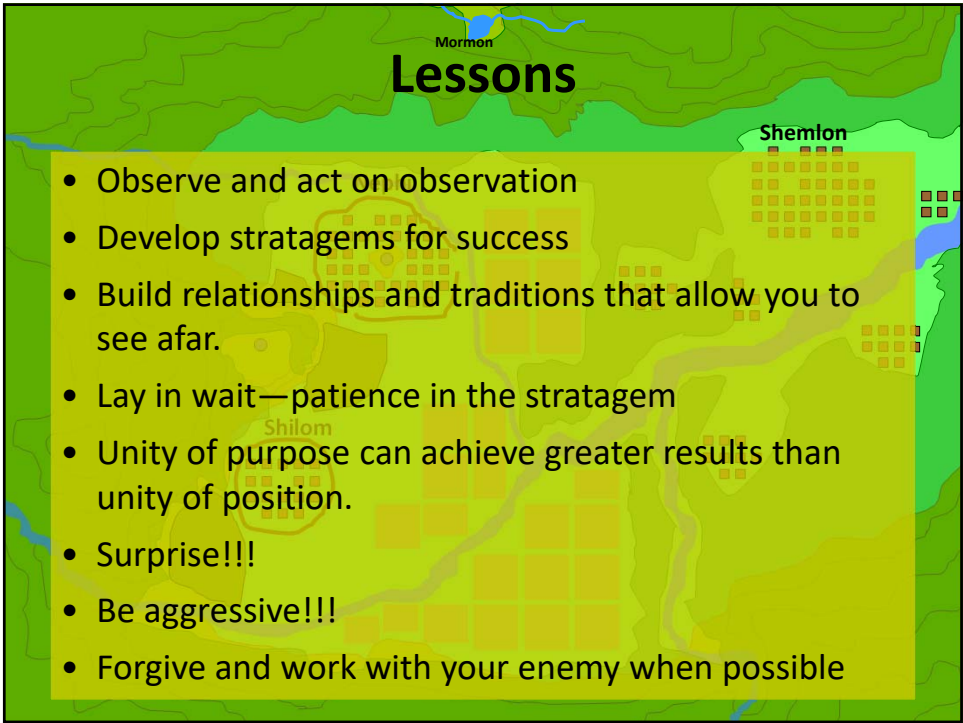
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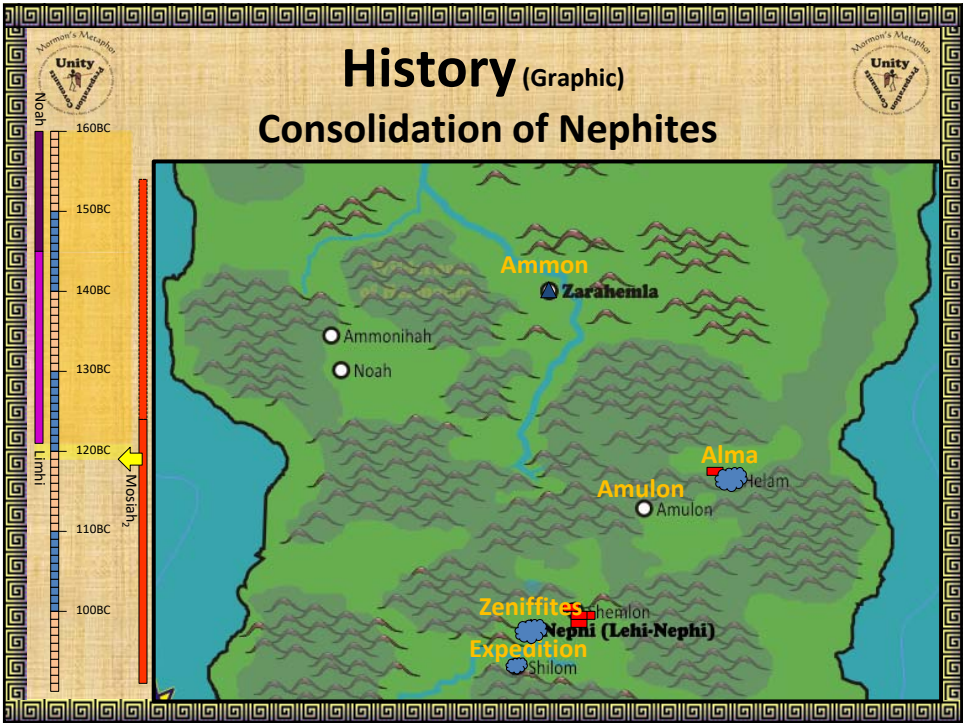
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- Limhi sends spies to find Zarahemla (Mosiah 21:25-27)
 - Lost in wilderness (Mosiah 21:26)
 - Find Jaredite final battle and 24 Gold Plates (Mosiah 8:9, 21:27, 28:11, Alma 37:21)
- Limhi and people rescued through Ammon (Mosiah 22:1-13)
- Alma and his people harassed by Amulon (Mosiah 23:35-39, 24:8-11)
- Alma and his people rescued through miracle (Mosiah 24:16-25)
- Amulon and his priests become conduit of Nephite-Lamanite information exchange (Mosiah 24:1-7)
 - Language (Mosiah 24:4)
 - Cunning (Mosiah 24:7)



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Major Innovations from Zeniffites




- City Walls
- Soldiers in Ranks according to Age
- Observation Towers
- Semi-Permanent or Permanent Security Force or Standing Army
- Armor
- Chief Captain
- Large-Scale Ambush
- Use of Wine (Mosiah 22:7,10)
- **Strategy / Maneuver!**





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Spiritual Lessons from Zeniffites



- Crafting Weapons
- Spies and Security
- Form in Ranks Based on Age and Experience
- Spies and Action
- Stratagem
- No Enemy is Forever



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Jaredites—Early Lessons

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- “Now **this account** did cause the people of Mosiah to mourn exceedingly, yea, they were filled with sorrow; nevertheless it gave them **much knowledge**, in the which they did rejoice.” (Mosiah 28:18)
- Nature of Jaredite Conflict
 - Two Wars of Annihilation—12th (Ether 9:11-12) and 59th Generations (Ether 15:10-32)
 - Generally wars were for greed, rulership, or inspired by secret combinations (not competing foundation stories like with the Nephites and Lamanites)



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Jaredites—Early Lessons and Transference

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- Prisoners (Ether 7:5,7,17; 8:3-19,23;13:23)
- Armor and
 - Swords
 - Breastplate**
 - Copper** (10:27)
- Night Battles (Ether 7:18,8:5,14:5)
- Murder (Ether 8:16,25;9:6;14:9-10)

And now Coriantumr, having studied, himself, in all the arts of war and all the cunning of the world, wherefore he gave battle unto them who sought to destroy him. (Ether 13:16)

- Secret combinations** (Ether 13:33,13:15,13:27-30,14:3-10:21,15:12-15)
- Competition** (Ether 10:21,15:12-15)
- Annihilation** (Ether 15:32)
- War** (Ether 13:16)
- Transference** (Ether 13:25,15:5)

- Total War and Use of Terror (Ether 14:15,17,27;15:2,6)



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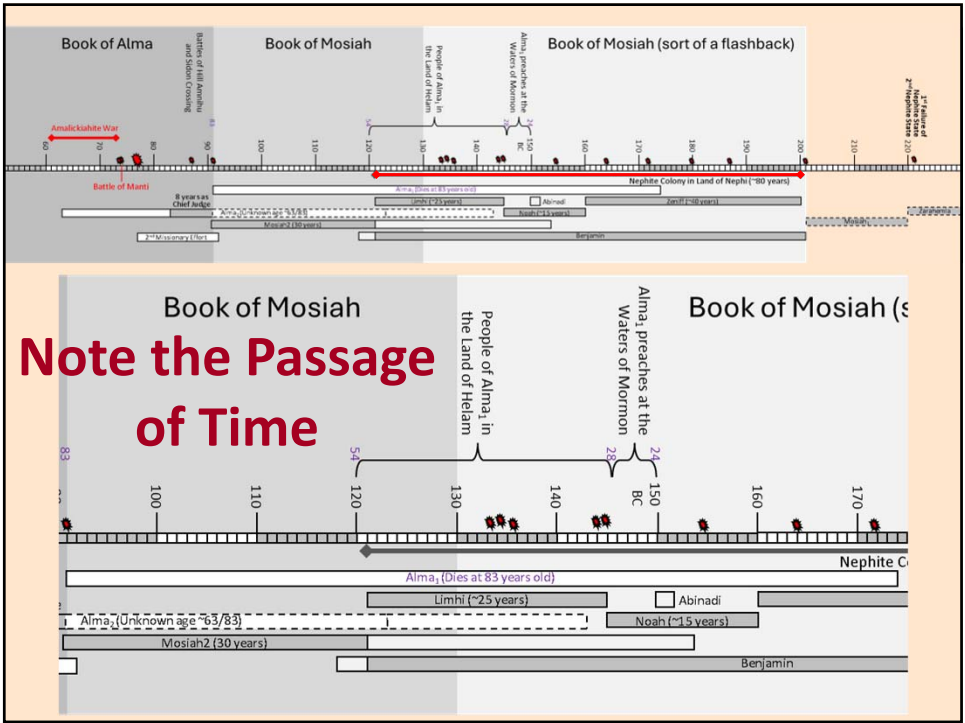
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Understanding

- Prisoners in a King's House
(Ether 7:5,7,17; 8:3-4;10:14-15,30-31;11:9,18-19,23;13:23)
- Armor and Weapons
 - Swords of Steel (Ether 7:9)
 - Breastplates of Brass & Copper (Mosiah 8:10)
 - "all manner of weapons of war" in a time of peace (Ether 10:27)
- Night Battles (Ether 7:18,8:5,14:5)
- Murder (Ether 8:16,25;9:6;14:9-10)

- Secret Combinations
(Ether 8:10-17,9:26,10:33,13:15,13:27-30,14:3-6,14:11-16)
- Resource Competition
(Ether 7:11,9:26,10:4,10:21,15:12-15)
- Battles of Annihilation
(Ether 9:11-12, 15:10-32)
- Siege (Ether 14:5-6)
- Student of War (Ether 13:16)
- Tribal Warfare (Ether 13:25,15:5)
- Total War and Use of Terror (Ether 14:15,17,27;15:2,6)

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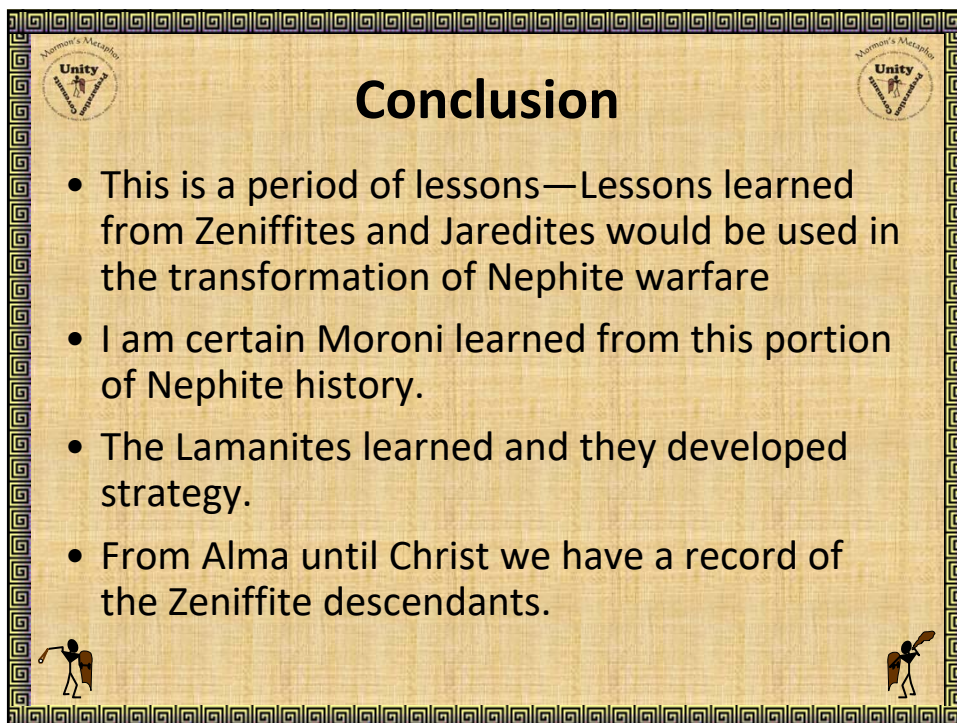
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Zeniffites were First

- First spies
- First walls
- First armor
- First towers
- First standing armies
- First chief captains
- First strategists

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Conclusion

- This is a period of lessons—Lessons learned from Zeniffites and Jaredites would be used in the transformation of Nephite warfare
- I am certain Moroni learned from this portion of Nephite history.
- The Lamanites learned and they developed strategy.
- From Alma until Christ we have a record of the Zeniffite descendants.

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