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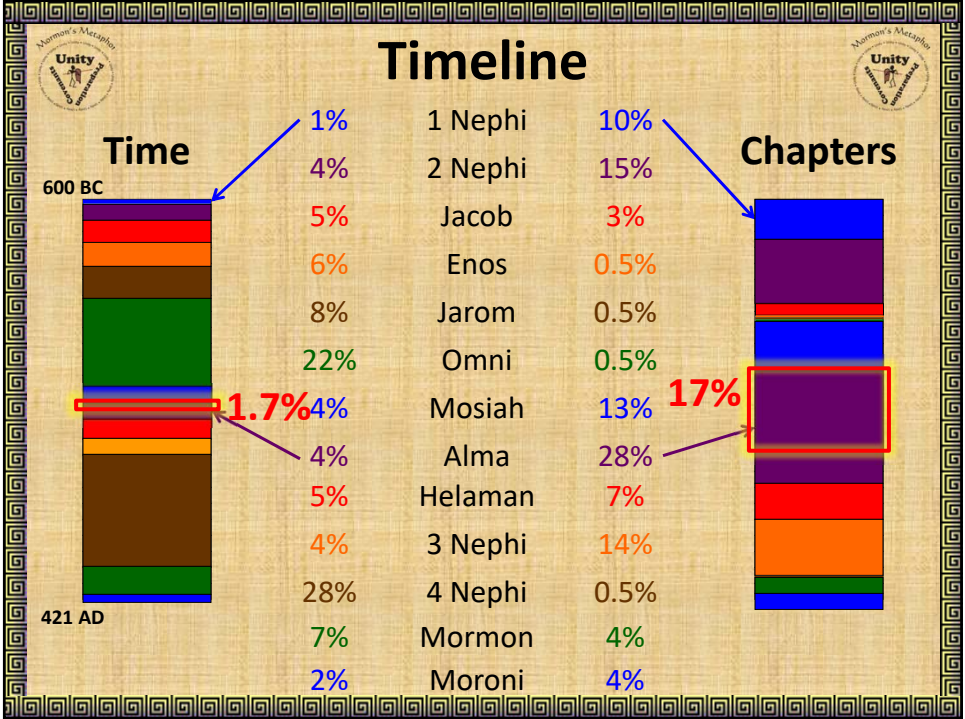
Most Important Points

- Details Matter
- Leadership Matters
- How does one do Priesthood Leadership
- Changing Context
- Sets the Stage for Moroni
- Whet your appetite for feasting on the Book of Mormon

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Review

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How

Mormon's three great sermons

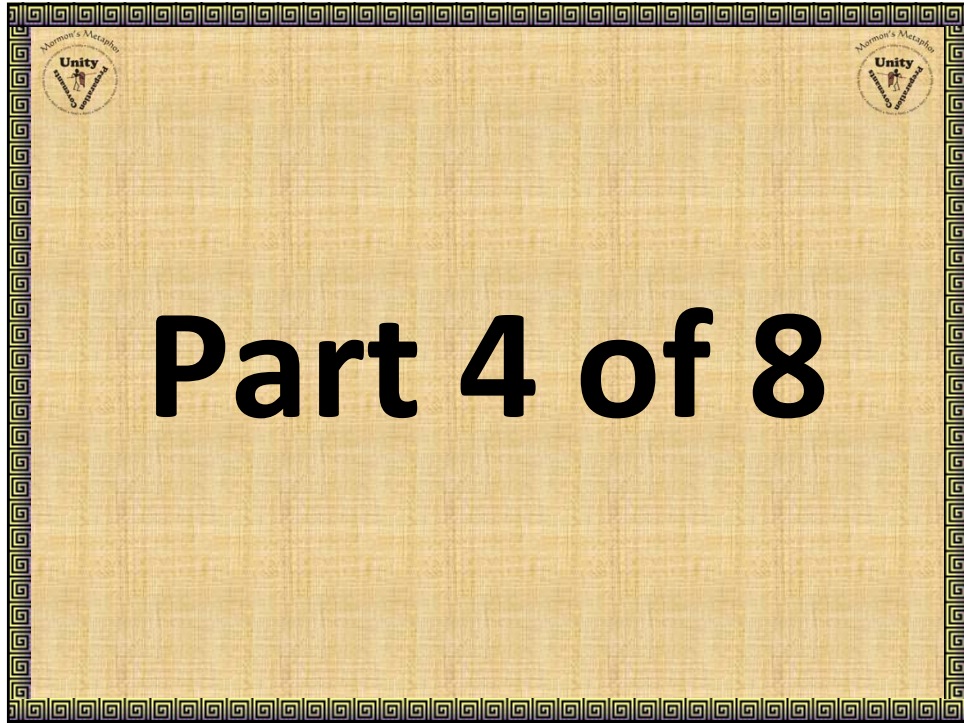
1st Battle of Manti *(Alma 43-44)*
 Amalickiahite War *(Alma 46-62)*
 Gadianton Robber War *(Helaman & 3 Nephi)*

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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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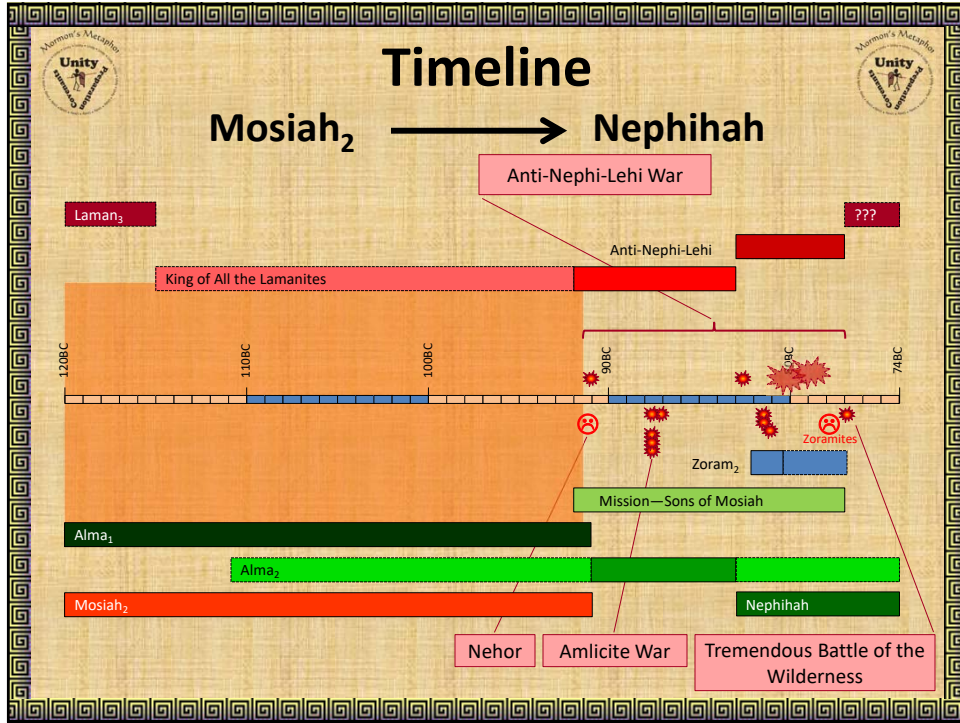
Exemplars



people and events that served as THE example

• Ammon		Technical Conflict
• Missionaries	Ideal Engagement Technique	
• Alma		Warrior-Leader
• Battle of Manti		Battle Narrative
• Moroni		Soldier of Christ
• Amalickiah		Satan Archetype
• Amalickiahite War		War Metaphor
• 2,000 Stripling Warriors	Covenant Keepers	
• Gadianton Robbers		Disunity
• Battle of Consolidated Settlement		Unity

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The figure is a slide titled "The Establishment of Institutions" with a decorative border and logos at the top corners. It contains a list of bullet points:

- Rule of Law
- From King to Chief Judge, but Still a Warrior-Leader
- From Warrior-Leader to Chief Judge and Chief Captain
- Dissensions/Missionaries as Part of Conflict
 - The Example of Technical Strategy
 - The Challenge of Conversion
- The Tremendous Battle of the Wilderness—The Watershed Armed Conflict Event

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**Lamanite Dissent—
Nephite Missionaries**

What is Mormon showing his reader?

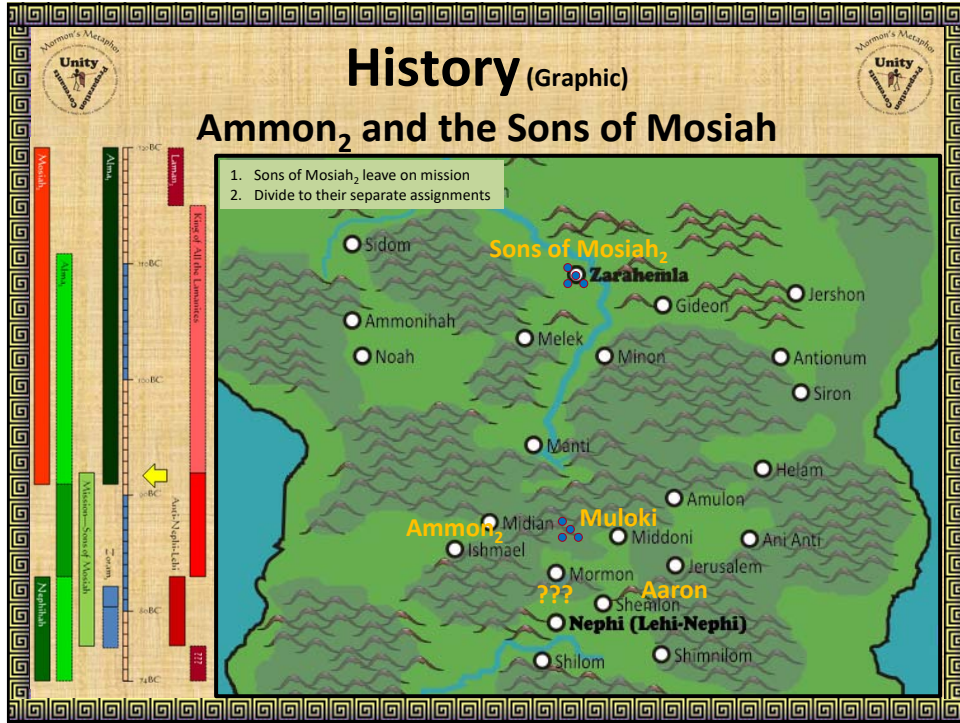
(By the way, he also tells us.)

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**Lamanite Dissent—
Nephite Missionaries**

- Perspective—Conversion vs. Dissent
- Why be missionaries?
 - **Spiritual** Reasons and **Temporal** Reasons
 - “That perhaps they might bring them to the **knowledge of the Lord their God**, and **convince them of the iniquity of their fathers**; and that perhaps they might **cure them of their hatred towards the Nephites**, that they might also be **brought to rejoice in the Lord their God**, that they might **become friendly to one another**, and that there **should be no more contentions** in all the land which the Lord their God had given them.”
(Mosiah 28:2)(also Alma 4:19 and 31:1-4)

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Missionaries and Conflict

- Lamanite as Lamanite Type
- King of All Lamanites Needs Humbling
 - Conversion of Kings—Teachings are Different
 - Freedom of religion among Lamanites at the same time Nephite Christians are being persecuted.
 - Transition of Monarch—Rebellion
- Attack on Converted—Anti-Nephi-Lehis
- Guilt Response—Attack Ammonihah

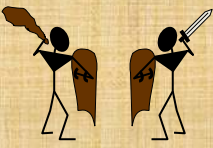
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Technical vs. Tactical Strategy

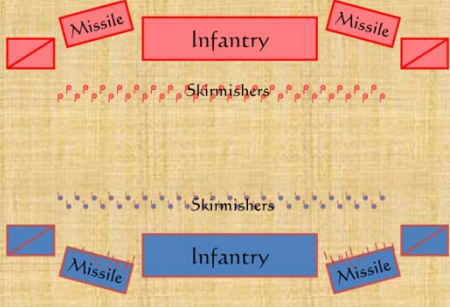


Technical Strategy




The way that one person uses weapons or fights another person.

Tactical Strategy




The way a unit fights another unit on the battlefield.




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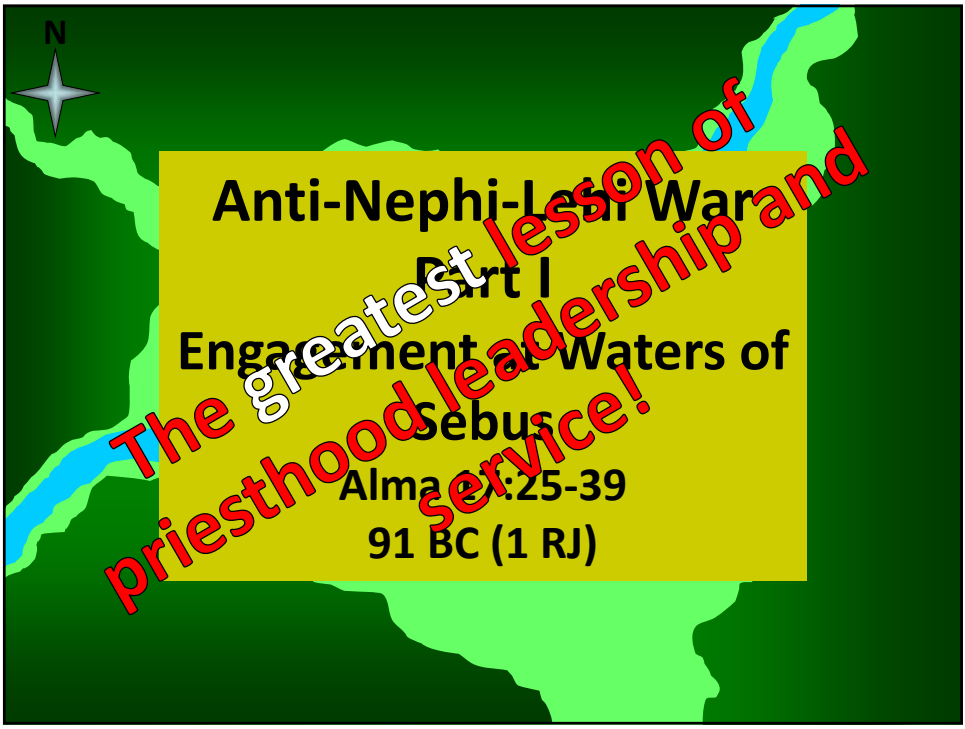
Technical Strategy— Ammon at the Waters of Sebus



- Set up or real task?
- Attack, flock scattered, flock gathered, defense of flock at the watering hole.
- Battle of Champions
- Missile Combat
- Melee Combat

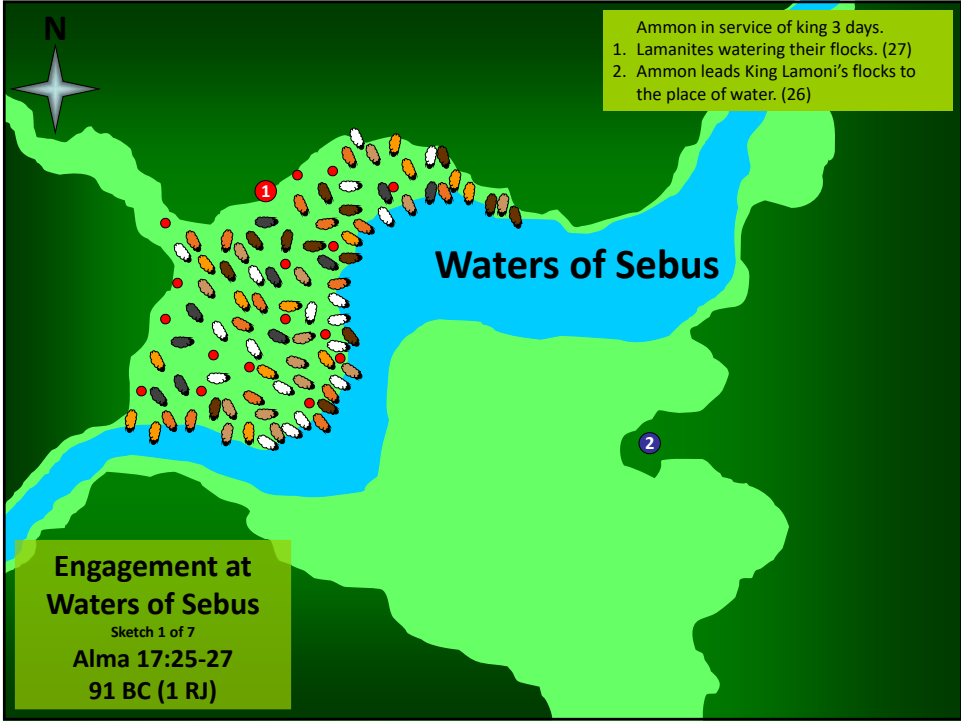
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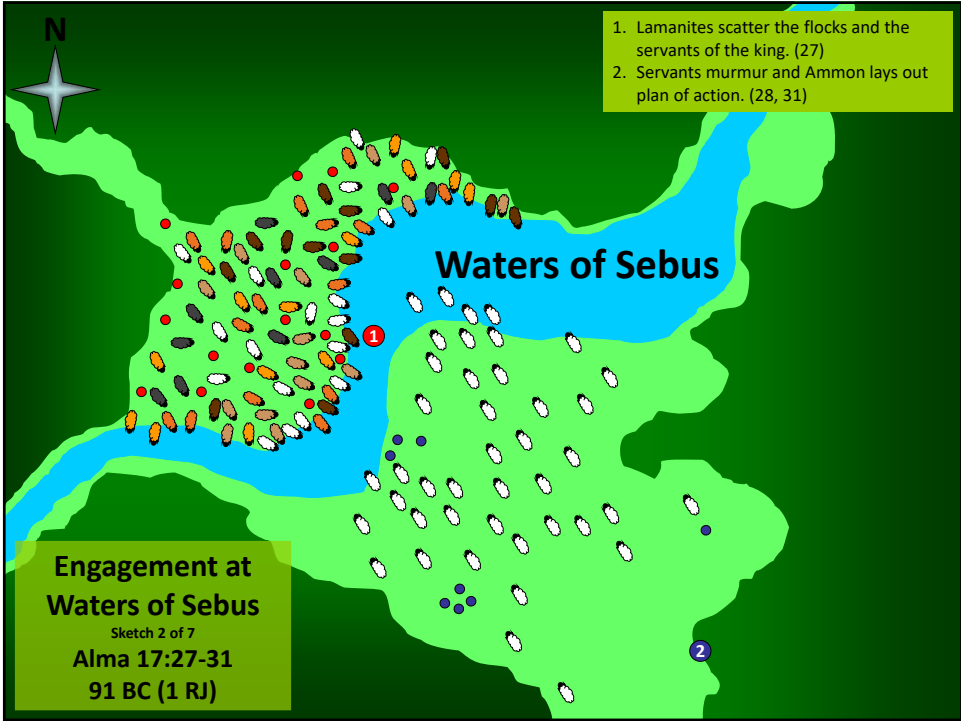
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Battle (Incident)			
Time	Type of Conflict	Groups and Commanders	Date/Period
Location			Victory/Loss
Reference			
Size of Force and Casualties (N / L)			
Engagement at Waters of Sebus			
Day	Raid/Contest	Ammon	
c. 91 BC	Waters of Sebus	Lamanites—Unknown	
Alma 17:25-39	Victory		
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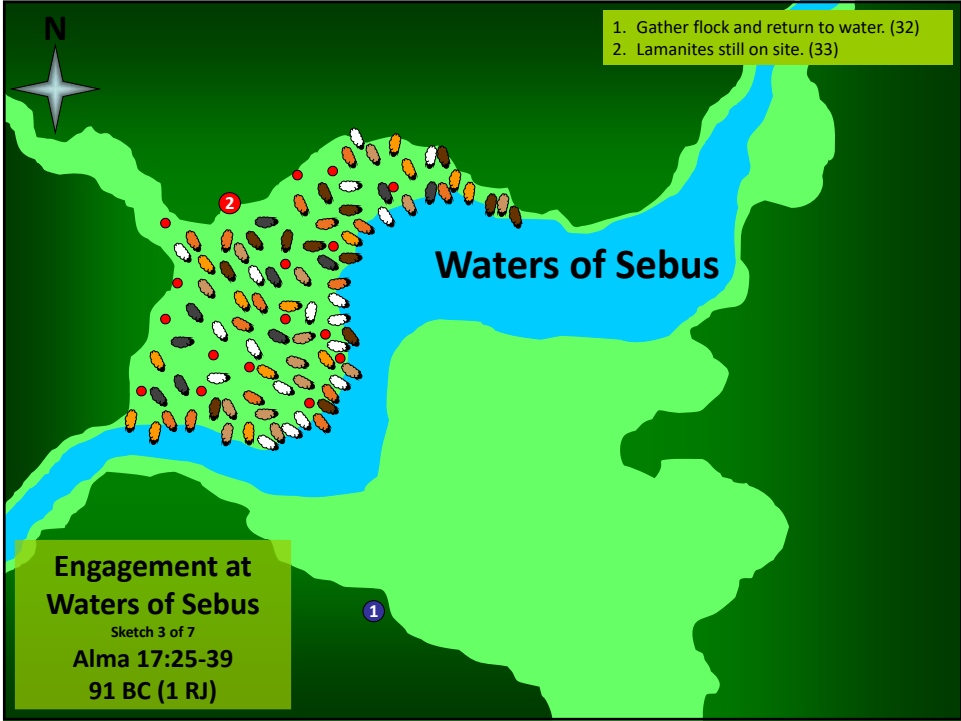
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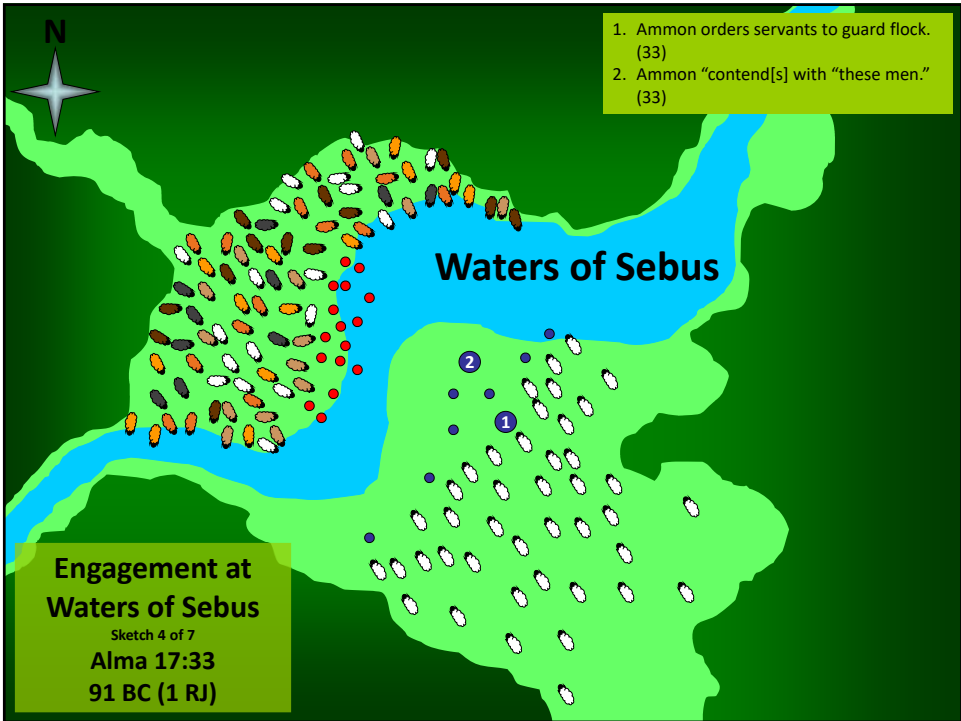
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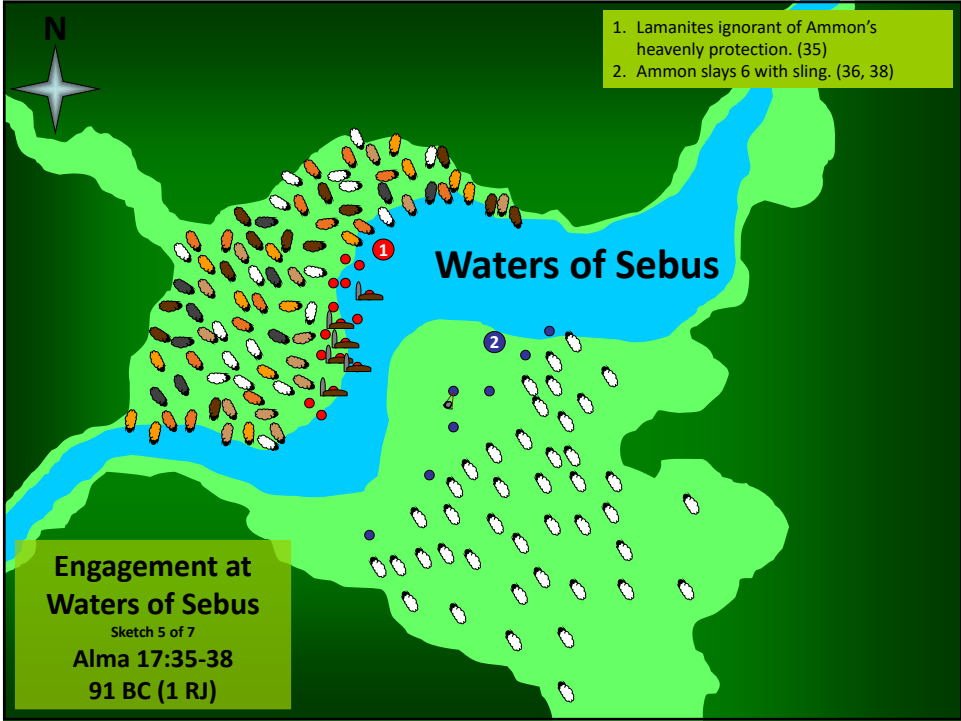
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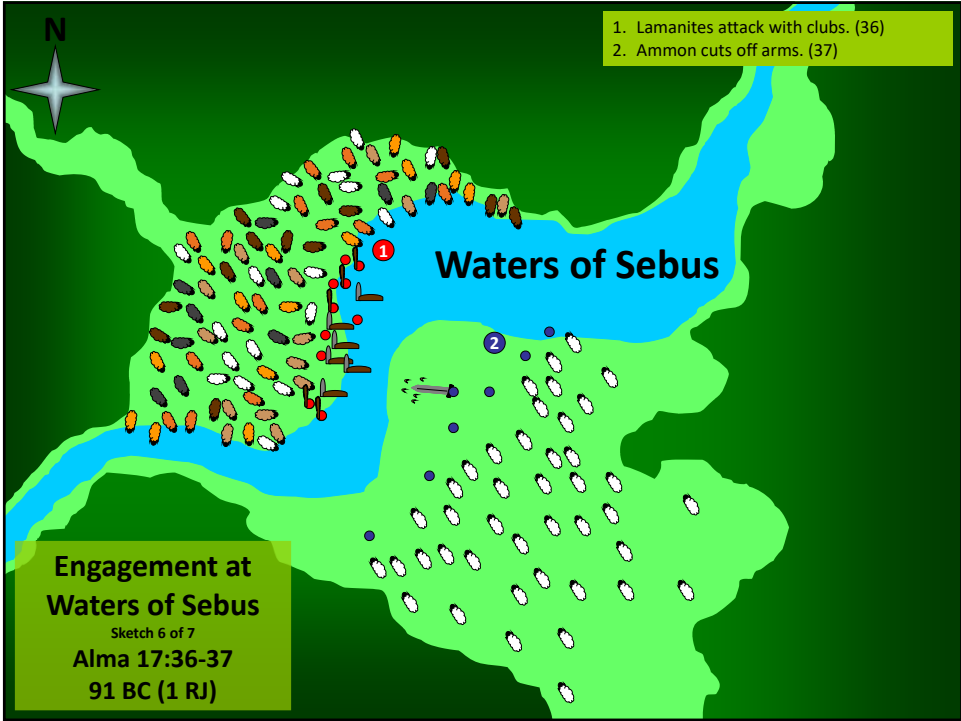
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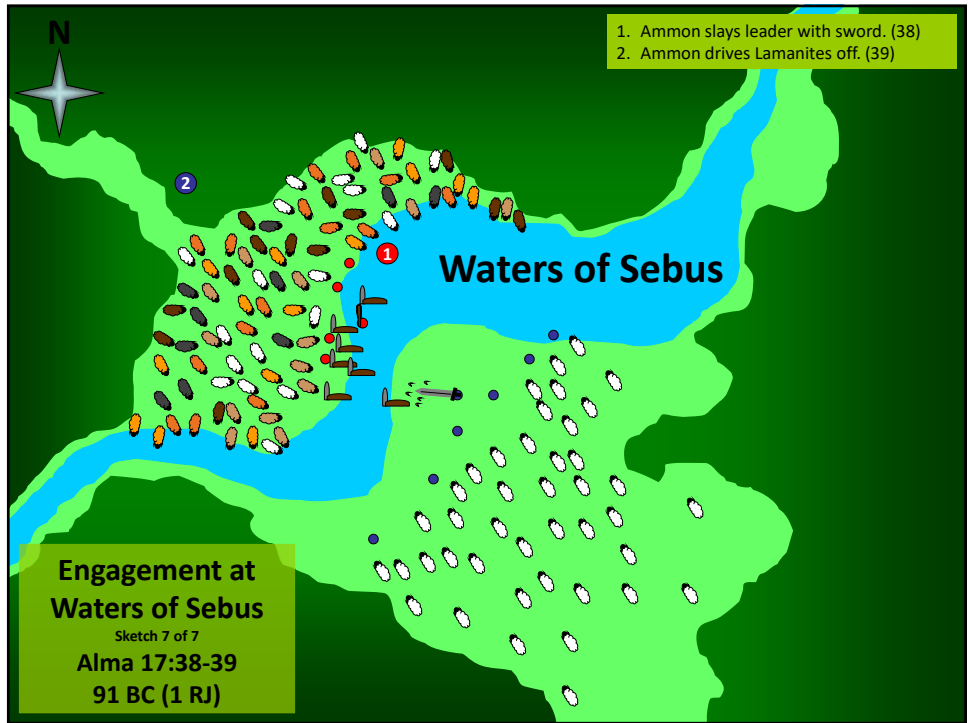
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Lessons

- Recognize Lord's hand in adversity
- Don't take stock in negative situations
- Calm peers
- Gather the sheep and nourish/protect them

- Be a champion of the Lord
- Armed/proficient with multiple weapons
- Power
- Fearless in the service of the Lord
- Return and report

31. ... My brethren, be of good cheer and let us go in search of the flocks, and we will gather them together and bring them back unto the place of water; and thus we will preserve the flocks unto the king and he will not slay us.

39. And when he had driven them afar off, he returned and they watered their flocks and returned them to the pasture of the king, and then went in unto the king ...

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Change in Leadership

Change in Chief Judge		Dissention/Conflict	
Mosiah ₂ – Alma ₂	1 RJ	Amlici (4 th)	5 RJ
Alma ₂ – Nephihah	9 RJ	Ammonihah	11 RJ
Nephihah – Pahoran	24 RJ	King-Men (8 th)	25 RJ
Pahoran – Pahoran ₂	40 RJ	Paanchi (11 th)	40 RJ
Pahoran ₂ – Pacumeni	40 RJ	Tuboloth's War	39-41 RJ
Pacumeni – Helaman ₂	42 RJ	? (12 th)	46 RJ
Helaman ₂ – Nephi ₆	53 RJ	Dual Dissention (13 th &14 th)	54-56 RJ
Nephi ₆ – Cezoram	62 RJ	Dual Dissention War Ends	63 RJ
Cezoram – C's Son	66 RJ	Gadianton Murder	66 RJ
C's Son – Seezoram	66 RJ	Gadianton Murder	66 RJ
Seezoram – ?	71 RJ	3 rd Nephite Civil War	72-74 RJ
? – ? (<i>assumed</i>)	?	? (15 th)	~80 RJ
? – Lachoneus	?	Attack of Gadianton State	105 RJ
Lachoneus – Lachoneus ₂	121 RJ	2 nd Destruction of Nephites	121 RJ






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Change in Conflict Leadership

- 17 years
- Mosiah₂ to Alma₂
 - Same Tribe—Nephites
 - Same Style—Warrior-Leader
- Alma₂ to Nephihah
 - Same Tribe (assumed)—Nephite
 - Different Style—Nephihah did not lead in battle
 - Ammonihah/Noah
 - Tremendous Battle of the Wilderness

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Anti-Christ




Three people and one group identified.

Sherem	Nehor	Korihor	Zoramites
Jacob 7:1-21	Alma 1:2-16	Alma 30:6-60	Alma 31:1, 12-23


Teachings	Against the church (3); Every priest and teacher become popular , be supported by the people (3); All be saved at the last day; and all men should have eternal life. (4)
Actions	Preach (3,5); Proudful, wear costly apparel (6); Killed Gideon with the sword (9); Judged by Alma (10); Executed by stoning (maybe) – ignominious death (15)
Intent	Get gain (3); Preached for the sake of riches and honor (16)
Character	Large and strong (2); Bold (11)
Results	People support and give money (5); Execution recanting (15); Death (15); Priestcrafts spread (16); Profession of Nehor (Alma 2:1,14:18,15:15,16:11); Order of Nehor (Alma 14:16,24:29)

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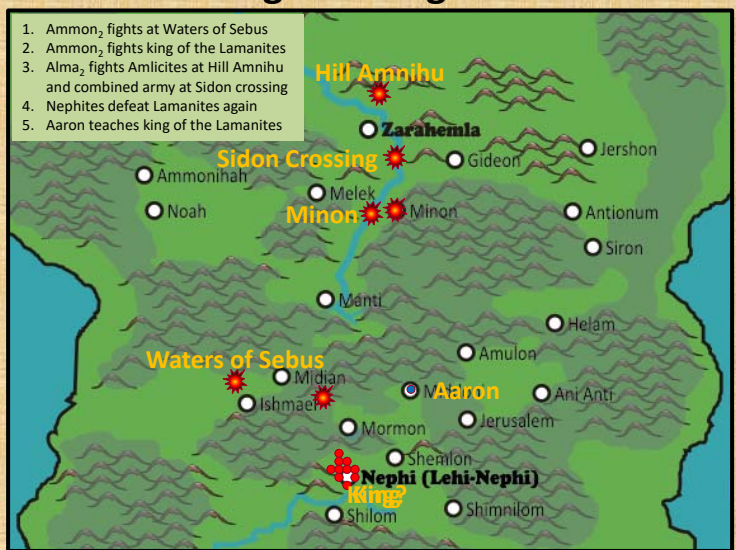


History (Graphic)


Humbling of a King




1. Ammon₂ fights at Waters of Sebus
2. Ammon₂ fights king of the Lamanites
3. Alma₂ fights Amlicites at Hill Amnihu and combined army at Sidon crossing
4. Nephites defeat Lamanites again
5. Aaron teaches king of the Lamanites





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Alma—THE War Leader




- Last of the “Warrior-Kings”—Alma₂ was not a bookish wandering monk, but a powerful leader in every endeavor of his life.
- A sequence of five battles and engagements:
 - Battle of Hill Amnihu
 - Pursuit to the Valley of Gideon
 - Battle of Minon
 - Battle of Sidon Crossing
 - Pursuit to the Wilderness of Hermounts

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The Sequence




Not only did Alma₂ personally lead, but he did so in one of the most challenging environments. He attacked, pursued, was informed of changes in the situation, reassessed, changed the plan, redirected his forces, moved, attacked again, and pursued again. The brevity of the recorded events makes this sound simple, but he accomplished a series of events extremely complex in execution.

The Complexity is in the Details.


Details Matter!


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Battles of Hill Amnihu and Sidon Crossing



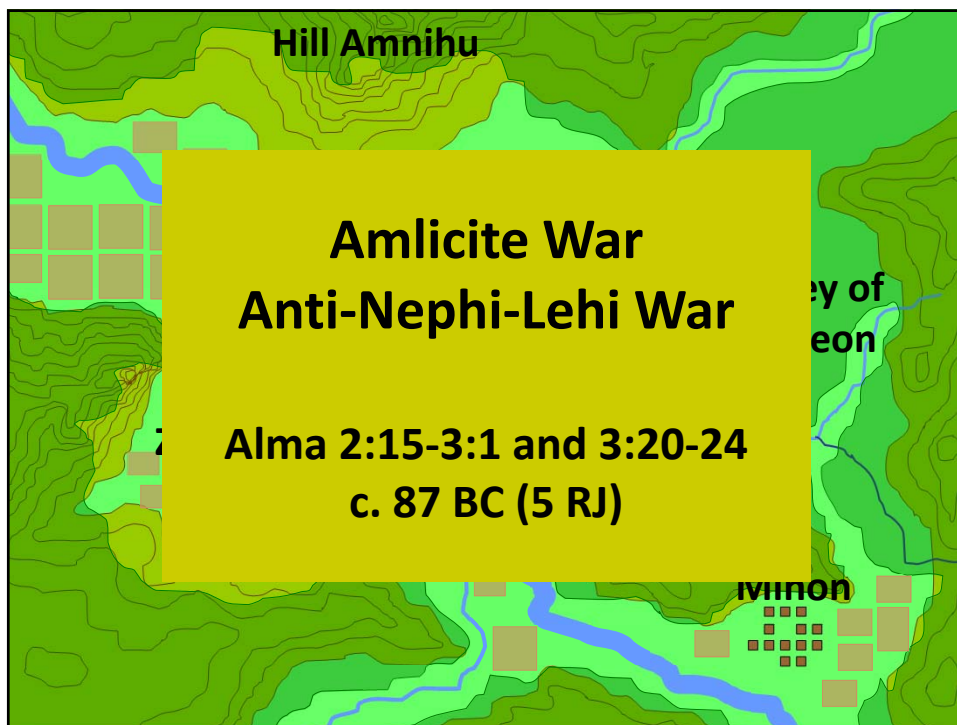
- Starts as definition of Nephite rule of law
- Open-Field Battle leading to Pursuit
- Huge casualties! Why?
- Tents?
- Guidance of a prophet—Camp Here—
Positioned for adjustment
- Zarahemla at Risk
- Audacity



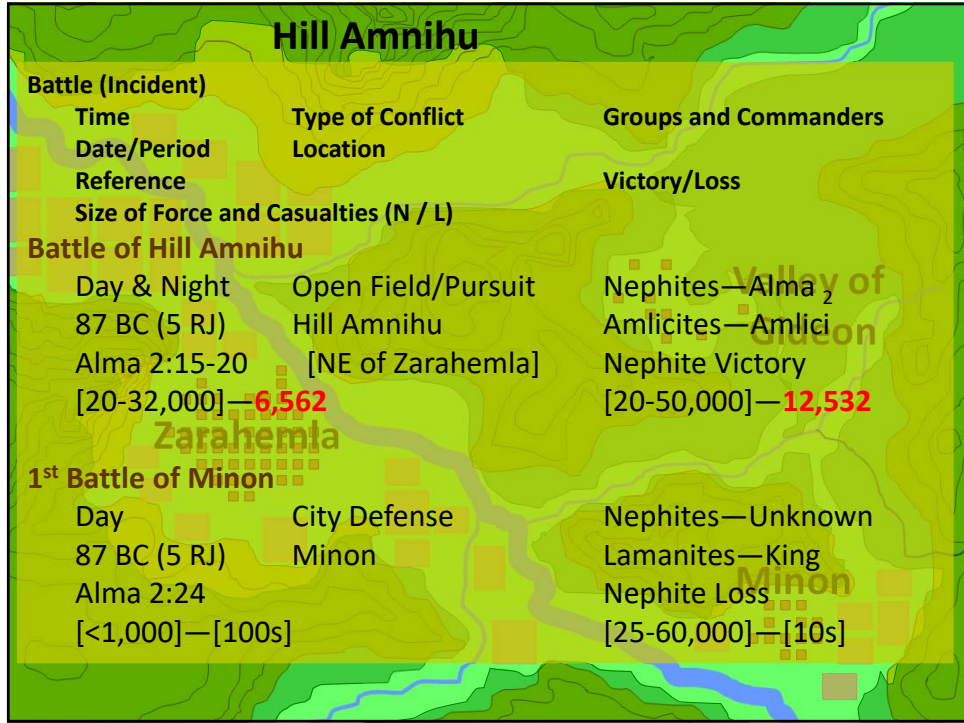




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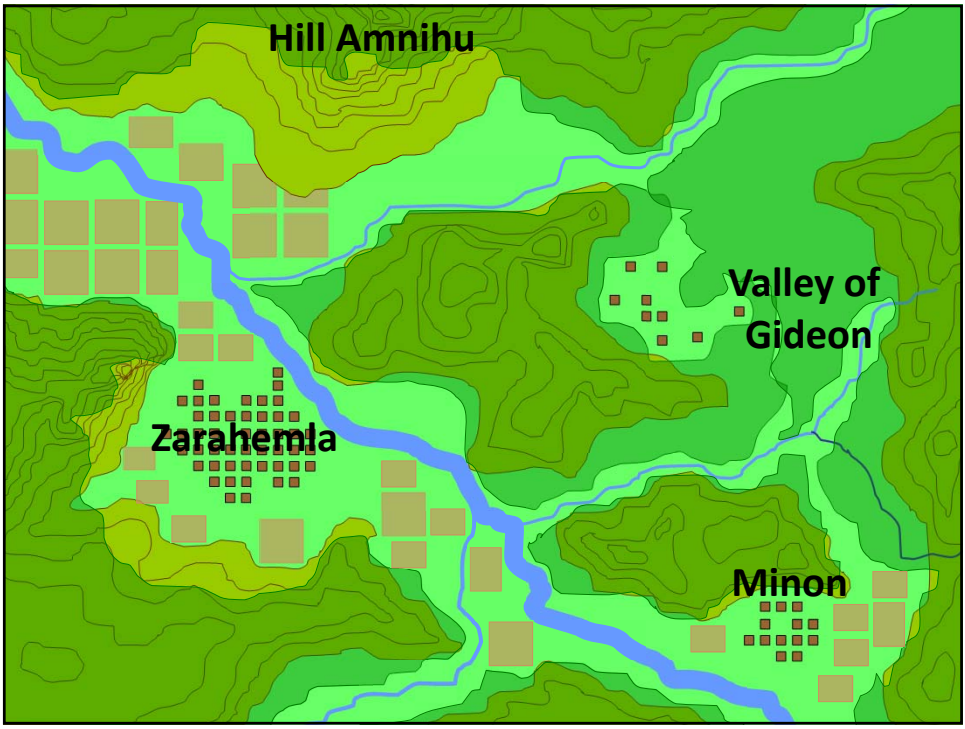
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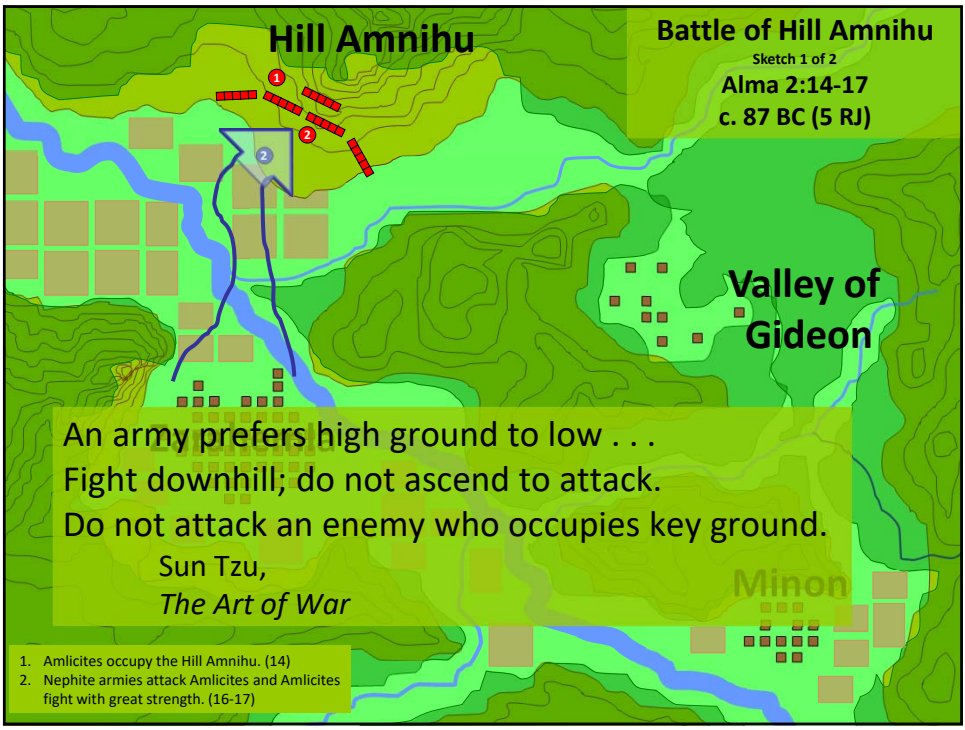
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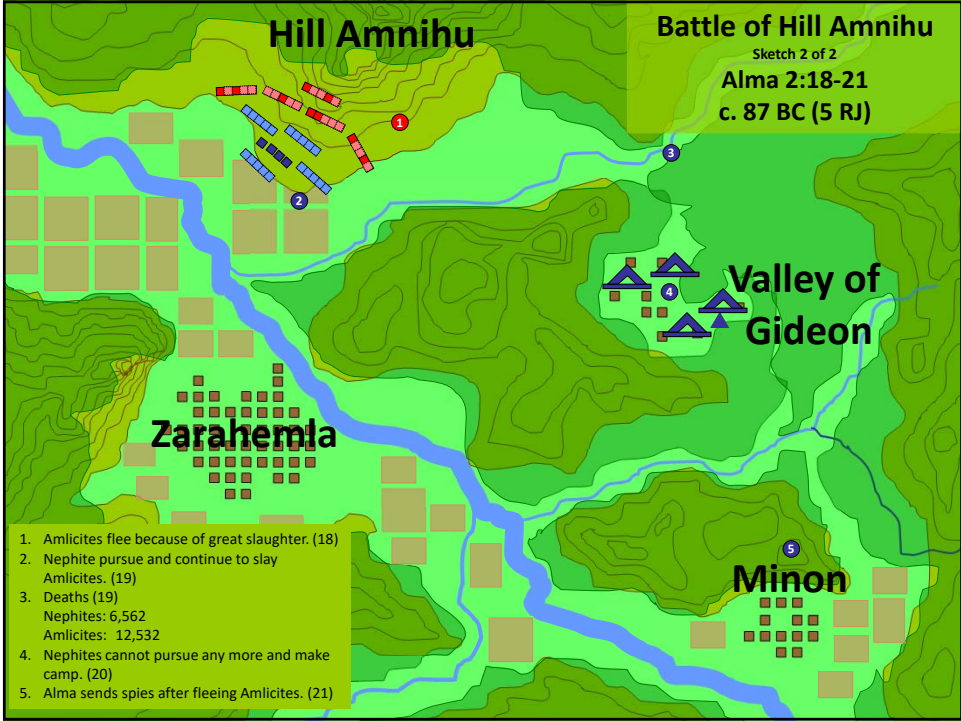
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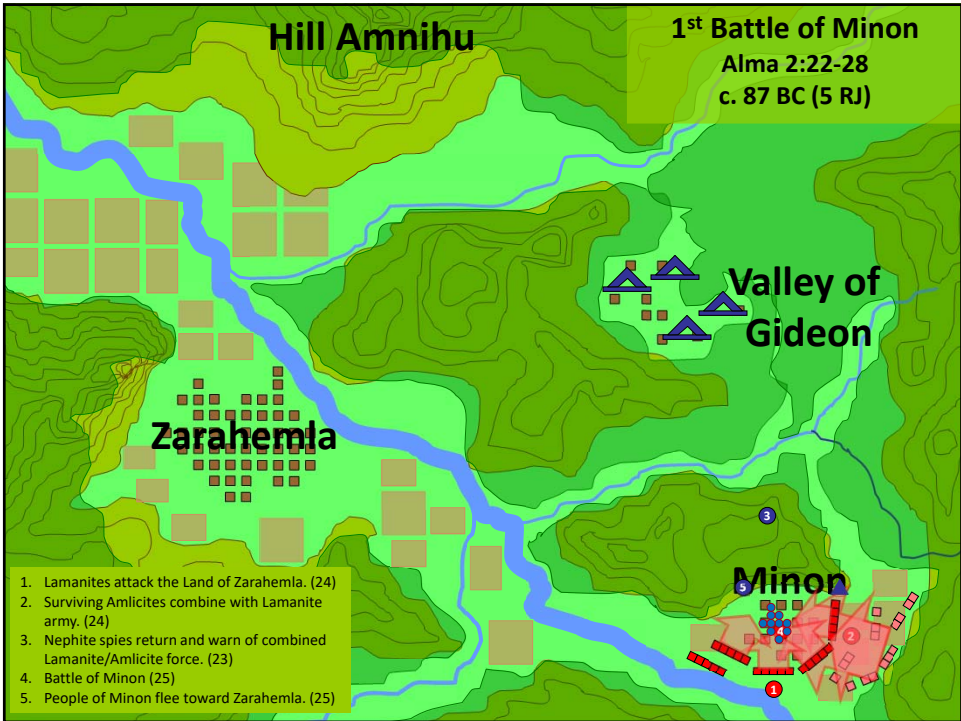
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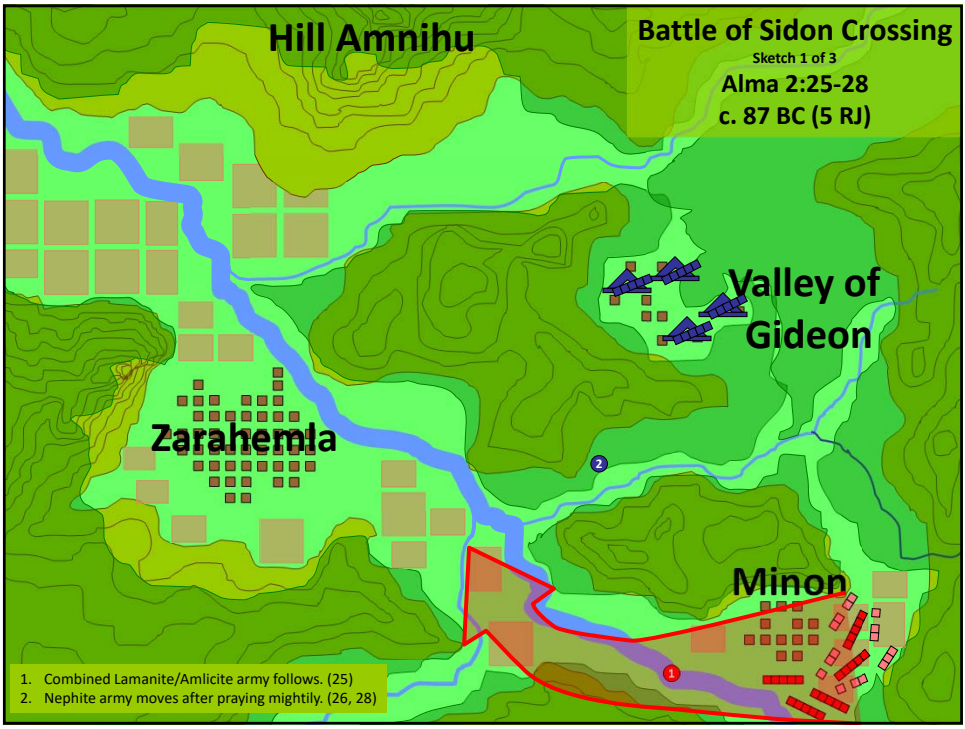
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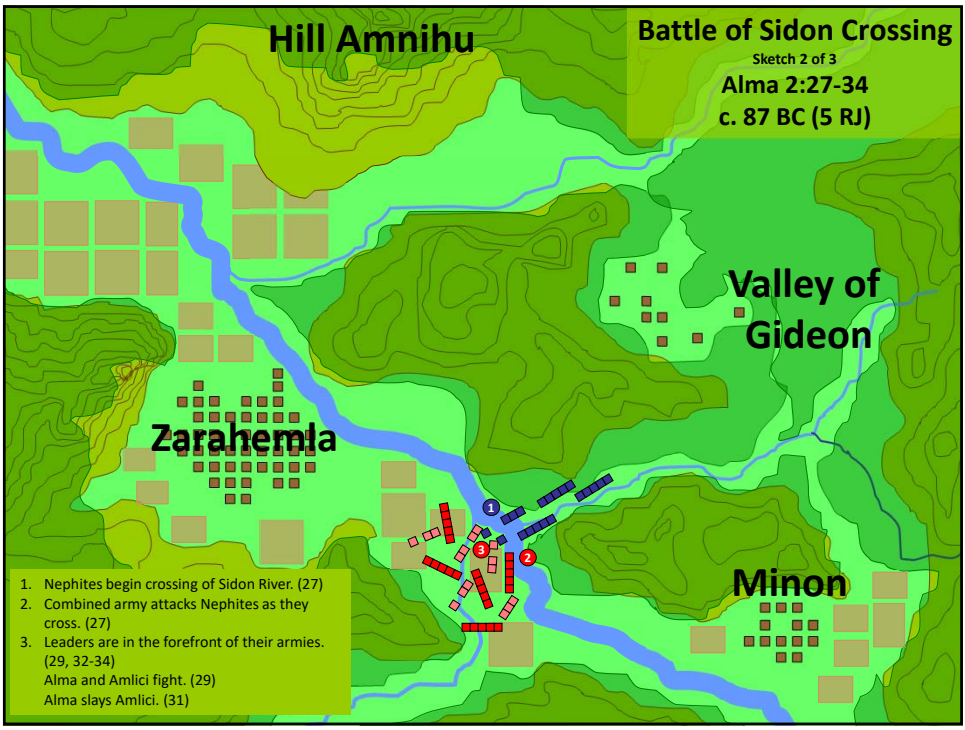
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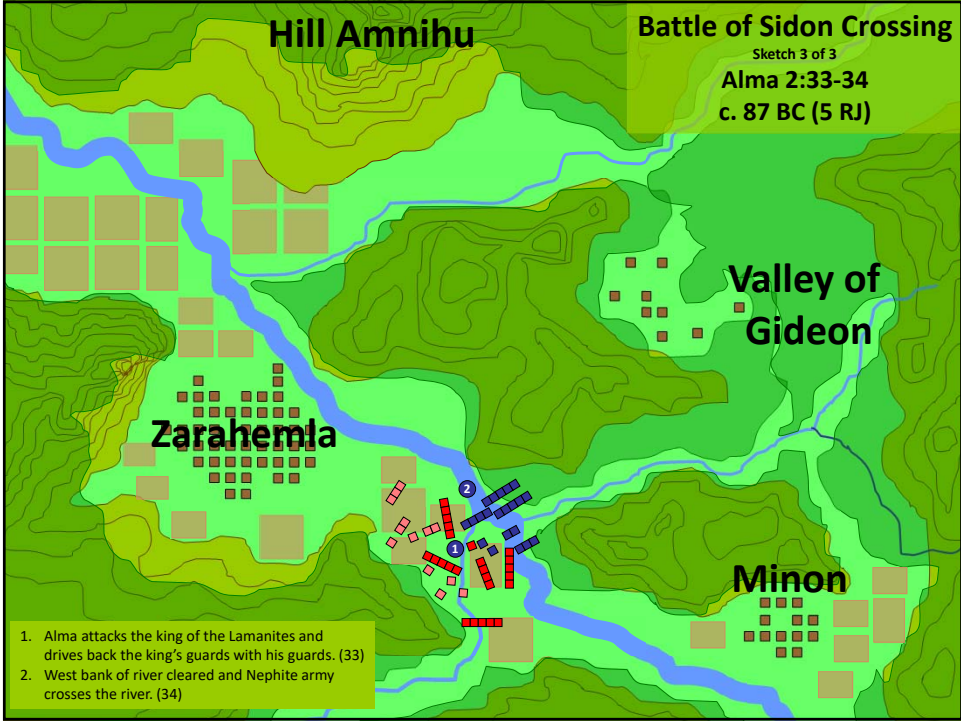
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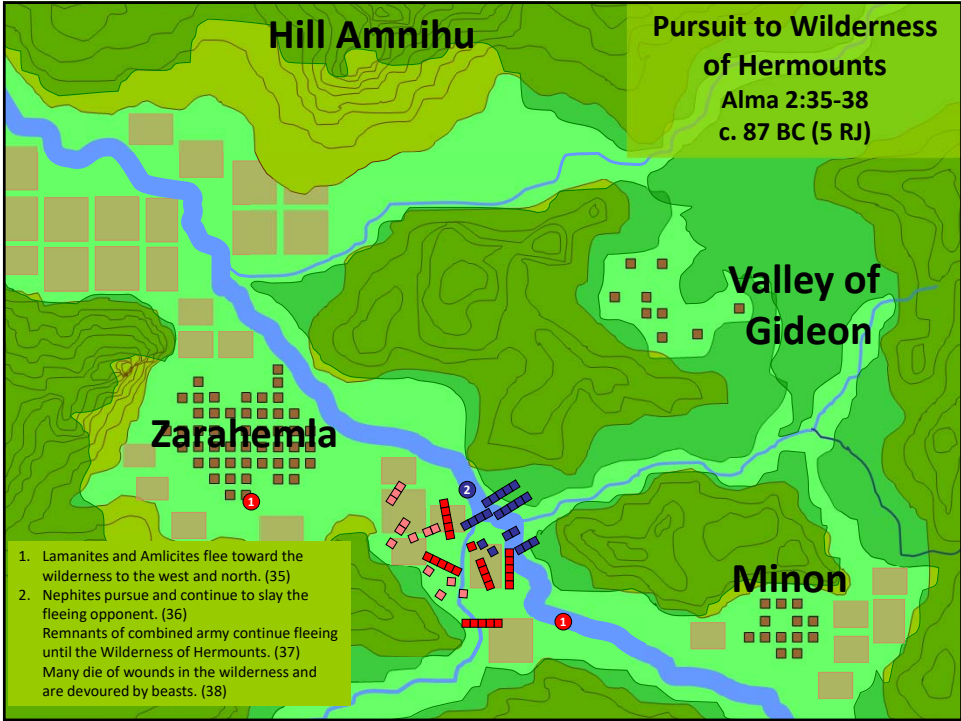
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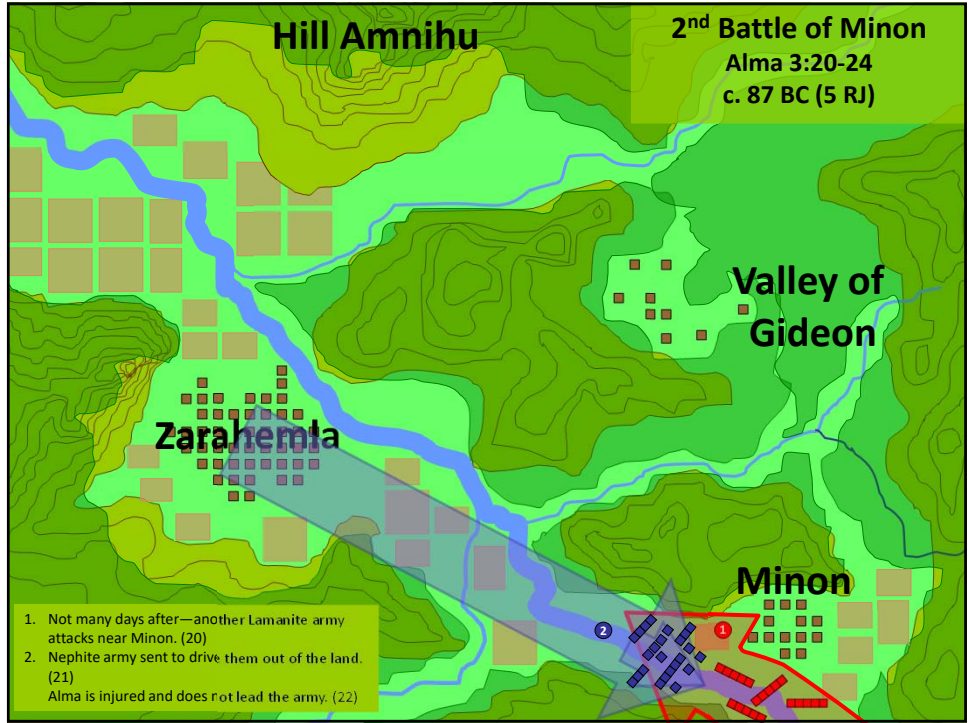
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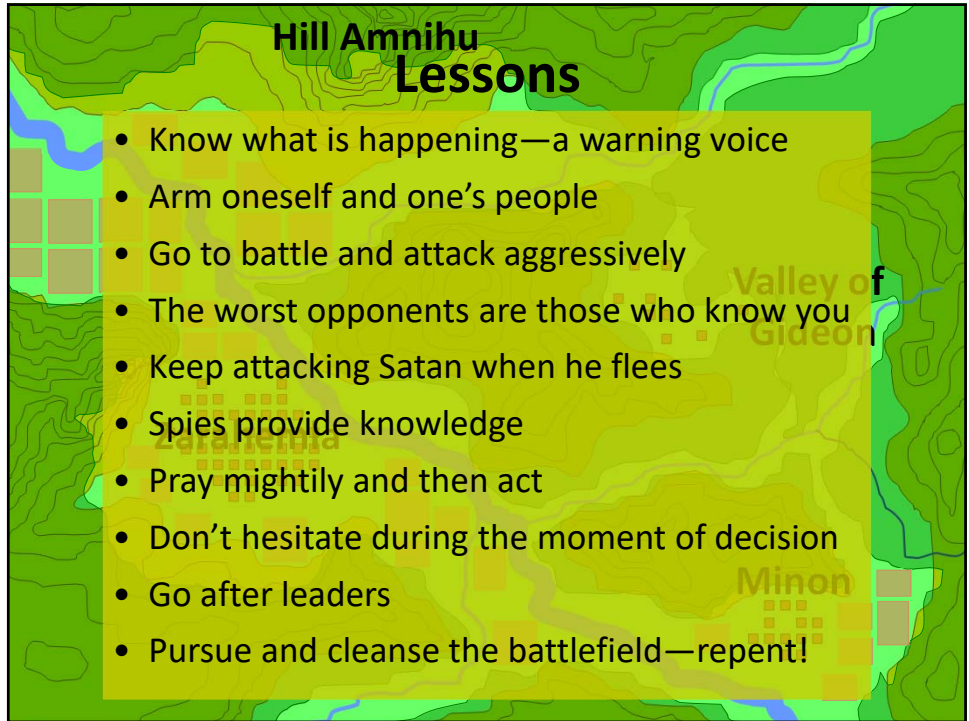
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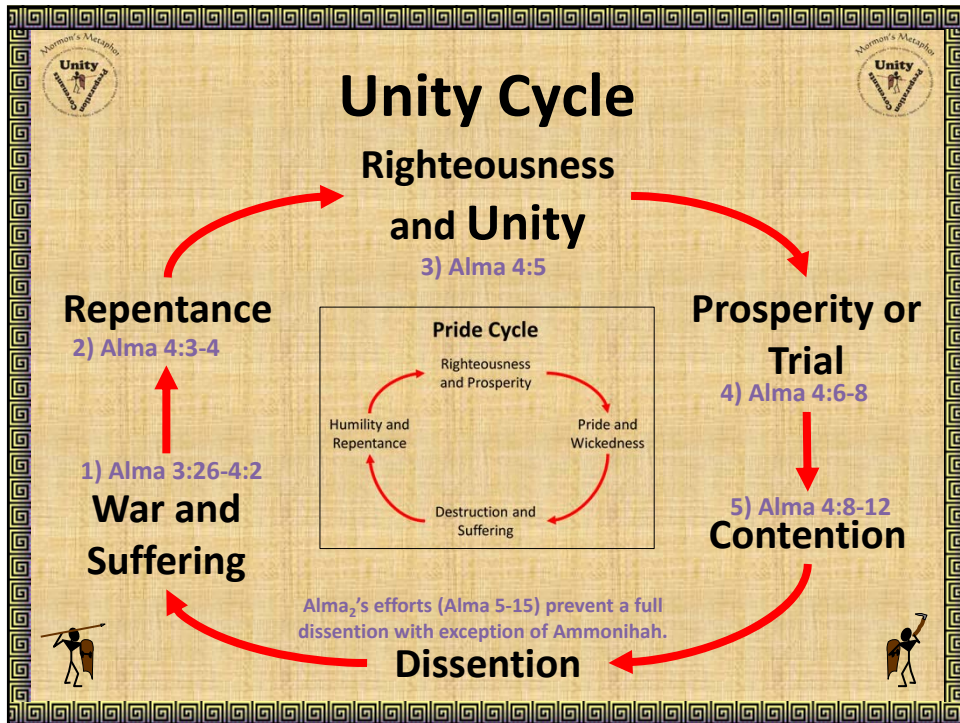


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Spiritual Lessons from Alma₂



- Knowledge and Preparation
- Turn to the Lord
- When in Charge See and Lead
- Immediate Action





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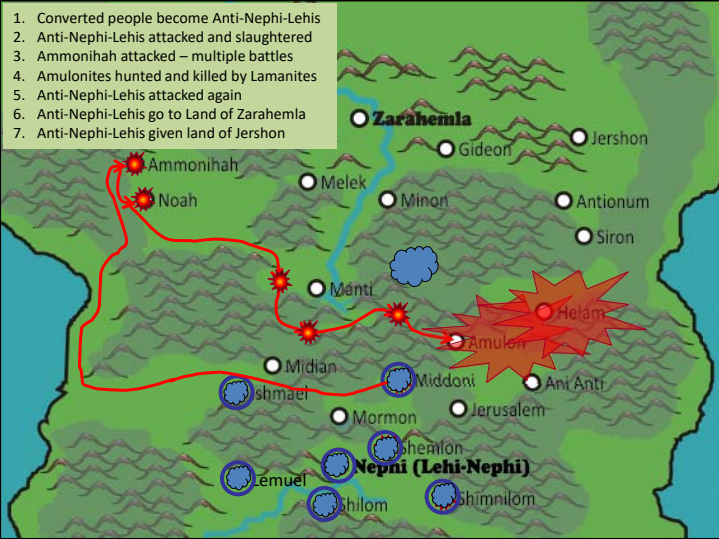


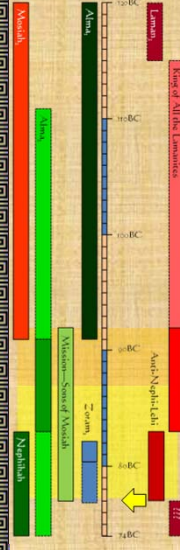
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Anti-Nephi-Lehi War




1. Converted people become Anti-Nephi-Lehis
2. Anti-Nephi-Lehis attacked and slaughtered
3. Ammonihah attacked – multiple battles
4. Amulonites hunted and killed by Lamanites
5. Anti-Nephi-Lehis attacked again
6. Anti-Nephi-Lehis go to Land of Zarahemla
7. Anti-Nephi-Lehis given land of Jershon







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Battle of South Wilderness

- Features a designated captain
 - Regional / Tribal?
- Guidance from the prophet
- More than a single battle—possibly months
- Defeats lead to Lamanites transformation
 - Conversion
 - Amulonite abuse and subsequent Lamanite rebellion and Amulonite extermination
 - Additional attack on Anti-Nephi-Lehis

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Lamanites to Anti-Nephi-Lehis

- Lamanite reactions linked to tribal associations
 - Attacks on Anti-Nephi-Lehis
 - Joining Anti-Nephi-Lehis
- Voice of the People
 - Anti-Nephi-Lehis
 - Nephites
- Permanent Security Force (Lands of Jershon and Zarahemla)




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Covenants and Consequences

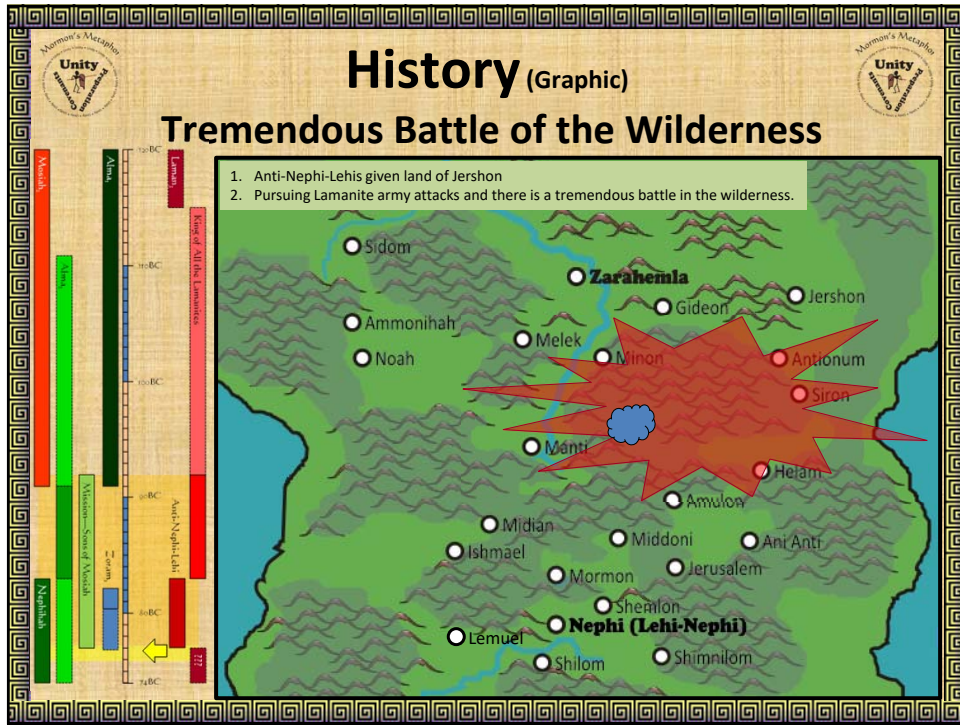
**What is Mormon
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Covenants and Consequences

- Enter covenant—lay down weapons (23:6-7)
- Renew covenant—bury weapons (24:17-18)
- Keep covenant—1st slaughter (24:21)
- 1st acceptance sinners into community (24:26)
- Keep covenant—2nd slaughter (25:7)
- 2nd acceptance sinners into community (25:14)
- Keep covenant—3rd slaughter (27:2)
- Accept slavery (27:8)
- 1st resettlement (27:26)
- 2nd resettlement (35:13)

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Tremendous Battle of the Wilderness (Alma 28:1-3)


- THE Watershed of Military History between Mosiah₂ and Jesus Christ
- War Before
 - Mostly Open-Field Battles
 - Lamanites led by Lamanites
- War After
 - Mostly City Centered—Defenses or Attacks of Fortified Locations
 - When not City Centered—Increased Use of Deception
 - Armor
 - Lamanites Led by Dissenters

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Comparison

Tremendous Battle of the Wilderness	Battle of Manti
Forces 80,000-160,000 (N) 40-80,000 (L) 40-80,000	Forces 13,500-18,000 (N) 4,500-6,000 (L) 9-12,000
Killed >35,000 (N) 1,000s (L) 10,000s	Killed 2,900-8,000 (N) 900-2,000 (L) 2-6,000
Verses 3	Verses 75
Words 143	Words 3,456
Alma 28:1-3	Alma 43:3-44:23






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Conclusion

- A short period—only 17 years
- Leadership transformation—Warrior-Leader to Chief Captain
- Conflict Transformation—Demographic Loss
- Key example of covenant-keepers
- Sets the stage for Moroni

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