

The Effects of Abinadi's Preaching on the History of the Nephites

174 B.C.

Alma the Elder is born.

He dies at the age of 83 in 91 B.C., so this would be the year of his birth.

160 B.C.

Noah becomes king. Alma is 16 years old and probably starting his family, as was customary among the Jews. This means Alma the "Younger" may not have been all that young when he saw the angel.

150B.C.

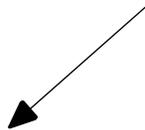
Abinadi makes his first effort to preach repentance to the people. Flees when they try to kill him. Alma is 24 years old.

148B.C.

Abinadi returns and is captured and brought before the king and his priests. Alma is one of those priests. Alma is converted by Abinadi's preaching. Abinadi suffers death by fire.

147B.C.

Alma preaches what Abinadi taught privately to the people for two years. King Noah still searching for Alma so he can kill him.



145 B.C.

Alma and his people are discovered. King Noah sends his army to kill them. Alma and his people flee into the wilderness. Army returns, not being able to find them. Alma's people find a land of pure waters. Call it Helam. Begin to build a city and are prospering.

Lamanite army discovers Amulon, the chief priest of Noah, and his people. The people of Amulon (Amulonites) join with the Lamanites. Their Lamanite wives plead for them, and the king over all the Lamanites promises Amulon he can be king over his own people. Lamanites and Amulonites discover Alma and his people and Amulon claims they are part of his people. The priests of Noah treat the people of Alma with great harshness.

120 B.C.

The Lord delivers Alma's people from the Amulonites, and they are led back to Zarahemla.

145 B.C.

Citizens become angry with Noah and Gideon swears to kill him. Lamanite armies attack and Noah and his people flee. Noah suffers death by fire at the hands of his own soldiers. Limhi, Noah's son becomes king. His people spend the next 24 years in bondage to the Lamanites.

The Priests of Noah, who abandoned their families when the Lamanites attacked, dared not go home. Instead, they abducted the daughters of the Lamanites and made new families.

Lamanites thought it was Limhi and his people who stole their women. Big war. King of Lamanites was convinced it was the priests of Noah, but Limhi and his people were still prisoners of the Lamanites with a 50% tax rate on everything. They spent more than 23 in bondage.

122 B.C.

Ammon arrives from Zarahemla and meets King Limhi. Gospel preached to the people and they are converted.

121 - 120 B.C.

The Lord delivers the people of Limhi out of bondage and they return to Zarahemla where they are baptized and give King Mosiah the 24 gold plates they found when searching for Zarahemla during the previous 20 plus years.



120 - 100 B.C.

All become one people in the city of Zarahemla.
Mosiah authorizes Alma to reorganize the Church.

Unbelievers among the rising generation begin to persecute the members of the Church. These were the children who were too young to understand King Benjamin's sermon.

100 - 92 B.C.

Alma the Younger and the sons of King Mosiah seek to destroy the Church. An angel appears to them and they are converted.

91 B.C.

Alma the Elder dies at the age of 83.

King Mosiah dies at the age of 63.

Alma the Younger becomes the first High Priest of the newly organized Church in the 1st year of the reign of the Judges.

73 B.C.

Alma the Younger dies or is translated in the 19th year of the reign of the Judges. Age unknown.

Helaman, Alma's oldest son becomes High Priest over the Church and keeper of the records.

57 B.C.

Helaman dies in the 35th year of the reign of the Judges, giving the plates to his brother Shiblon.