

Pahoran as Chief Judge

Years 25–39 of the Reign of the Judges

REFERENCES	YEAR	
Alma 51	25	King-men seek to depose Pahoran as chief judge but are vanquished by Captain Moroni Teancum repels Lamanites attacking on the east and slays Amalickiah
Alma 52 Alma 56:9	26	Lamanites retreat to Mulek; Ammoron continues the war on the west Helaman leads stripling warriors to Judea to assist Antipus
Alma 52 Alma 56	27	Teancum's and Moroni's forces unite in Bountiful, prepare to retake Mulek Helaman and Antipus defeat larger Lamanite armies
Alma 52 Alma 53 Alma 57	28	Moroni retakes Mulek Nephite dissensions enable Lamanites to capture Nephite cities Helaman retakes Antiparah without bloodshed
Alma 54–55 Alma 57–58	29	Ammoron, Moroni negotiate; Moroni frees Nephite prisoners Striplings win at Cumeni and Manti
Alma 56–59:3 Alma 59:3–61 Alma 62	30	Helaman sends epistle to Moroni (56:1), who asks Pahoran for aid (59:3) Moroni and Pahoran exchange epistles; Lamanites take Nephiah Moroni and Pahoran join forces and retake Zarahemla from king-men
Alma 62	31	Moroni sends provisions, reinforcements to Helaman, Lehi, Teancum Nephites retake Nephiah
Alma 62		Teancum is killed after slaying Ammoron; Lamanites driven out of land
Alma 62	32–34	Moroni fortifies border cities, yields command to Moronihah Pahoran returns to judgment seat; Helaman and others build up church
Alma 62	35	Helaman dies
Alma 63	36	Shiblon keeps records; Moroni dies
Alma 63	37–38	Many Nephites migrate northward
Alma 63 Helaman 1	39	Shiblon dies Pahoran dies

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Key Scripture Alma 50:40–Helaman 1:2

Explanation War ravaged half of the very eventful fifteen years during which Pahoran served as chief judge (67–53 B.C.). He tried, often unsuccessfully, to hold the Nephite capital together. With wars dragging on for seven years in the north and to the south, Pahoran was unable to effectively administer justice and preserve unity among the people. He was plagued with rebellions at home and held several king-men in prison for the duration of the conflict. After the war, governmental offices and church functions were reestablished and the Nephites began to prosper. Within a short time of each other, however, four very influential Nephite leaders, including Pahoran, all died, leaving the Nephites very weak on leadership.