

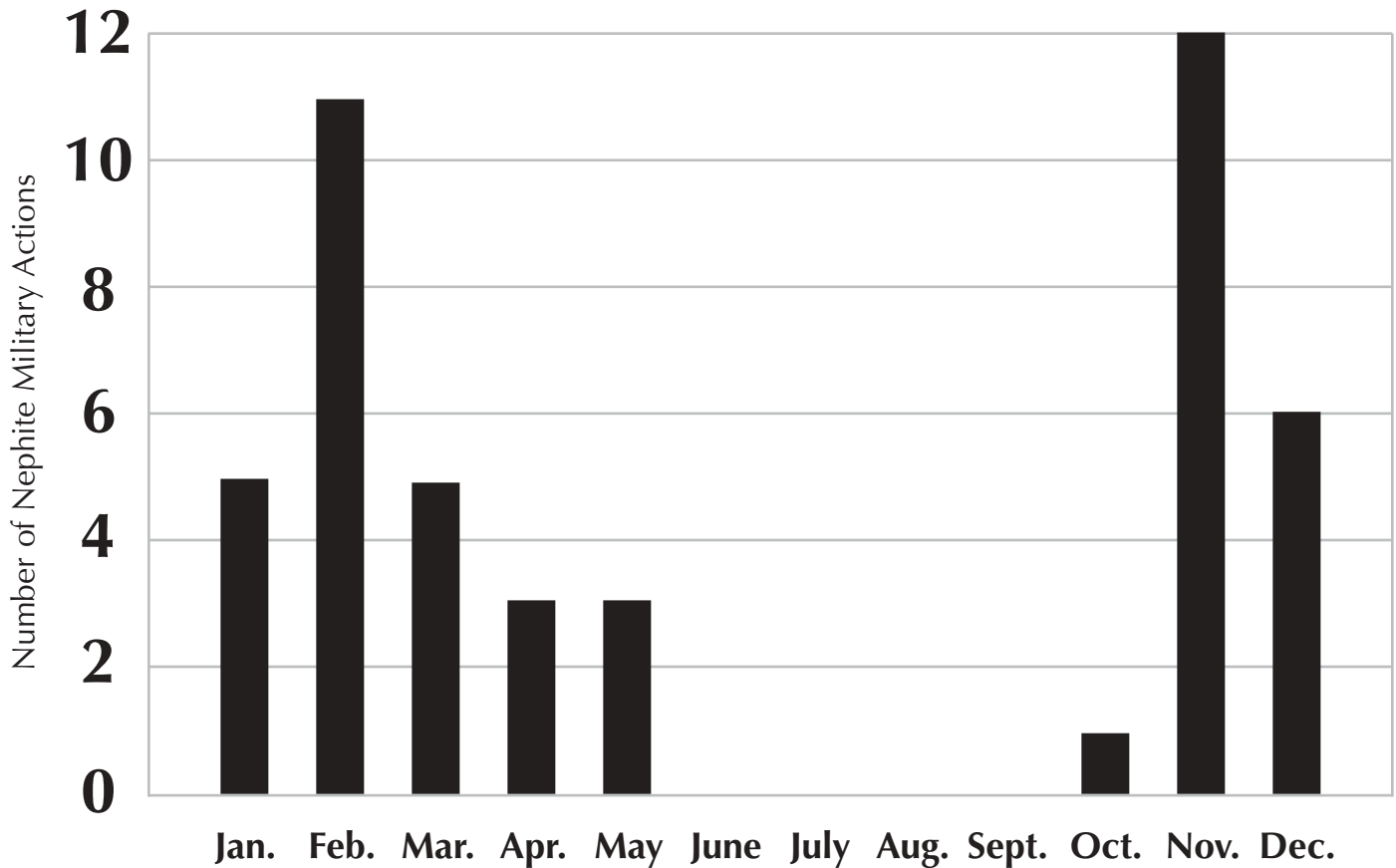
## Number of Months Involving Nephite Military Actions

**Key Scripture** Alma 43–62

**Explanation** John L. Sorenson, an archaeologist who has devoted his life to the study of ancient Mesoamerica and how it corresponds to the history of the Nephite, Lamanite, and Jaredite peoples in the Book of Mormon, concludes that “Nephite wars were typically carried out early in the dry season as permitted by the agricultural maintenance pattern and when weather conditions were most suited for military campaigns. . . . The Nephite seasonality pattern for warfare agrees remarkably well with what we know from Mesoamerica about seasons for fighting and for cultivation and harvest.” As this chart illustrates, November and February were the months in which the most warfare was conducted. Other months were reserved for cultivation and harvesting of crops, taxing, celebrating according to the law of Moses, and so forth.

**Source** John L. Sorenson, “Seasonality of Warfare in the Book of Mormon and in Mesoamerica,” in *Warfare in the Book of Mormon*, ed. Stephen D. Ricks and William J. Hamblin (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book and FARMS, 1990), 455–57.

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## Nephite Calendar

First Month  
 Second Month  
 Third Month  
 Fourth Month  
 Fifth Month  
 Sixth Month  
 Seventh Month  
 Eighth Month  
 Ninth Month  
 Tenth Month  
 Eleventh Month  
 Twelfth Month

## Probable Julian Equivalent

25 February–26 March  
 27 March–25 April  
 26 April–25 May  
 26 May–24 June  
 25 June–24 July  
 25 July–23 August  
 24 August–22 September  
 23 September–22 October  
 23 October–21 November  
 22 November–21 December  
 27 December–25 January  
 26 January–24 February

Five extra days would then complete the year