

Missionary Work

Missionaries	People Taught	Reaction of the People	References
ABINADI	King Noah and priests	Alma ₁ converted	Mosiah 11–17
ALMA ₁	people of Noah	204 converted	Mosiah 18
AMMON ₁	people of Limhi	converted/renewed	Mosiah 21
ALMA ₂	people of Zarahemla people of Gideon people of Melek people of Ammonihah	3,500 converted repented many converted rejected message	Alma 4–6 Alma 7 Alma 8:3–6 Alma 8:6–13
ALMA ₂ AND AMULEK	people of Ammonihah land of Sidom land of Zarahemla Zoramites in Antionum	Zeezrom and others converted; many rejected message and were destroyed many converted many converted, strengthened the poor and many others converted	Alma 8:14–14:29;15:12;16:2–3 Alma 15 Alma 16 Alma 31–34;35:6–7, 14

SONS OF MOSIAH	land of Zarahemla	many converted	Mosiah 27:32–36, 37:9
	land of Ishmael	many converted (including King Lamoni)	Alma 17–20; 21:23; 23:9
	city of Jerusalem	rejected message	Alma 21
	land of Middoni	imprisoned missionaries; later many converted	Alma 21; 23
	King Lamoni's father and others (land of Nephi)	converted	Alma 22
	people of Shilom, Shemlon, Lemuel, Shimnilom	many converted	Alma 23:4–5, 12–13
	Zoramites in Antionum	the poor and many others converted	Alma 31:6–7; 35:6–7, 14
CORIAnton	Zoramites in Antionum	rejected message	Alma 31:7; 39
HELAMAN	Lamanites at war with Gadianton band	many converted	Helaman 3
NEPHI AND LEHI	apostates	many converted	Helaman 5
LAMANITES	wicked Zarahemla	many converted	Helaman 6
SAMUEL	wicked Zarahemla	some converted	Helaman 13–15
JESUS CHRIST	great multitude	all converted	3 Nephi 11–28
MORMON	Nephites	few converted	Mormon 3

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Key Scripture Alma 17–23

Explanation The importance of missionary work is a prominent theme in the Book of Mormon. This chart lists and compares the work of many of the ancient American missionaries, the people they preached to, the degree of success they had, and the scriptural references pertaining to their missionary labors. Reactions to the gospel message varied, despite the quality of missionaries in the field.

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