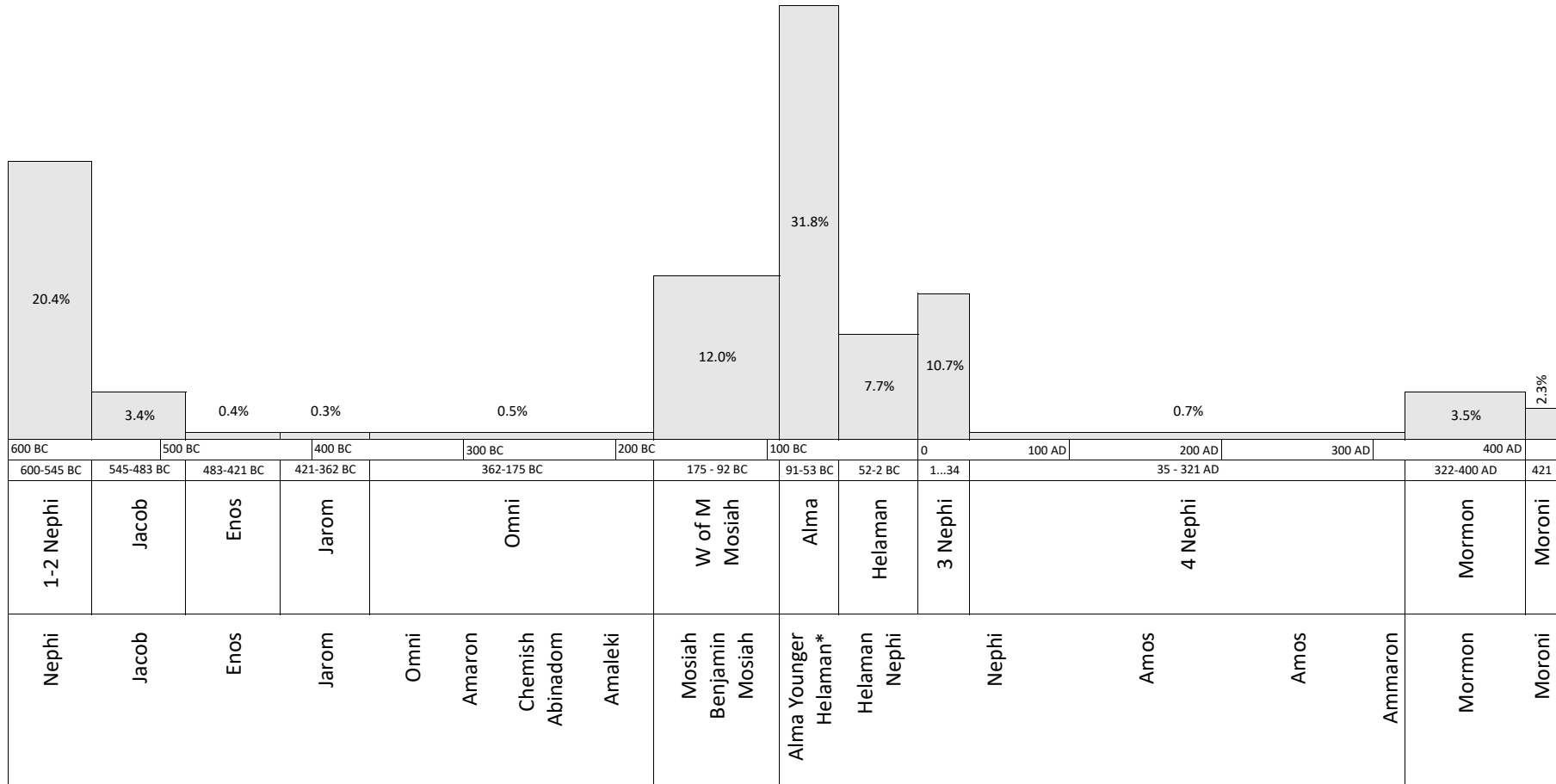


Book of Mormon Text by Year and Record Keepers



The horizontal axis indicates years covered in each book. Many dates are only approximate. Ether's history of the Jaredites (6.2%) is not included in this timeline.

The vertical axis indicates the length of each book by number of words in English translation as printed in 2013. Both axes are drawn to scale.

The default expectation would be that columns are square: either short and thin (such as Moroni, which covers 2.1% of the timeline in 2.3% of the text) or tall and wide (such as Helaman, which covers 5.0% of the timeline in 7.7% of the text). Columns that deviate from square indicate deviations from this expectation (such as Omni, which spends only 0.5% of the text on almost 20% of the timeline, or Alma, which spends almost a third of the text on only 4% of the timeline). Column shape thus indicates how deeply the Book of Mormon discusses a particular time period.

In the list of 23 record keepers, solid lines indicate the three occasions on which the record passed from one family to another.

* Shiblon also kept the records during the last chapter of Alma