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**WE APPROACH BOOK OF MORMON
 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FROM
 THE ASPECT OF WHAT WE CALL
 TRENDS OR PATTERNS.**

**WE LOOK FOR EVIDENCES OF
 SPECIFIC BOOK OF MORMON
 STORIES AND EVENTS.**

**BY DOING SO WE HAVE FOUND:
THE MOSIAH/MAYA MATRIX.**

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**THIS MATRIX IS FOUNDED ON
 THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE
 MAJOR CHARACTERS IN THE
 BOOK OF MORMON ARE ALSO
 THE MAJOR CHARACTERS
 FOUND IN MESOAMERICA.**

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**AND, THAT THE MAJOR CITIES
 MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF
 MORMON ARE MAJOR CITIES
 FOUND IN MESOAMERICA.**

**IF THE BOOK OF MORMON IS
 TRUE THEN WE EXPECT THAT
 THESE BOOK OF MORMON
 PEOPLE AND EVENTS
 WILL BE FOUND.**

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**THE BOOK OF MORMON
 PROVIDES US WITH A LIST OF
 FOUR KINGS AT ZARHEMLA
 THAT END WITH A TRANSITION
 TO JUDGES.**

**THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THIS
 IS A UNIQUE PATTERN THAT
 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND
 IN MESOAMERICA.**

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**WE DO NOT LOOK FOR EXACT
 NAME MATCHES ESPECIALLY
 WHEN WE CANNOT FULLY READ
 THE MAYAN LANGUAGE.**

**THE BOOK OF MORMON IS A
 TRANSLATED DOCUMENT.
 HOWEVER, PATTERNS OF NAMES
 SHOULD BE EMBEDDED IN THE
 TRANSLATION EVEN THOUGH
 NAMES MAY NOT MATCH.**

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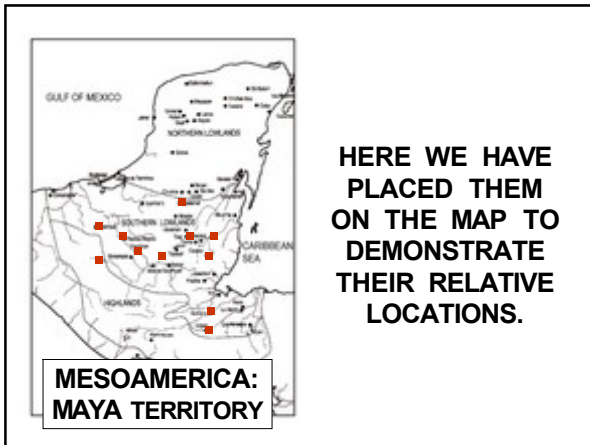
AFTER COMPARING THE BOOK OF MORMON KING LISTS WITH THE MAYAN KING LISTS, WE FOUND A MATCH FOR THE BOOK OF MORMON CITY OF ZARAHEMLA WITH THE MESOAMERICAN CITY OF YAXCHILAN.
 (THIS IS BASED ON A STUDY DONE BY GRUBE & MARTIN THEN PUBLISHED IN CHRONICLES OF THE MAYAN KINGS AND QUEENS)

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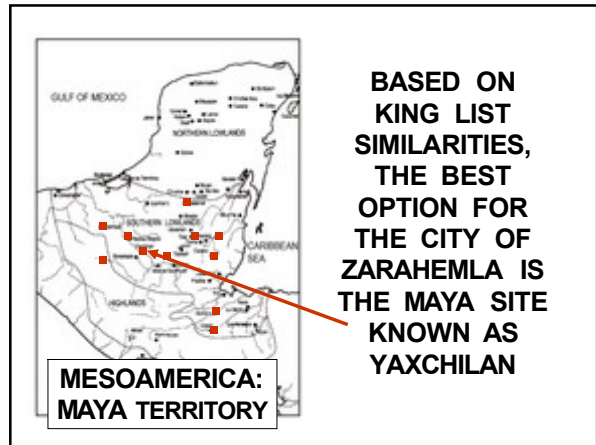
Calakmul
 Caracol
 Copan
 Dos Pilas
 Naranjo
 Palenque
 Piedras Negras
 Quirigua
 Tikal
 Tonina
 Yaxchilan

THESE ARE THE 11 MAJOR MAYA CITIES WITH KINGLISTS.

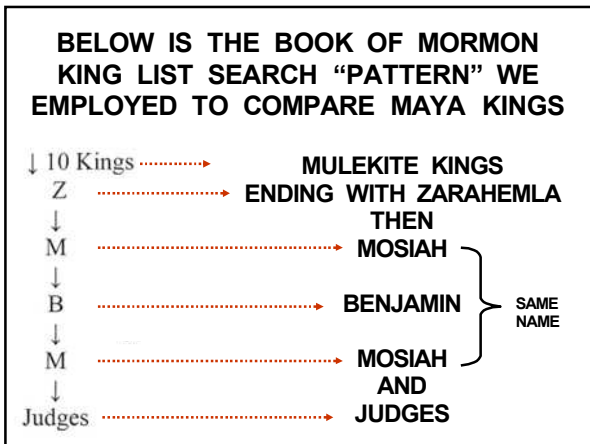
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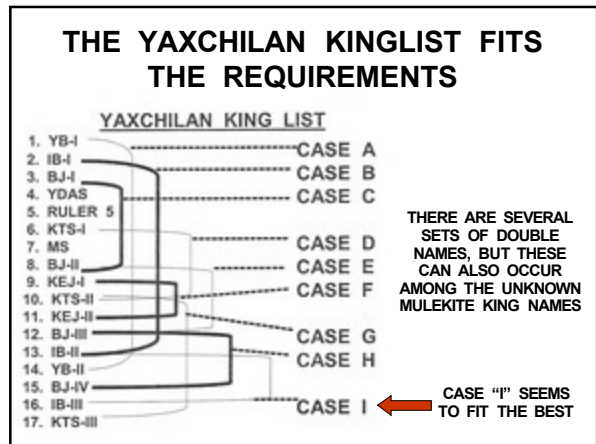
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THIS IS CASE "I"

Book of Mormon Kings	Yaxchilan Kings
Zarahemla	Knot-Eye Jaguar II
Mosiah the elder	Itzamnaaj B'alam II
Benjamin	Yoaat B'alam II
Mosiah the younger	Itzamnaaj B'alam III



Itzamnaaj B'alam II

Shield Jaguar II

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HERE IS CASE "I" WITH ITS PERIPHERALS

High Priests	Kings	Captains
	Approximately 10 Kings to cover 300 years of Mulekite History	
	King Zarahemla	
	King Mosiah the elder	
	King Benjamin	
Alma I	King Mosiah the younger	
Alma II	Judges	
		Captain Moroni

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THIS IS THE ENTIRE LIST

Comparative King Lists

	Yaxchilan King List	Book of Mormon King List
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THIS IS WHAT ARCHAEOLOGY SAYS ABOUT SHIELD JAGUAR II: HE CAME TO YAXCHILAN FROM THE HIGHLANDS; LANGUAGE AND TEMPLE BUILDING FLOURISHED IN THE LOWLANDS DURING HIS REIGN; HIS INTRODUCTION INTO THE LOWLAND CULTURE CREATED A UNIFYING TREND, BUT IT ALSO CREATED A STRAIN OF "ROYALS" WHO LAID CLAIM TO THE THRONE—THESE ARE THE "SUN-KINGS".

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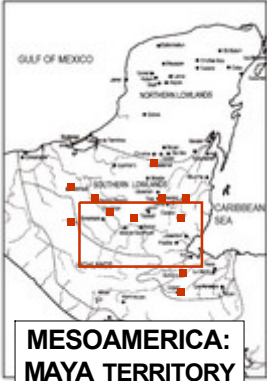
BY PARALLEL MOSIAH CAME INTO ZARAHEMLA FROM THE CITY OF NEPHI; HE TAUGHT THE MULEKITES HIS LANGUAGE; HE WAS APPOINTED KING; HE RECORDED THE LIST OF MULEKITE KINGS; HE HAD A SON THAT WAS DEEPLY LOVED BY HIS PEOPLE, BUT THERE WERE A STRAIN OF "ROYALS" WHO LAID CLAIM TO THE THRONE—THESE ARE THE "KING-MEN".

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Shield Jaguar II	Mosiah the Elder
1. Came to Yaxchilan from the Highlands	1. Came to Zarahemla from the City of Nephi
2. Great Highland Leader	2. Leads migration out of City of Nephi
3. Became King of Yaxchilan	3. Appointed King of Zarahemla
4. Has a son named after the "Founder" who served as King	4. Has a son known as King Benjamin
5. Records previous Kings	5. Records previous Kings
6. Great builder	6. Great builder
7. Brings language	7. Teaches the Mulekites the language of the Nephites
8. Spiritual leader	8. Brings spiritual record to Mulekites
9. Culture flourishes	9. Industry and commerce thrive (riches)
10. Loved by people, but Sun-Kings plot against him	10. Love by people, but later the King-men want the throne

SHIELD JAGUAR II = MOSIAH THE ELDER

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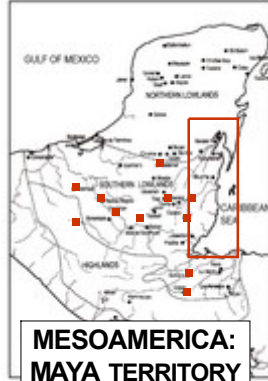


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THE LAND OF ZARHEMLA

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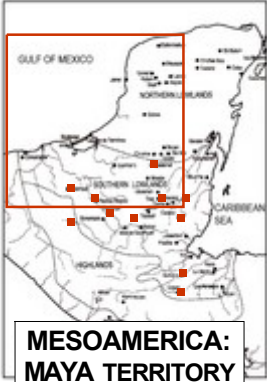


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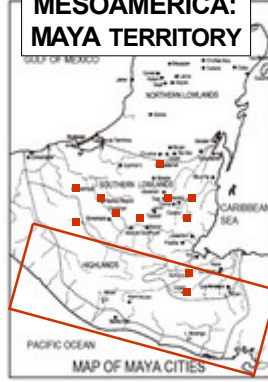


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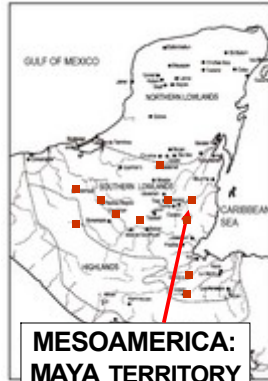
THE LAND OF THE LAMANITES

MESOAMERICA: MAYA TERRITORY

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MOREOVER, LARGE POPULATION MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON NOW MATCH POPULATION MOVEMENTS THAT ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED IN ANCIENT MESOAMERICA

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FOR EXAMPLE: THE AMMONITES

WE NOW THEORIZE THEY MOVED FROM CHALCHUAPA IN EL SALVADOR TO LAMANAI IN BELIZE.

MESOAMERICA: MAYA TERRITORY

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**FROM THIS BEGINNING
WE HAVE POSITIVELY
IDENTIFIED SEVERAL
CITIES BASED ON
ARCHEAOLOGICAL
EVIDENCES OF EVENTS AND
HISTORICAL FIGURES, NOT
ON GEOGRAPHY ALONE**

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**YAXCHILAN NOT ONLY
HAS A KING LIST THAT
CORRELATES TO
ZARAHEMPLA, THEY ALSO
HAVE A GROUP OF
INDIVIDUALS AND SERIES OF
EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE
IN ZARAHEMPLA.**

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**SHIELD JAGUAR II MARRIED
A WOMAN OF ROYALTY
NAMED LADY K'UK (XOC).**

**AS A RESULT OF
THIS MARRIAGE,
SHIELD JAGUAR II BECAME
KING OF YAXCHILAN.**

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**IF SHIELD JAGUAR II IS
KING MOSIAH, THEN WE CAN
NOW UNDERSTAND HOW
MOSIAH WAS "APPOINTED"
KING OVER THE MULEKITES;
HE MARRIED THE DAUGHTER
OF ZARAHEMPLA.**

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**THERE ARE A SERIES OF
LINTEL CARVINGS FROM
TEMPLE 23 AT YAXCHILAN
THAT CHRONICLES THE
MARRIAGE OF LADY K'UK
WITH SHIELD JAGUAR II**

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**HERE IS A PHOTO
OF A LINTEL
DEPICTING
LADY K'UK WHO
IS SEEN IN THE
LOWER RIGHT
HAND CORNER.
SHE IS LOOKING
UP TO A FACE
THAT EMERGES
FROM A VISION
SERPENT.**



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THE FACE IS "THE FOUNDER", WHO APPEARS WITH HIS HEAD EMERGING FROM THE MOUTH OF A "QUETZALCOATL SERPENT"

HEAD

VISIONARY SERPENT

LADY K'UK

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ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLAIM THAT LADY K'UK IS PETITIONING HER ANCESTOR...

THE TEXT STATES THAT "THE FOUNDER" GIVES HIS APPROVAL FOR LADY K'UK TO MARRY SHIELD JAGUAR II.

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WE BELIEVE THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THIS MARRIAGE WOULD POTENTIALLY CAUSE TURMOIL AMONG HER PEOPLE SO SHE PRAYED TO HER GOD AND WAS SHOWN THIS ANSWER IN A VISION.

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IN THE SECOND LINTEL, LADY K'UK IS SHOWN PERFORMING A "BLOOD-LETTING" CEREMONY IN FRONT OF SHIELD JAGUAR II.

SHE IS PULLING A "THORNED" ROPE THROUGH HER TONGUE.

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ARCHAEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THAT THIS DEPICTION IS A LITERAL EVENT.

WE DISAGREE.


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WE BELIEVE THAT LADY K'UK IS TAKING A SACRED "OATH" TO BIND HER SPEECH TO THE RELIGION OF SELF-SACRIFICE AS SHE YIELDS TO A GREATER AUTHORITY.

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THE THIRD LINTEL SHOWS SHIELD JAGUAR II RECEIVING THE "CROWN" FROM LADY K'UK.

THIS SCENE COMPLETES THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.



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NONE OF THIS NEGATES BOOK OF MORMON SCRIPTURE.

TO THE CONTRARY, IT EXPLAINS THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES MORE CLEARLY.

AND, THERE IS MORE INFORMATION WE CAN DISCERN CONCERNING THE MARITAL STATUS OF SHIELD JAGUAR II WHO WE BELIEVE IS MOSIAH THE ELDER.

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IT IS BELIEVED THAT HER FATHER WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO APPOINT HER HUSBAND KING.

THERE ARE NAME GLYPHS THAT HAVE BEEN "ERASED" FROM LINEAGE STELA AT YAXCHILAN. WE BELIEVE THE "SUN-KINGS" OR "KING-MEN" WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE NAMES. THEY WERE ANGRY THAT ZARAHEMPLA RELINQUISHED THE THRONE TO MOSIAH.

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IF LADY K'UK IS THE DAUGHTER OF ZARAHEMPLA, THEN SHE IS JEWISH ROYALTY THROUGH THE THRONE LINE OF ZEDEKIAH.

IF SHIELD JAGUAR II IS MOSIAH, THEN HE IS A JOSEPHITE AS LEHI REVEALED TO US ONCE HE RECEIVED THE BRASS PLATES AND DISCOVERED HIS LINEAGE.

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THEREFORE, WE HAVE REPRESENTED HERE THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL THROUGH THE LINEAGE OF ZARAHEMPLA'S DAUGHTER, AND THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL REPRESENTED THROUGH THE LINEAGE OF MOSIAH.

THE MARRIAGE OF MOSIAH AND THE DAUGHTER OF ZARAHEMPLA FULFILLS MANY PROMISES.



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IT HEALED THE BREACH OF THE ISRAELITE THRONE WHEN THE SONS OF SOLOMON CREATED A NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN KINGDOM. THIS MARRIAGE UNIFIED THE DIVIDED THRONE AND RE-ESTABLISHED THE THRONE OF DAVID.

IF THIS DID TAKE PLACE, THEN KING BENJAMIN WAS THE FIRST OFFSPRING OF THE ISRAELITE UNITED THRONE; HE WOULD BE VERY SPECIAL INDEED.

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THE MARRIAGE BOUND THE PROMISES OF BOTH LINEAGES TOGETHER; THE RIGHT TO RULE UNTIL "SHILOH COMES" AS PROMISED TO JUDAH, AND THE PROMISE THAT JOSEPH'S BRETHREN WOULD BOW DOWN TO HIM FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, FOR JOSEPH WILL BE A LIGHT UNTO HIS BRETHREN TO BRING SALVATION.

43

BY MOSIAH POSSESSING THE BRASS PLATES WITH THE RECORD OF THE ISRAELITE PEOPLE, HE BROUGHT WITH HIM THE SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE MULEKITE/NEPHITE POPULATION. THIS KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRITUAL PROPHECY AND PROMISE WAS THE PREPARATION FOR THE SEED OF THE GOSPEL BROUGHT THROUGH ABINADI AND ALMA.

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THIS GOSPEL KNOWLEDGE THEN PREPARED THE PEOPLE OF MESOAMERICA TO RECEIVE THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD AS ALLUDED TO IN THE 10TH CHAPTER OF ALMA. WITH THIS PRIESTHOOD THE PEOPLE COULD DEVELOP FURTHER THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PREPARE TO GREET A RISEN CHRIST WHEN IT WAS TIME.

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WHEN IT COMES TO KING BENJAMIN, VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD. HIS MAYA NAME IS Y'OAAT B'ALAM II. VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN BECAUSE THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING RECORDED ABOUT HIM AT YAXCHILAN.

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Yoaat B'alam II

BUT, IF Y'OAAT B'ALAM IS KING BENJAMIN THEN WE WOULD NOT EXPECT TO FIND MUCH CONCERNING HIM—HE WAS A HUMBLE SERVANT-KING. HE WOULD NOT TOLERATE HIS NAME BEING DISPLAYED EVERYWHERE.

47

NOTE THAT UNIFYING THE NEPHITE PEOPLE WITH THE MULEKITE PEOPLE DID NOT GO OVER WELL. THERE WERE JEWISH LINEAGE HEIRS TO THE THRONE WHO WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE CONSIDERED A VIABLE CHOICE TO RULE ONCE MOSIAH ASSUMED THE KINGSHIP. MOSIAH AND HIS BRIDE UNDERSTOOD THE GRAVITY OF NOT GETTING THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION TO AGREE WITH THIS CHANGE.

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Yoaat B'alam II

ONE OF THE WAYS TO APPEASE THE MULEKITE MASSES WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MULEKITE HERITAGE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HONORED AND RESPECTED.

ONE OF THE WAYS THAT SHIELD JAGUAR II DEMONSTRATED THAT HE HONORED THE MULEKITE HISTORY IS BY PLACING THE LIST OF MULEKITE KINGS ON HIEROGLYPHIC STAIRWAY #3 IN YAXCHILAN.

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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HONORING THE MULEKITE HERITAGE IS THE NAME OF THE FIRST PRINCE BORN TO SHIELD JAGUAR II AND LADY K'UK. THE KING NAME THAT FOLLOWS SHIELD JAGUAR II AT YAXCHILAN IS Y'OAAT B'ALAM II. IT IS THE SAME NAME AS THE FOUNDER OF THE MULEKITE LINEAGE. AND, BY EXTRAPOLATION WE NOW KNOW THAT MULEK'S GIVEN NAME WAS BENJAMIN.

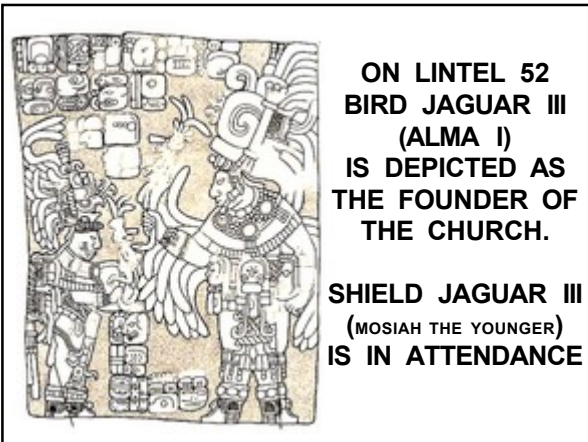
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Comparative King Lists

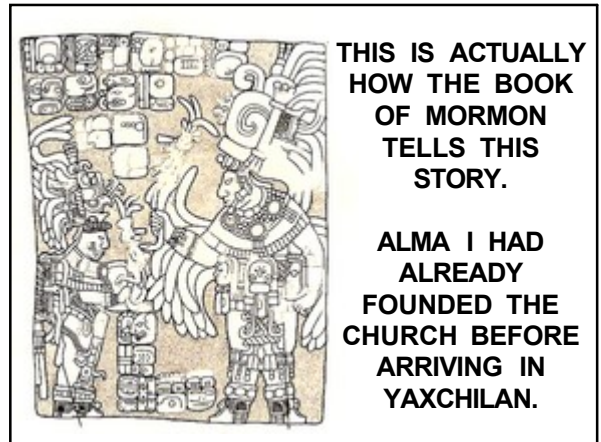
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**HOWEVER,
MOSIAH THE
YOUNGER
COMMISSIONED
ALMA I TO BUILD
THE CHURCH IN
HIS KINGDOM.**

**THEREFORE, THIS
RENDITION IS NOT
IN CONFLICT WITH
THE BOOK OF
MORMON TEXT.**

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**THERE IS ALSO THE BOOK OF
MORMON STORY THAT TELLS
OF MOSIAH THE YOUNGER
PASSING ALL OF THE RECORDS
TO ALMA II.**

**MOSIAH THE YOUNGER IS
SHIELD JAGUAR III AND
ALMA II IS BIRD JAGUAR IV.**

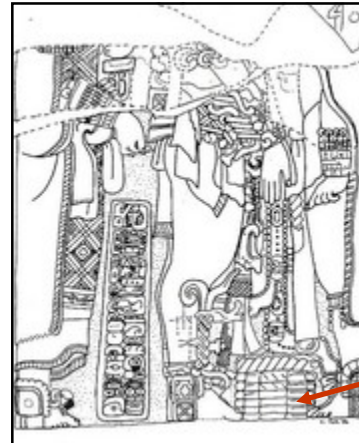
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**THE
BLOOD-LETTING
RITUAL SHOWN
ON STELA 3
REFERENCES
MOSIAH THE
YOUNGER AND
ALMA II.**

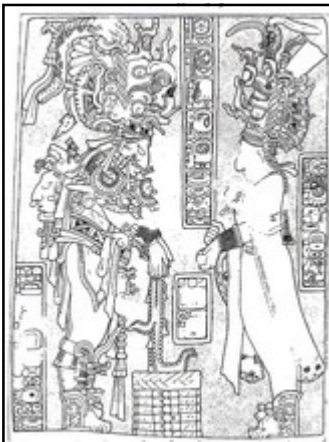
**WE BELIEVE
THAT THIS
RITUAL IS
SYMBOLIC.**

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**AND OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE
TO US, WE CAN
SEE THIS
EVENT ALSO
HAS
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THE
PASSING OF
THE PLATES.**

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**LINTEL 2,
"LA PASADITA",
IS ANOTHER
RENDITION OF
THE PASSING OF
THE PLATES.**

**THIS EVENT WAS
VERY
IMPORTANT TO
RECORD.**


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**THIS IS A FLAP-STAFF
CEREMONY WITH
BIRD JAGUAR IV
(ALMA II) AND SHIELD
JAGUAR III (MOSIAH
THE YOUNGER).**

**THIS EVENT
PORTRAYS WHEN
MOSIAH RETIRED THE
THRONE AND ALMA II
BECAME THE CHIEF
JUDGE.**

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THIS EVENT IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON.

IT SEEMS THAT A SPECIFIC EVENT OCCURRING IN BOTH THE BOOK OF MORMON AND MESOAMERICA IS NOT COINCIDENTAL.

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BECAUSE WE FIND THAT THE HISTORICAL FIGURES AND SPECIFIC HISTORICAL EVENTS RECORDED AT YAXCHILAN FIT THE PROMINENT BOOK OF MORMON CHARACTERS AND STORIES RECORDED IN ZARAHEMLA, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT YAXCHILAN IS THE BOOK OF MORMON CITY OF ZARAHEMLA.

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NOT ONLY ARE THE HISTORICAL FIGURES A FAITHFUL PARALLEL, BUT WE NOTE THAT THE GEOGRAPHY AND THE INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CITIES AND SUBCULTURE GROUPS ARE CONSISTENT WITH BOOK OF MORMON STORIES.

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AGAIN, AFTER ASSESSING THE ENTIRE BODY OF EVIDENCE FOR THIS BEING THE CITY OF ZARAHEMLA, WE FIND AN OVERWHELMING LIST THAT SIGNIFIES THIS SITE AS A DIRECT PARALLEL TO ZARAHEMLA. WE ARE THEREFORE COMPELLED TO IGNORE THE OFFICIAL DATES ASSIGNED TO MAYAN CULTURE.

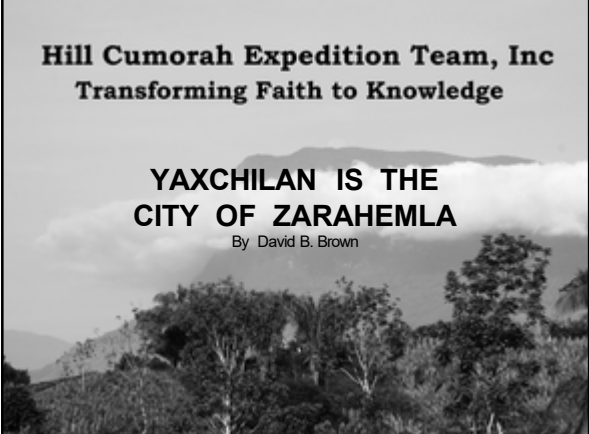
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WE CONTINUE TO STATE THE CLAIM THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND INVESTIGATE THE MAYAN CULTURE AS A PARALLEL TO THE STORIES IN THE BOOK OF MORMON.

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