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**THE BOOK OF MORMON
STORY OF THE CONVERTED
LAMANITES WHO WERE LATER
KNOWN AS THE AMMONITES
AND THE ANTI-NEPHI-LEHI, IS
VERY MOVING BECAUSE OF
THE TESTIMONY OF THEIR
COVENANT THAT TOTALLY
TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES.**

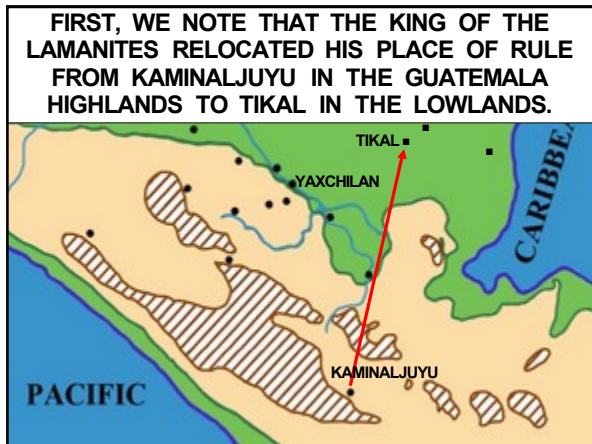
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**THEY VOWED TO NEVER
AGAIN TAKE UP ARMS
AGAINST THEIR FELLOW MAN,
EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF
THEIR OWN LIVES. MANY OF
THEM DEMONSTRATED THEIR
DEVOTION BY PROSTRATING
THEMSELVES BEFORE THEIR
ATTACKERS AND DYING AT
THEIR HAND.**

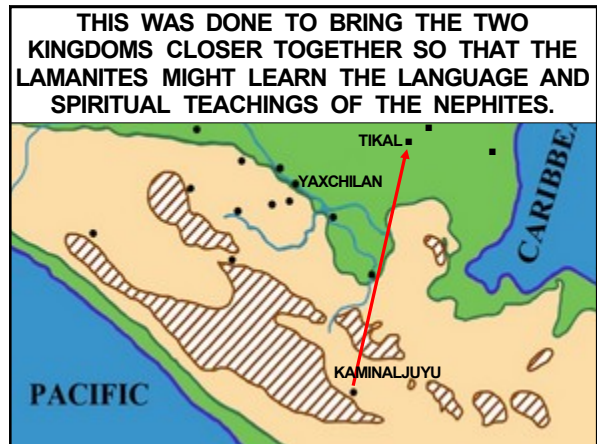
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**SO FAR WE HAVE UNCOVERED
SEVERAL REMARKABLE EVIDENCES
OF THESE DEVOTED PEOPLE. WE
WILL NOW REVIEW EVEN MORE
COMPELLING EVIDENCES OF THE
INDUSTRY AND EVENTS THAT LED
TO THE AMBITIOUS RISE OF
AMALICKIAH. WE WILL SEE THAT
HE WAS MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE
GREATER THAN THE ASPIRATION
TO FULFILL HIS "ROYAL" DESTINY.**

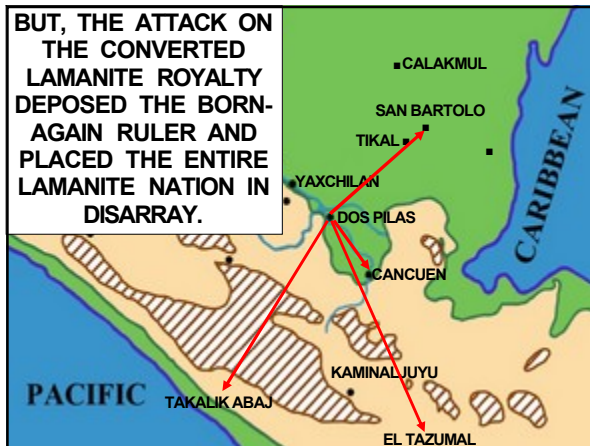
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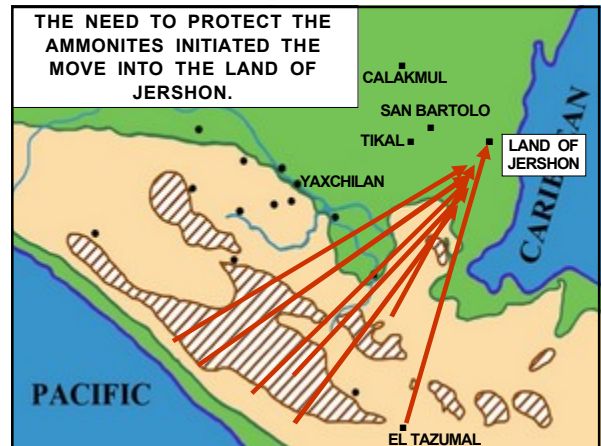
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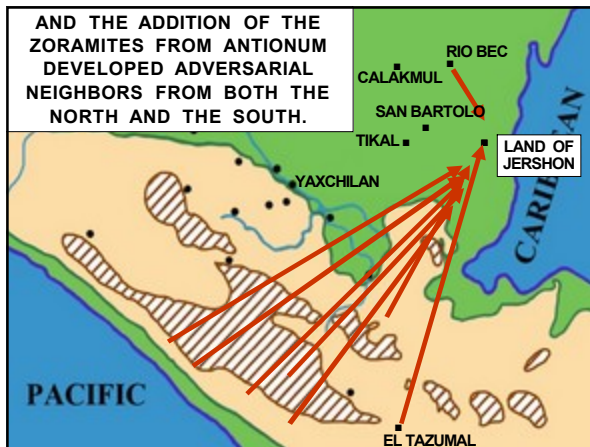
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SO WHAT WERE THE MOTIVATIONS FOR THE LAMANITES AND THE ZORAMITES TO BE SO AGAINST THE JERSHON OCCUPATION?

WHY DID A MOVE TO BONAMPAK MAKE STRATEGIC SENSE?

THE EVIDENCES WE HAVE UNCOVERED TELL US THAT MONEY AND POWER WERE AT THE HEART OF THE PROBLEMS IN JERSHON.

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IN RECENT YEARS THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMUNITY HAS MADE GOOD USE OF ADVANCED SATELLITE IMAGERY. THROUGH THE INTERPRETATION OF THESE IMAGES IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE LARGE CULTIVATED GREEN AREAS THAT WERE ANCIENTLY TERRAFORMED AND UTILIZED WITH INTENSIVE FARMING PRACTICES.

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IN BELIZE AND SOUTHERN QUINTANA ROO THEY FOUND COMMERCIAL-LIKE FARMS UP TO 500 ACRES IN SIZE THAT WERE IRRIGATED AND FERTILIZED TO PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF PRODUCE.

BUT, OUR RESEARCH REVEALED A PROBABLE THEORY THAT MAY SHOCK YOU....

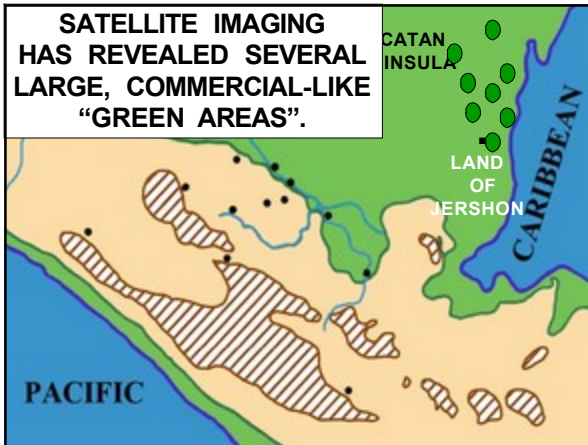
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REMEMBER THE AREA REFERRED TO AS "JERSHON" ?



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SATELLITE IMAGING HAS REVEALED SEVERAL LARGE, COMMERCIAL-LIKE "GREEN AREAS".



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SOME "GREEN AREAS" ARE 500-600 ACRES. THEY HAVE DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BUILT INTO THEIR DESIGN.



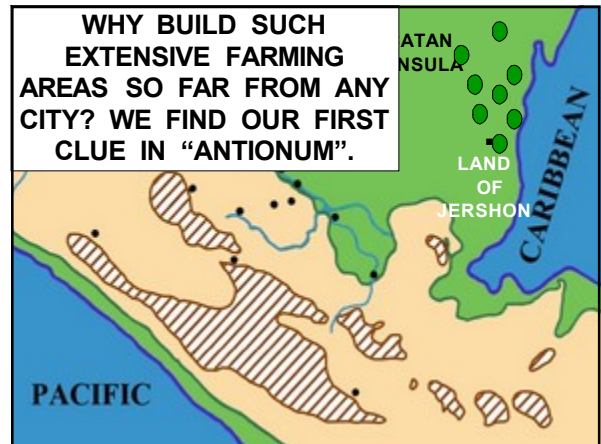
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THEY DATE AROUND 300 BC. THIS IS AT LEAST 150 YEARS BEFORE ANY LARGE CITIES WERE BUILT HERE. WHY ?




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WHY BUILD SUCH EXTENSIVE FARMING AREAS SO FAR FROM ANY CITY? WE FIND OUR FIRST CLUE IN "ANTIONUM".



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ANTIONUM WAS VERY MUCH AGAINST ALMA II SENDING ANYONE INTO JERSHON. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THEIR OBJECTIONS WERE BASED ON THE FACT THAT THEY HAD "CASH CROPS" GROWING IN THAT REGION.



A map of the Caribbean region. The landmasses are shown in green and yellow. The Pacific Ocean is labeled in the bottom left. The Caribbean Sea is labeled in the bottom right. A specific area is labeled 'LAND OF JERUSHON' and is marked with several green dots. The word 'ANTIONUM' is partially visible at the top left of the map area.

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DURING THIS SAME TIME PERIOD WE KNOW THAT EGYPT HAD A LARGE DEMAND FOR AMERICAN TOBACCO.

AT AROUND 300 BC, UP TO 90% OF THE HIGHER CLASS AND UP TO 60% OF THE LOWER CLASS EGYPTIANS* WERE USING NICOTINE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

*AS SHOWN BY MUMMIFIED COLLECTIONS.

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THE EVIDENCE OF NICOTINE ADDICTION IS SHOWN TO HAVE LASTED FOR AT LEAST TWO CENTURIES.


THIS EVIDENCE IMPLIES THAT THOUSANDS OF EGYPTIANS OVER SEVERAL CENTURIES WERE CONTINUALLY USING TOBACCO.

THIS TRANSLATES TO TONS AND TONS OF TOBACCO PRODUCT.

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NICOTINE AT THE LEVELS FOUND IN THESE MUMMIES ARE ONLY POSSIBLE IF THESE EGYPTIANS INGESTED TOBACCO EITHER THROUGH CHEWING OR INHALATION.

THE TOBACCO PLANT IS ONLY FOUND IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, AND THE LARGER QUANTITIES OF IT ARE ONLY FOUND IN CENTRAL AMERICA




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NOW, BACK TO OUR MESOAMERICAN GREEN AREAS.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF GREEN AREAS FOUND IN MESOAMERICA; ONE IS SHALLOW AT A DEPTH OF TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN INCHES, THE OTHER IS SIX FEET DEEP.

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WE CAN SEE HERE AN EXAMPLE OF IRRIGATION CANALS THAT WERE BUILT ANCIENTLY.

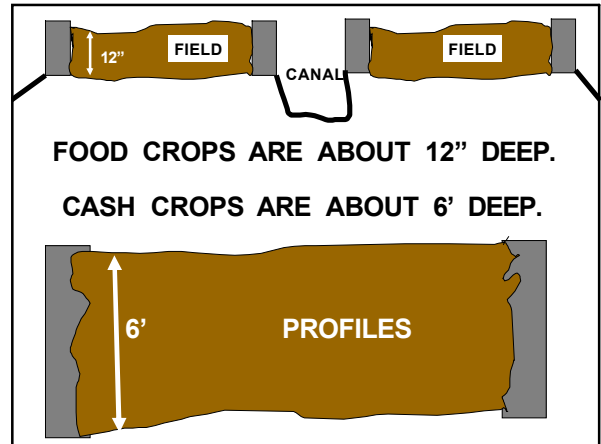


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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF ANCIENTLY BUILT FARMING AREAS ARE CLEARLY DISCERNABLE.

THE SHALLOW ONE IS FOR FOOD CROPS, THE DEEPER ONE IS FOR CASH CROPS.

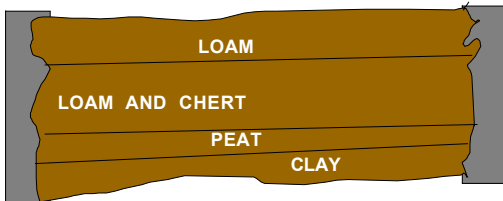
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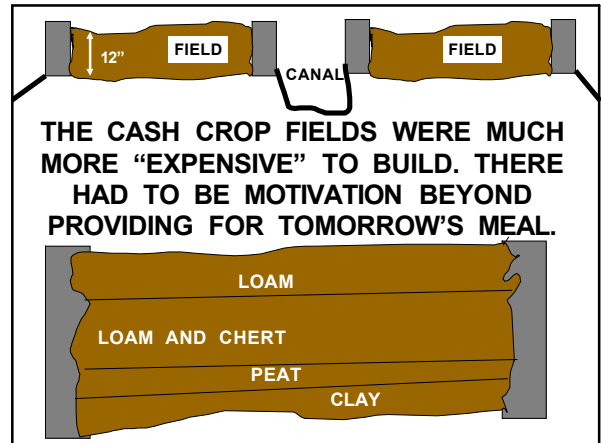
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THE CASH CROP FIELDS HAVE VERY SPECIFIC SOIL LAYERING.

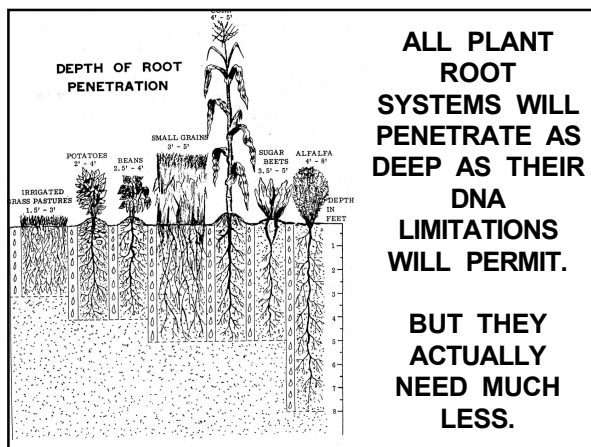
THE LAYERS CONSIST OF AN UPPER LOAM, THEN, LOAM AND CHERT, FOLLOWED BY PEAT AND FINALLY A LAYER OF CLAY.



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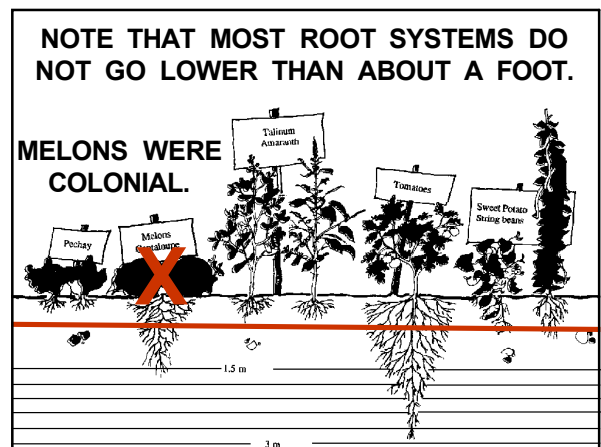
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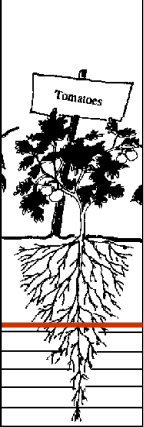
ALL PLANT ROOT SYSTEMS WILL PENETRATE AS DEEP AS THEIR DNA LIMITATIONS WILL PERMIT.

BUT THEY ACTUALLY NEED MUCH LESS.

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A PERFECT EXAMPLE IS THE TOMATO.

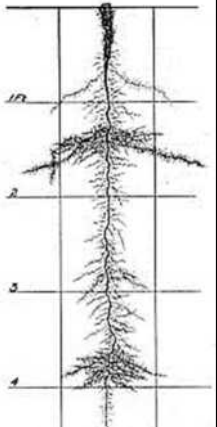
THE TOMATOES GROWN CENTURIES AGO WERE NOT AFFECTED BY ROOT DEPTH.

JUST A FOOT OF PROPER SOIL WILL YEILD A VERY ACCEPTABLE CROP.

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TOBACCO IS THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

IT NEEDS A FULL 4 - 6 FEET (2 METERS) OF SOIL TO FULLY DEVELOP ITS LEAVES; THE DEEPER ROOT SYSTEM PROVIDED MORE AROMATIC LEAVES FOR TOBACCO USE.



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TOBACCO IS THE ONLY CROP THAT REQUIRES A FULL SIX FEET OF ROOT SYSTEM ABOVE THE WATER TABLE AS THE TOBACCO ROOT IS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO ROT WHEN NOT PROPERLY DRAINED.

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IF THE TOBACCO GROWN IN THIS REGION IS A CASH CROP FOR EXPORT, THEN THE MONEY TO BE GAINED FROM THIS INDUSTRY PROVIDES THE MOTIVATION TO INVEST IN THE MANPOWER TO HAVE THE FIELDS BUILT AND MAINTAINED.

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SO, FOR CENTURIES, SOMEONE IS SHIPPING ALL OF THIS IN SECRET.



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WHO WOULD BE SHIPPING ALL OF THIS MATERIAL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC?

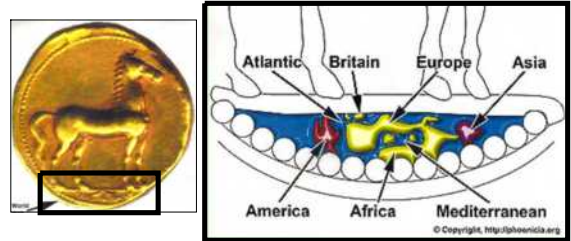
WHO WOULD HAVE THE TRADE ROUTES ESTABLISHED AND THE KNOW-HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?

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IT WAS THE PHOENICIANS
 HOW DO WE KNOW?
 THEY TOLD US THEMSELVES...

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THIS CARTHAGINIAN COIN
 IS FROM 341 BC



IT DEPICTS A WORLD MAP
 AT THE BOTTOM

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THE CARTHAGINIANS ARE
 PHOENICIANS.

WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY
 KNEW OF THE MULEKITES.

IT APPEARS THAT THEY BROUGHT
 THE MULEKITES TO MESOAMERICA
 AT AROUND 586 BC...

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THIS IS
 "THE UNFINISHED
 STELA" FOUND AT
 THE MOUTH OF THE
 USUMACINTA RIVER
 IN FRONTERA,
 TABASCO.

IT PORTRAYS
 THE MULEKITE
 IMMIGRANT STORY.

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THE MAN WEARS A
 PRAYER SHAWL,
 PRAYER
 PHYLACTORIES ON
 THE WRIST, HOLDS
 A SACRED COPAL
 BAG, AND HE HAS
 AN EAR PLUG
 WITH A SHAPE
 ALLUDING TO THE
 STAR OF DAVID.

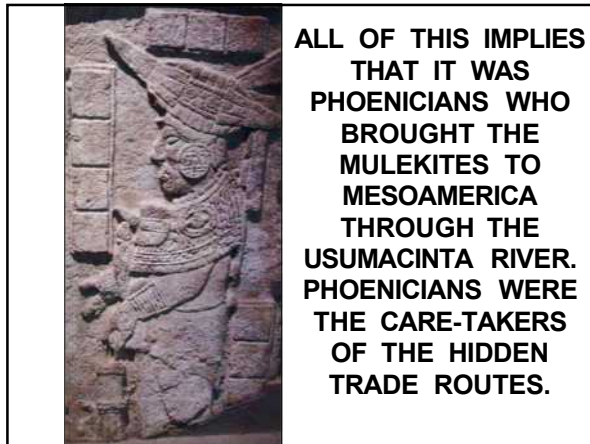
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ADDITIONALLY, HE IS
 WEARING A HAT
 THAT RESEMBLES
 THE TOP VIEW OF A
 TWO-MASTED
 PHOENICIAN SHIP.

AND, THE GLYPH
 BLOCKS HAVE NO
 GLYPHS, INDICATING
 THAT THIS PEOPLE
 HAD NO WRITING.

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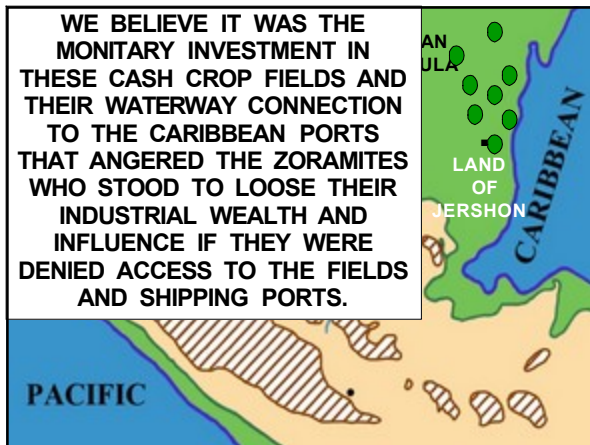
ALL OF THIS IMPLIES THAT IT WAS PHOENICIANS WHO BROUGHT THE MULEKITES TO MESOAMERICA THROUGH THE USUMACINTA RIVER. PHOENICIANS WERE THE CARE-TAKERS OF THE HIDDEN TRADE ROUTES.

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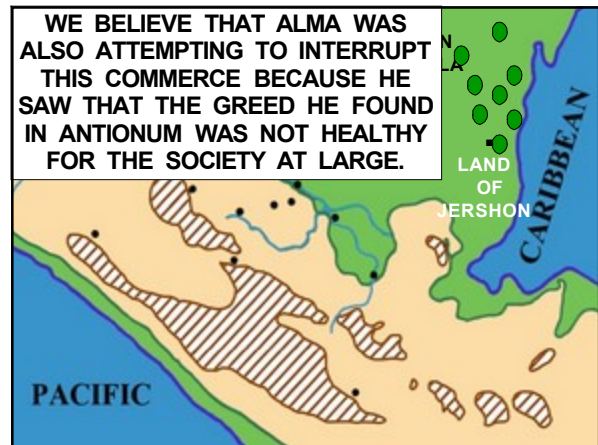
THEREFORE, WE NOW HAVE EVIDENCE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC THAT TRADE EXISTED.

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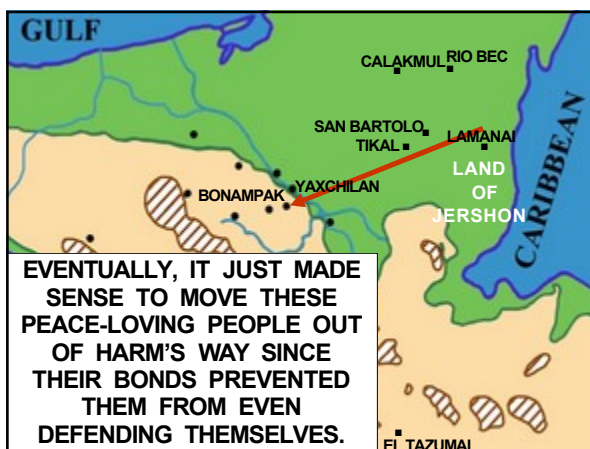
WE BELIEVE IT WAS THE MONETARY INVESTMENT IN THESE CASH CROP FIELDS AND THEIR WATERWAY CONNECTION TO THE CARIBBEAN PORTS THAT ANGERED THE ZORAMITES WHO STOOD TO LOOSE THEIR INDUSTRIAL WEALTH AND INFLUENCE IF THEY WERE DENIED ACCESS TO THE FIELDS AND SHIPPING PORTS.

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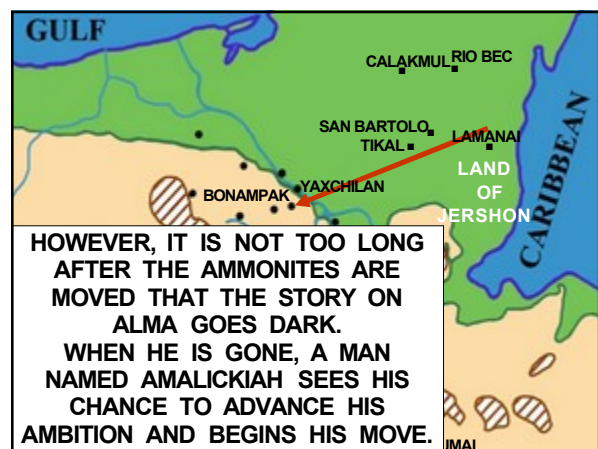
WE BELIEVE THAT ALMA WAS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO INTERRUPT THIS COMMERCE BECAUSE HE SAW THAT THE GREED HE FOUND IN ANTIONUM WAS NOT HEALTHY FOR THE SOCIETY AT LARGE.

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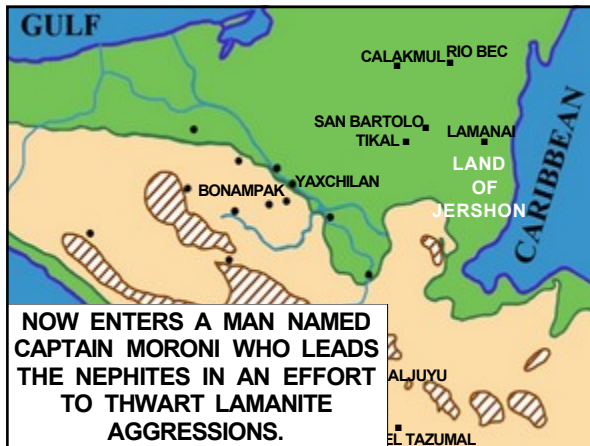
EVENTUALLY, IT JUST MADE SENSE TO MOVE THESE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE OUT OF HARM'S WAY SINCE THEIR BONDS PREVENTED THEM FROM EVEN DEFENDING THEMSELVES.

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HOWEVER, IT IS NOT TOO LONG AFTER THE AMMONITES ARE MOVED THAT THE STORY ON ALMA GOES DARK. WHEN HE IS GONE, A MAN NAMED AMALICKIAH SEES HIS CHANCE TO ADVANCE HIS AMBITION AND BEGINS HIS MOVE.

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EVEN AS AMALICKIAH IS SEEING HIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE THRIVING PHOENICIAN EXPORT INDUSTRY, CAPTAIN MORONI IS LAYING OUT THE CHESS TABLE TO HOLD A SOLID FRONT AGAINST THE LAMANITE ARMIES.

MORONI BEGINS TO ERECT CITIES ALONG THE EAST COAST IN THE LAND OF JERSON, FROM THE LAMANITE BORDERS IN THE SOUTH TO BOUNTIFUL IN THE NORTH.

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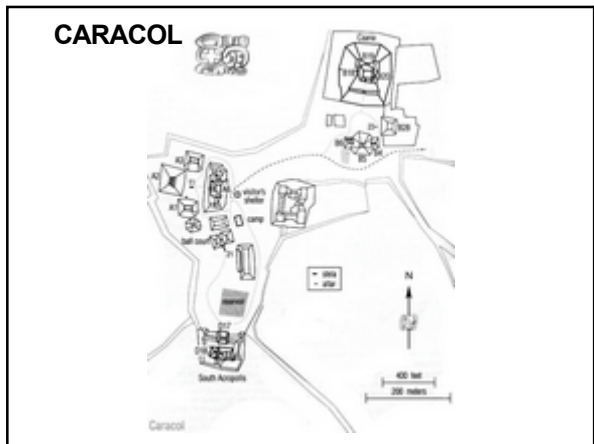
DO WE FIND EVIDENCE OF THIS EFFORT BY CAPTAIN MORONI?

YES, WE HAVE FOUND CITIES WITH SACRED CENTERS THAT ALL HAVE SIMILAR DESIGNS; THEY ARE EASILY DEFENDED AND FOR USE BY A PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT LITERATE.

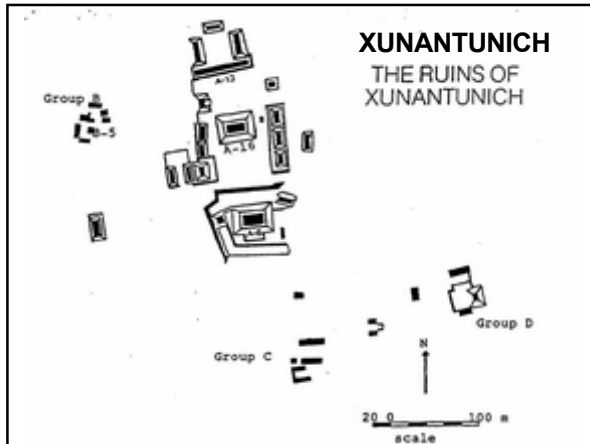
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THESE TWO-PLAZA DESIGN SACRED CENTERS IMPLY THAT A BELIEF SYSTEM IS EMBEDDED IN THEIR DESIGN; IT IS THE STORY OF THEIR CONVERSION. THE SIMILARITY OF THE DESIGN ATTESTS TO A SINGLE ARCHITECT; OR AT LEAST A SINGLE FOCUS THROUGH MULTIPLE ARCHITECTS.

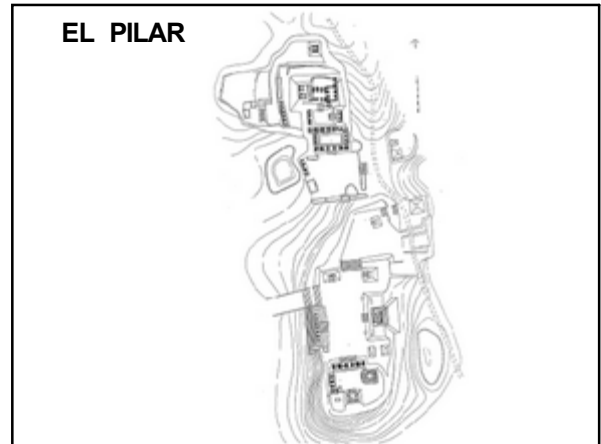
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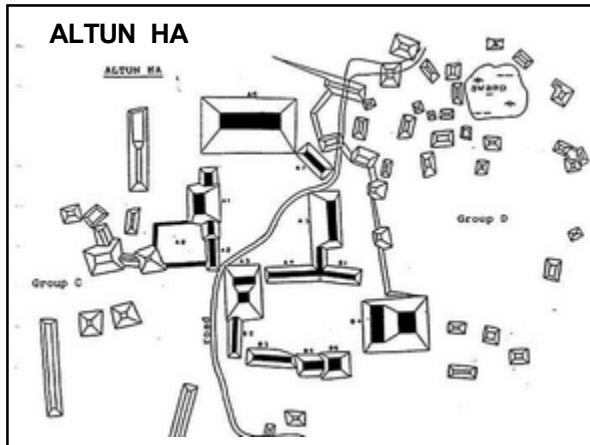
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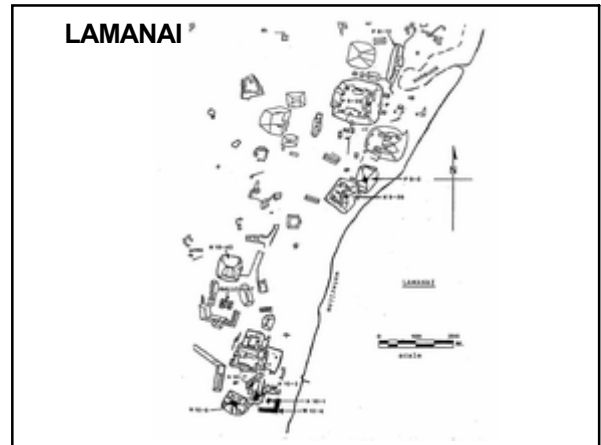
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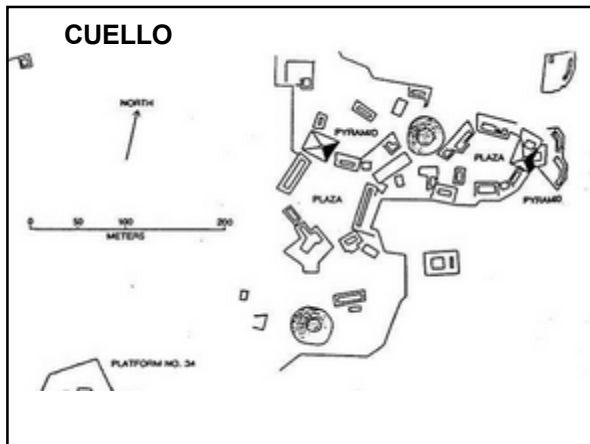
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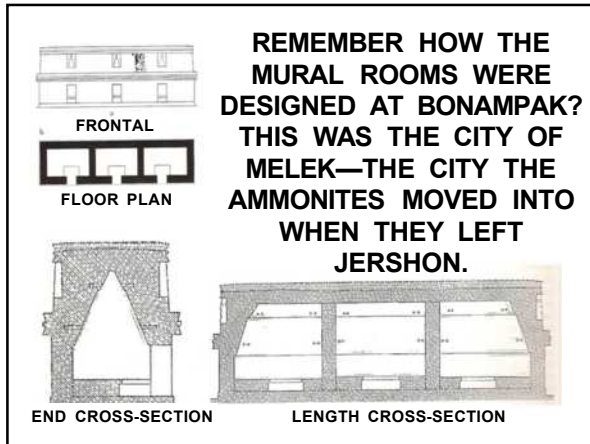


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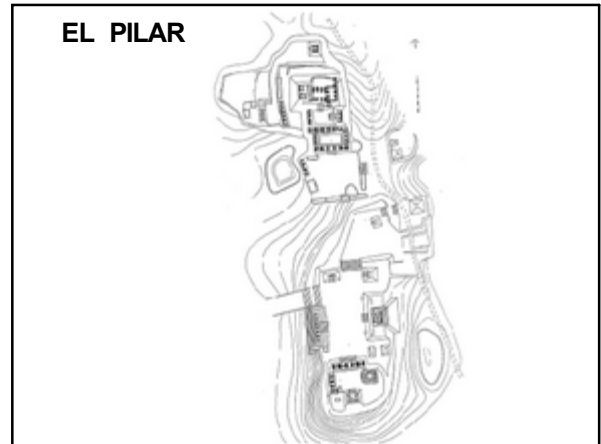
AND, THE DESIGN OF THE STRUCTURES TELL US THAT THEY USED MURALS PROLIFICALLY AS THE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION. THIS IS WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT IN A SOCIETY WHO NEEDED TO LEARN COMMON TRUTHS BUT WERE NOT LITERATE.

XUNANTUNICH, EL PILAR AND CARACOL CLEARLY WERE LARGE LEARNING CENTERS BECAUSE OF THEIR MURAL ROOM DESIGNS.

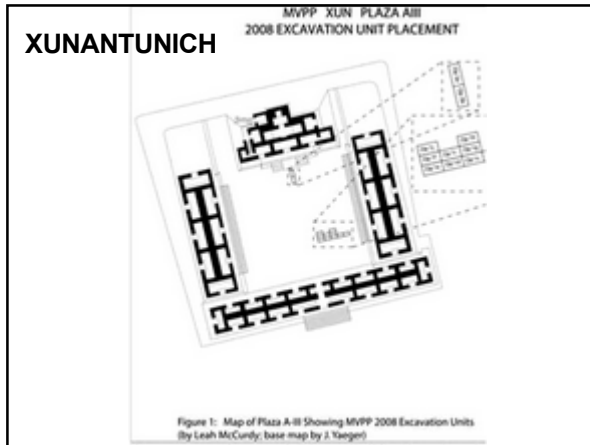
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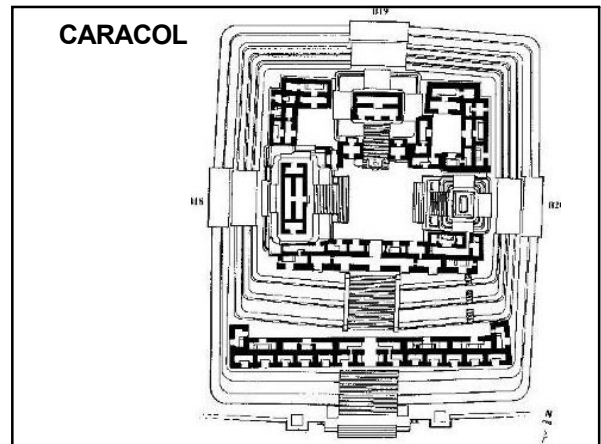
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WE NOW REALIZE THAT THE ARCHITECTURE IS A FINGERPRINT OF THE PEOPLE WHO BUILT THEM. THEY WERE AN ILLITERATE PEOPLE WHO RELIED ON THE MEDIA OF MURALS TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT AN ASSIGNED PRIEST WAS REQUIRED TO LECTURE FOR THAT PARTICULAR ROOM.

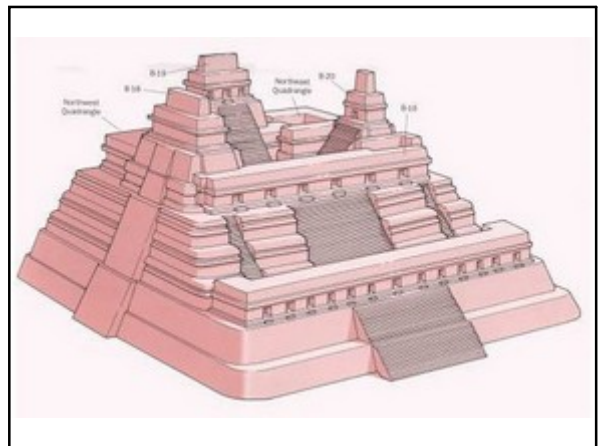
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THE VERBAL RECITATION DEMONSTRATED YOUR PROGRESS. YOU WERE PROBABLY NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE TO HIGHER LEVELS UNTIL YOU HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY INSTRUCTED IN THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES. YOU WERE INSTRUCTED TO BUILD LINE-UPON-LINE, PRECEPT-UPON-PRECEPT, UNTIL YOUR SPIRITUAL STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETE. THESE WERE HOUSES WITH MANY MANSIONS—TRUE LEARNING CENTERS.

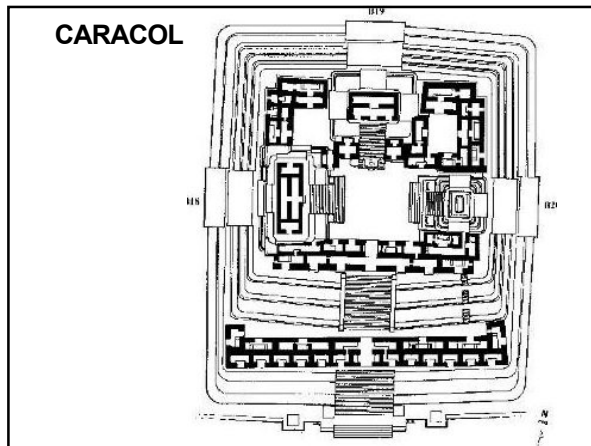
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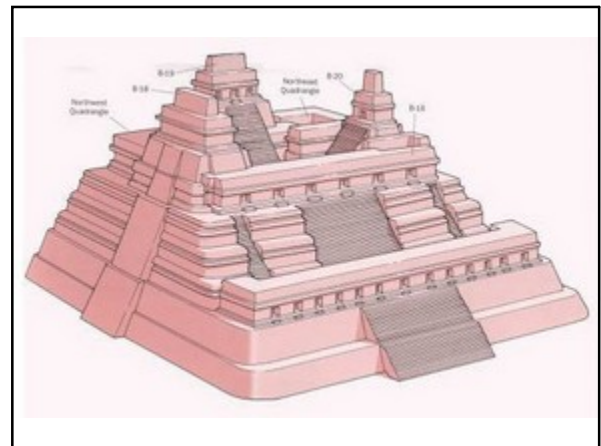
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THESE SITES IN BELIZE FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND OF JERSON. THEY ARE DESIGNED FOR INSTRUCTION OF ILLITERATE PEOPLE. BUT DO NOT LET THE LACK OF LITERACY FOOL YOU; THEY WERE VERY INTELLIGENT IN HOW THEY DEMONSTRATED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL. AND, THEIR INDUSTRY TESTIFIES TO THEIR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION.

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ONCE ALMA HAD DISAPPEARED AND WAS NO LONGER THE SINGLE STRONG UNIFYING SPIRITUAL FOCUS FOR THE NEPHITE NATION, A DISSIDENT ROYAL MULEKITE NAMED AMALICKIAH (FROM CALAKMUL) BEGAN PLOTTING TO RECAPTURE THE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN JERSON.

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THE USURPER KING WHO BEHEADED KING ANTI-NEPHI-LEHI, REESTABLISHED THE LAMANITE THRONE IN KAMINALJUJU. AMALICKIAH ESCAPED FROM A FAILED ATTEMPT TO GRAB THE NEPHITE THRONE, TRAVELED TO SPEAK WITH THE KING OF THE LAMANITES, GOT PERMISSION TO GATHER TOGETHER THE LAMANITE ARMIES WHO WOULD AGREE TO FIGHT THE NEPHITES...

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THEN, WITH THE LAMANITE ARMY IN TOW, AMALICKIAH CAME TO THE KING OF THE LAMANITES AND ARRANGED TO HAVE HIM MURDERED. THE BOOK OF MORMON DESCRIBES THE KING "LAYING IN HIS GORE," HAVING BEEN STABBED AND LEFT TO BLEED OUT. WE FOUND A VASE AT KAMINALJUJU THAT APPEARS TO PORTRAY THIS VERY STORY.

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THIS POTTERY ART ILLUSTRATES A KING WHO HAS TAKEN THE HEAD OF ANOTHER AND IS NOW DISEMBOWELED. WE BELIEVE THIS DEPICTS THE USURPER KING WHO WAS LEFT "...LAYING IN HIS GORE."



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AMALICKIAH THEN MARRIES THE WIDOWED LAMANITE QUEEN. HE BEGINS TO MOVE HIS ARMY INTO JERSHON AND RECLAIMING THE CITIES ALONG THE COAST.

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THIS WAS NOT AS MUCH TO EXPAND THE LAMANITE EMPIRE AS IT WAS TO RECLAIM THE INDUSTRY, POWER AND WEALTH THAT HAD BEEN CURTAILED WITH THE AMMONITES AND ANTI-NEPHI-LEHI'S MOVING INTO JERSHON. THEIR PRESENCE DISTRUPTED THE LABOR FORCE AND BLOCKED ACCESS TO THE CARIBBEAN PORTS.

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THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEPHITE GOSPEL CHANGED THE SOCIAL DYNAMICS, ENLARGED THE MIDDLE CLASS AND EXPANDED OPPORTUNITY. THIS WAS CONTRARY TO THE CASTE SYSTEM ALMA FOUND IN ANTIONUM WHERE THERE SEEMED TO ONLY BE LOWER CLASS POOR AND THE VERY RICH ELITE.

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AMALICKIAH AND HIS ILK LONGED TO RETURN TO THAT SYSTEM AS THEY ALL WANTED TO RECLAIM THE POWER AND WEALTH THEY FELT THEY DESERVED.

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AMALICKIAH INITIALLY ACCOMPLISHES HIS RECLAMATION PROJECT ONLY TO BE HALTED BY THE ARMY OF CAPTIAN MORONI. EVENTUALLY, THE LAND OF JERSHON AGAIN COMES UNDER NEPHITE RULE.

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THE MAYA CITIES FOUND IN BELIZE FIT THIS PATTERN. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THE HUMAN STRUGGLE BETWEEN PHYSICAL WEALTH AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH.

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WE NOW KNOW THAT KING ANTI-NEPHI-LEHI WAS BEHEADED, ALTHOUGH THE BOOK OF MORMON NEVER TELLS US WHAT BECAME OF THE CONTENTION FROM THOSE WHO DID NOT WANT KING ANTI-NEPHI-LEHI TO RULE. REMARKABLY, THIS NEW INFORMATION ALSO HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER AT AMMONIHAH;

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IT WAS LAMANITES WHO HAD BEEN DUPED BY THE AMALEKITES INTO ATTACKING THEIR OWN PEOPLE; THEY WERE "STUNG" BY THE GRAVITY OF THEIR CRIME FOR KILLING THE INNOCENT AMMONITES. THEY THEN EXACTED THEIR REVENGE ON THE DISSIDENT NEPHITES (AMALEKITES) AT AMMONIHAH AND COMPLETELY SLAUGHTERED THEIR CITY.

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ALL OF THIS HAS COME FORTH AS WE HAVE RESEARCHED THE PARALLELS BETWEEN THE BOOK OF MORMON NEPHITES AND THE MAYA. THERE IS SO MUCH MORE YET TO LEARN AND WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF NEW INFORMATION COMING FORTH EVERYDAY.

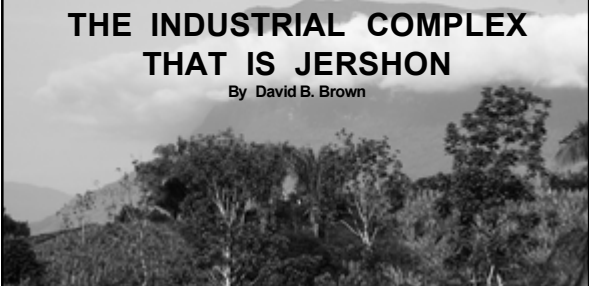
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**KEEP THE FAITH BECAUSE GOD IS KEEPING HIS WORD ABOUT "MAKING BARE HIS HOLY ARM."
WE ONLY NEED TO KEEP OURS BY WORKING ARM-IN-ARM WITH HIM!**

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THE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX THAT IS JERSHON
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