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**DID JOSEPH OF EGYPT INTERACT
 WITH THE JAREDITES?**

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**THE BOOK OF MORMON PROVIDES
 US WITH A THIN HISTORY OF THE
 JAREDITES AS RECOUNTED BY
 ETHER AND TRANSLATED BY
 MORONI. IT IS MOSTLY A LIST OF
 KINGS WITH WHAT WE CAN ONLY
 ASSUME ARE EVENTS THAT
 BECAME KEY TURNING POINTS IN
 THEIR CULTURAL HISTORY.**

**WHILE THERE ARE SIX
 CHAPTERS IN ETHER, WHEN WE
 BREAK DOWN THE INFORMATION
 PROVIDED, NEARLY ONE-FIFTH
 OF THE DIALOGUE IS MORONI
 EDITORIALIZING ON THE
 SUBJECT MATTER OR
 EXPOUNDING ON THE GOSPEL.**

**IF THE BOOK OF MORMON IS A
 HISTORY OF THE NEPHITES, THEN
 WHY DID MORMON DIRECT
 MORONI TO TRANSLATE AND
 INCLUDE THE JAREDITE PLATES?**

**IT APPEARS THAT PART OF
 THE REASON IS TO PROVIDE
 A LARGER CULTURAL
 CONTEXT TO HISTORICAL
 EVENTS IN THE AMERICAS.**

**WITHOUT THE JAREDITE RECORD,
 IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
 IDENTIFY THE GEOGRAPHY AND
 CULTURES OF THE BOOK OF
 MORMON. BECAUSE OF THE
 JAREDITE RECORD, WE CAN
 COMPREHEND THE DISTINCTIONS
 BETWEEN THE NEPHITE AND
 JAREDITE CULTURES BECAUSE WE
 HAVE EXTENSIVE EVIDENCES OF
 THE OLMEC AND MAYA CULTURES.**

BUT, IT ALSO APPEARS THAT ANOTHER REASON FOR THIS RECORD IS TO PROVIDE *CLUES* TO HISTORICAL EVENTS THEY DID NOT HAVE ROOM TO WRITE ABOUT IN THEIR RECORD. PERHAPS THE AMERICAS FACTOR INTO BIBLICAL HISTORY IN A MANNER THAT WE HAD NEVER BEFORE IMAGINED.

HERE ARE SOME FACTS TO CONSIDER:

FIRST, THE BOOK OF MORMON TELLS OF THREE MIGRATIONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE NEW WORLD, AND ALL THREE WERE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OCEANIC SEA TRAVEL.

IT APPEARS THAT TWO OF THEM WERE OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE OTHER OVER THE ATLANTIC.

SECOND, ALL THREE MIGRATIONS WERE A RESULT OF PEOPLE FLEEING FROM MAJOR CULTURAL UPEHAVALS TO A LAND THAT GOD HAD PROVIDED FOR THE MIGRANTS.

CONSIDERING THE FACTS JUST PRESENTED, SEVERAL QUESTIONS ARISE THAT MAY PROVIDE POTENTIAL CLUES FOR OUR INVESTIGATION.

1. WAS ANCIENT OCEANIC SEAFARING MUCH MORE COMMON THAN WE ASSUME?

2. DID MORONI PROVIDE THE JAREDITE INFORMATION FOR BOTH SPIRITUAL AND HISTORICAL REASONS?

3. DOES THAT HISTORICAL INFORMATION TIE THE AMERICAS DIRECTLY TO JOSEPH?

WHILE THE BOOK OF MORMON HINTS TO A JOSEPH CONNECTION, THERE IS NOTHING WRITTEN THAT OUTRIGHT EXPLAINS THE DETAILS. LEHI LETS US KNOW HE IS A DESCENDANT OF JOSEPH AND THAT CLUE PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLL IN THE STORYLINE WHEN THE NEPHITES MERGE WITH THE MULEKITES.

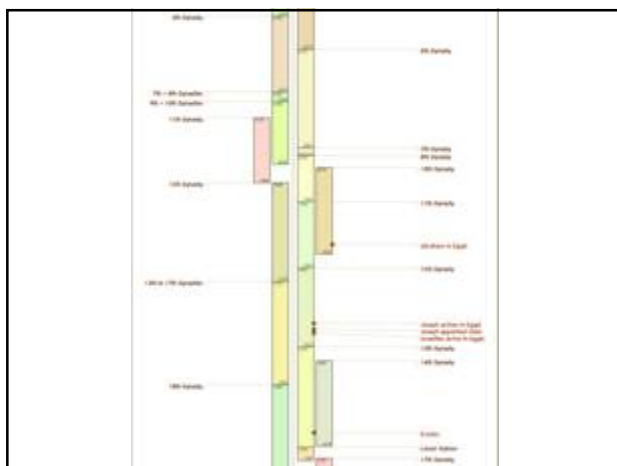
BUT, EVEN MORE CURIOUS IS THE WRITING OF THE JAREDITE PROPHET ETHER WHO MAKES SPECIFIC MENTION OF HOW THIS LAND IS AN INHERITANCE TO JOSEPH. THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE IS THE EDITOR MORONI SPEAKING ON WHAT ETHER KNEW AND THEN BLENDING IT WITH HIS NEPHITE HISTORY.

Ether 6:4-8 "Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land; and he spake also concerning the house of Israel and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come; after it should be destroyed, it should be built up again, a holy city unto the Lord; [5] Wherefore, it could not be a New Jerusalem, for it had been in a time of old; but it should be built up again and become a holy city of the Lord; and it should be built up unto the house of Israel; [6] And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type; for as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there. [7] Wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not--even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not; [8] Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded until the end come, when the earth shall pass away."

- 1. WHY DID GOD MAKE THIS INHERITANCE COVENANT WITH JOSEPH?**
- 2. HOW WAS ETHER MADE AWARE OF THIS COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND JOSEPH?**
- 3. IS THERE MORE TO THE STORY?**
- 4. CAN IT BE DISCOVERED THROUGH THE HINTS WE ARE GIVEN?**

THIS INVESTIGATION REQUIRES A TIMELINE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT EVENTS IN THE NEAR EAST WHERE JOSEPH IS LOCATED, THEN PLACED NEXT TO THE SCANT HINTS FOUND IN THE JAREDITE RECORD.

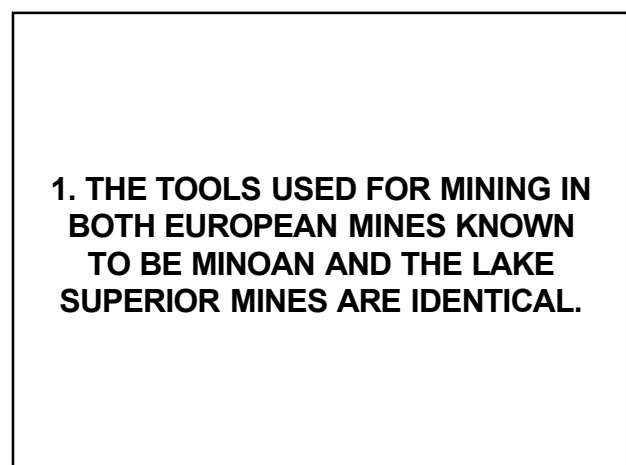
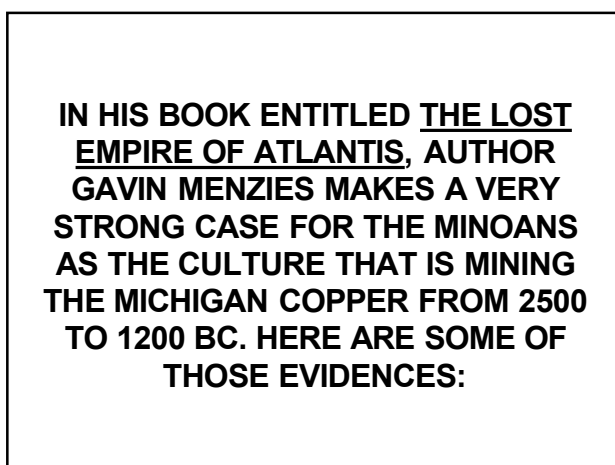
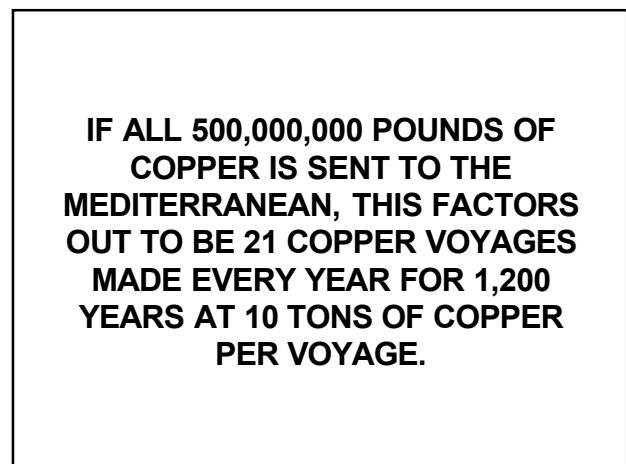
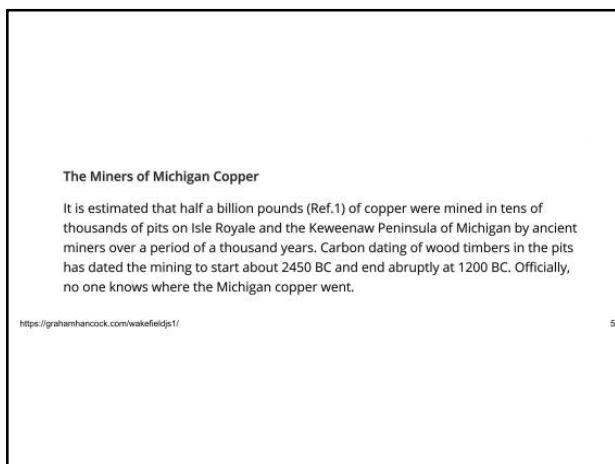
FIRST, THE NEAR EAST TIMELINE I EMPLOY IS THE ONE PROPOSED BY DAVID ROHL. THIS EGYPTIAN CHRONOLOGY IS THE ONE USED BY TIMOTHY MAHONEY IN HIS FILM PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE: EXODUS. THIS PLACES JOSEPH OF EGYPT AT ABOUT 1670 BC AND THE EXODUS AT 1447 BC. THIS CHRONOLOGY ELIMINATES THE 150-YEAR MEDITERRANEAN DARK AGE.



WHEN WE PLACE THE JAREDITE KING LIST AGAINST ROHL'S NEW CHRONOLOGY, WE FIND THAT JOSEPH OF EGYPT IS CONTEMPORARY WITH THE JAREDITE KING EMER.

Dates	Old World	New World
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1950 BC		
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1800 BC		
1750 BC	Isaac	Omer
1700 BC	Jacob	
1650 BC	Joseph in Egypt (1670 BC)	Emer Ether 4:17-23

THE FIRST THING TO NOTICE ON THIS TIMELINE IS THAT THE JAREDITE OCEANIC CROSSING TAKES PLACE SHORTLY AFTER 2200 BC. SO, THE QUESTION ARISES; WAS OCEANIC SEA TRAVEL POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME? ARE THERE EVIDENCES THAT OCEANIC CROSSINGS WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE THIRD MILLENNIA BC?

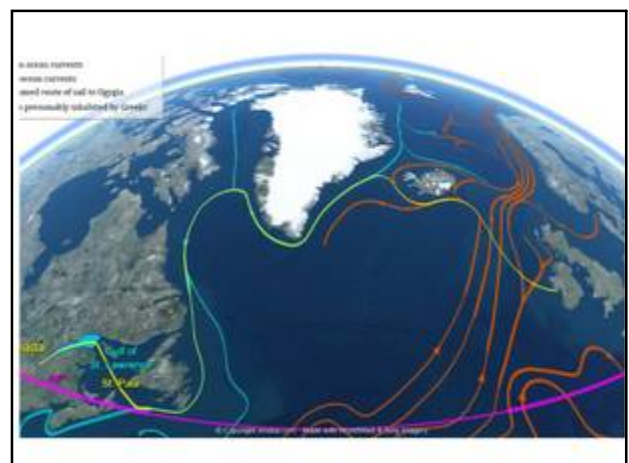


**2. THE POTTERY AND UTENSILS
FOUND IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR
MINES ARE IDENTICAL TO
THOSE USED IN THE MINOAN
CIVILIZATION ON CRETE.**

3. THE MINES ON LAKE SUPERIOR ARE THE ONLY BRONZE AGE MINES TO CONTAIN COPPER WITH A PURITY EXCEEDING 99%. MANY EUROPEAN BRONZE ARTIFACTS FROM THIS TIME PERIOD CONTAIN COPPER OF THE SAME PURITY.

**4. THE ANCIENT MINING OF
COPPER AT LAKE SUPERIOR
ENDED ABRUPTLY AND
COINCIDENTLY WITH THE FALL
OF THE MINOAN EMPIRE.
(APPROXIMATELY 1200 BC)**

5. THE MOST COMPELLING EVIDENCE IS THE UNIQUE MITOCHONDRIAL DNA MARKERS CALLED *HAPLOGROUP X*. THE MINOANS CARRIED THIS MARKER AND IT IS FOUND TODAY IN POPULATIONS ON CRETE, EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURES WHERE THE MINOANS WERE KNOWN TO INTERACT, AND IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES OF THE OJIBWE AND CHIPPEWA.



SO, IT APPEARS THAT NOT ONLY WERE OCEANIC VOYAGES POSSIBLE, BUT APPARENTLY SHIPPING OF RAW MATERIALS FROM THE AMERICAS TO EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN BEGAN IN THE CENTURIES JUST PRIOR TO THE TOWER OF BABEL AND LASTED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS AFTERWARD.

THEREFORE, MAJOR OCEANIC CROSSINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE TIME THAT THE JAREDITES BUILT THEIR BARGES AND CROSSED THE OCEAN.

NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO JOSEPH.

JOSEPH OF EGYPT IS PLACED IN CHARGE OF EGYPTIAN GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION. HE IS SECOND ONLY TO PHARAOH IN HIS POWER TO CONDUCT BUSINESS THROUGHOUT EGYPT. THE QUESTION ARISES; WHAT WAS THE TOTALITY OF HIS PLAN TO INSURE THAT EGYPT WOULD HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO ENDURE THE SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE?

THE ROHL CHRONOLOGY PLACES JOSEPH OF EGYPT AT ABOUT 1670 BC. THIS MAKES JOSEPH A CONTEMPORARY WITH THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH AMENEMHAT III WHO IS CREDITED WITH THE BUILDING OF BAHR YUSSEF (CANAL OF JOSEPH) AND THE EXPANSION OF GRAIN STORAGE SUCH AS THE STRUCTURES FOUND AT EDFU.



SO, WHILE STORAGE OF EXCESS GRAIN PRODUCTION DURING THE SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY MAY BE SUFFICIENT FOR FUTURE NEED, WAS THERE A “PLAN B” IN CASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO BE AUGMENTED?

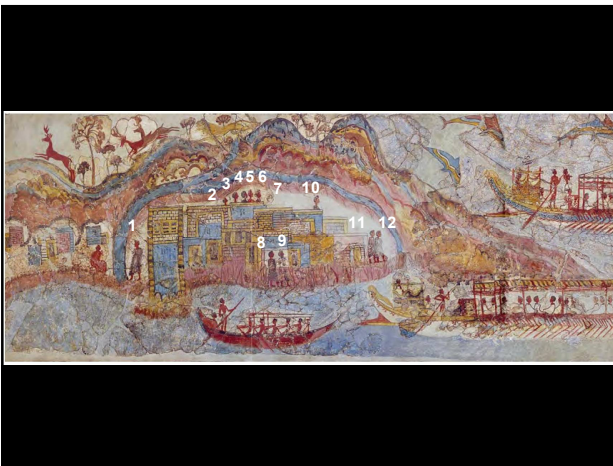
AND, THE LIVESTOCK SUPPLY IS A LITTLE MORE TRICKY. YOU CAN INCREASE YOUR HERDS, BUT THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE GRAIN STORAGE TO KEEP THE HERDS FED.

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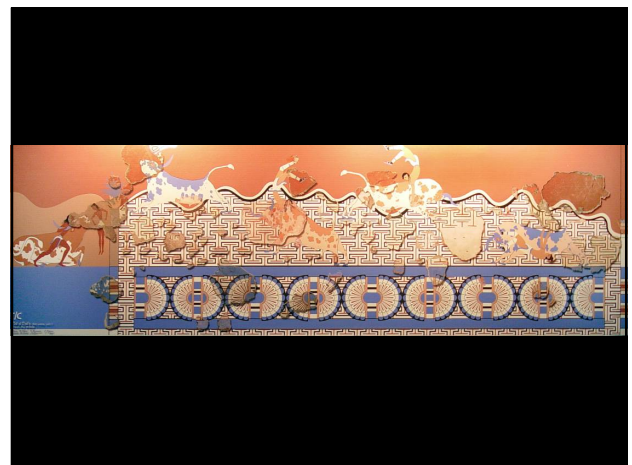
YOU “WAREHOUSE” BOTH GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK REMOTELY AND PLAN TO HAVE THEM SHIPPED INTO EGYPT ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS. THIS REQUIRES A CO-OP RELATIONSHIP WITH A SHIPPING CULTURE. MINOA IS THE PRIMARY SHIPPING CULTURE OF THE DAY. APPARENTLY, THEY ARE SHIPPING LARGE AMOUNTS OF COPPER AND TIN INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

DID JOSEPH LEVERAGE HIS EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE TO CO-OP WITH THE MINOANS IN CREATING A SUPPLY CHAIN THAT WOULD INSURE EGYPT WOULD ENDURE THE SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE? IS THERE EVIDENCE OF MINOAN/EGYPTIAN INTERACTION AT THIS TIME?

THERE ARE MURALS FOUND AT THE CITY OF AKROTIRI ON THE ISLAND OF SANTORINI THAT INFER MINOAN SHIPPING TO A LOCATION WITH PALMS, BULLRUSHES, FELINES, ANTELOPE AND PEOPLE OF CANAANITE INFLUENCE.



LIKEWISE, THERE ARE MURALS AT AVARIS (TELL EL-DAB'A) IN THE NILE GOSHEN DELTA THAT DISPLAY THE MINOAN PRACTICE OF BULL-LEAPING, DONE IN MINOAN STYLE ARTWORK.





FOR THESE FOREIGN CONCEPTS TO BE ILLUSTRATED IN PALACIAL ARTWORK IS A SOLID INDICATION OF CULTURAL RELATIONSHIP AND COMMON PURPOSES.



ADDITIONALLY, THERE SEEMS TO BE A SYMBOLIC RELATIONSHIP EMBEDDED IN BOTH MINOAN AND EGYPTIAN ARTWORK.

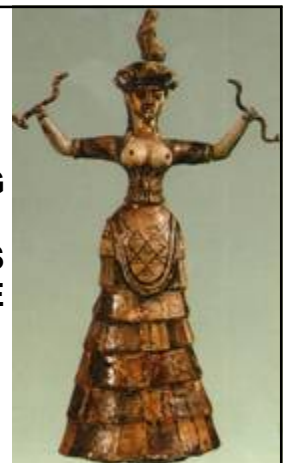
THE CENTRAL DIETY OF THE MINOAN CULTURE IS SAID TO BE THE SNAKE. HERE IS A SNAKE GODDESS THAT WAS FOUND AT THE CRETE TEMPLE OF KNOSSOS.



I ASSERT THAT THE MINOANS DID NOT WORSHIP THE SNAKE; THEY USED THE SNAKE SYMBOL TO DISPLAY THEIR ROLE IN A CLAIM TO POWER.



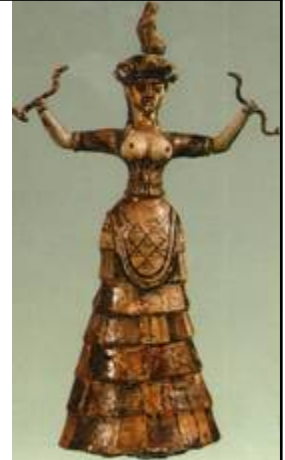
THEY ARE INDICATING THAT THEIR NATION (FEMALE) IS FEEDING THE WORLD (BARE BREASTS) BY MEANS OF CONNECTING THE SEAWAYS OF THE EAST AND WEST (SNAKES IN HANDS).



AND, NOTE THAT THE ANIMAL THAT IS SEATED ON THE TOP OF THE HEAD IS A FELINE. THIS IMPLIES THAT THE FELINE NATION OF EGYPT IS AT THE HEAD OF IT ALL.



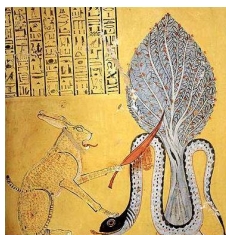
MINOA THEREFORE IS KNOWN AS THE SNAKE NATION BECAUSE OF THEIR SEAFARING ABILITIES. THEY SLITHER UPON THE WATER AND DELIVER GOODS FROM TRIBUTARY TO TRIBUTARY.



THIS CONCEPT OF A SNAKE REPRESENTING MINOA AND SEAFARING IS FURTHER CONFIRMED BY THE SYMBOLIC USE OF THE EGYPTIAN SNAKE APEP. IN EGYPTIAN ARTWORK OF THE 8TH DYNASTY (2100 BC), THE SERPENT APEP IS AN ENEMY OF EGYPT. BUT BY THE 14TH DYNASTY (1600 BC) APEP IS SEEN AS A FRIEND TO EGYPT, HELPFUL AND ASSISTING ITS PROSPERITY.



THIS IS A 14TH DYNASTY RENDITION OF APEP WHERE IT IS FRIENDLY AND ASSISTING THE STAFF OF ATUM.



BUT, BY THE 20TH DYNASTY, APEP IS ILLUSTRATED AS A POWER THAT HAD TO BE DESTROYED. THIS SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH EGYPT'S ISOLATION OF BYBLOS AND SIDON.

DURING THE 12TH DYNASTY WHEN JOSEPH IS IN POWER, THE SERPENT APEP (MINOA) IS FRIENDLY TO EGYPT. IT APPEARS THAT JOSEPH HAD ENGENDERED GOOD RELATIONS WITH MINOA AND WAS UTILIZING THEIR SEA POWER TO ENHANCE EGYPT'S GOAL OF SURVIVING THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN.

WHAT METHODOLOGY WOULD JOSEPH EMPLOY FOR SURVIVING THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN? PHARAOH'S DREAM INDICATED BOTH GRAINS AND LIVESTOCK WOULD BE AFFECTED. HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT INCREASING BOTH FOR A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD?

THE APPROACH WOULD HAVE TO BE TWO-FOLD; FIND WAYS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION (CANAL OF JOSEPH) AND USE THE SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY TO BUILD STORAGE FACILITIES (EDFU) FOR EXCESS CROPS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ESTABLISHING TRADE CONNECTIONS TO INCREASE IMPORTS AND BUY WHILE THERE IS ABUNDANCE AND GRAIN SUPPLIES ARE CHEAP.

THEN SECOND, DURING THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN, UTILIZE THE ESTABLISHED TRADE CONNECTIONS TO CONTINUE IMPORTS OF GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK SO THAT THE DRAIN ON THE EGYPTIAN SURPLUS IS SLOWED AND THEY ARE ABLE TO LAST THE ENTIRE SEVEN YEARS.

THIS MEANS THAT THE AUGMENTED SUPPLY MUST BE FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION. APPARENTLY, THE FAMINE WOULD BE ON A MASSIVE SCALE. THE FACT THAT JOSEPH'S FAMILY JOURNEYED FROM CANAAN TO EGYPT BECAUSE OF THE FAMINE INDICATES THAT THE EVENT WAS MUCH LARGER THAN A LOCAL PHENOMENON.

IF THE MINOANS ARE ALREADY SAILING THE NORTH ATLANTIC, SUCH AS INDICATED BY THE MICHIGAN COPPER AND BRITISH TIN BEING BROUGHT INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN, THEN CERTAINLY THOSE SAME TRADE ROUTES COULD BE UTILIZED FOR GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK COMMODITIES.

BECAUSE THE TRADE ROUTES ARE LOCATED IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, THERE ARE MANY PROPRIETARY LOCATIONS THAT CAN BE UTILIZED. THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA, AREAS ALONG THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, THE BRITISH ISLES AND EVEN THE REGIONS AROUND NOVA SCOTIA AND THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY.

THESE LOCATIONS COULD EASILY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRAINS AND CONTINUAL SUPPLIES OF LIVESTOCK THAT WOULD BE DELIVERED TO EGYPT WITHIN 30-45 DAYS. THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT GROWING SEASONS ARE LIMITED, SO EVEN IN THESE REGIONS, GRAINS WOULD NEED TO EITHER BE STORED OR DELIVERED AS SOON AS IT IS HARVESTED.

HOWEVER, THE DELIVERY OF LIVESTOCK COULD BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR AS A CONTINUAL REPLENISHMENT.

MANY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN WAS SOMETHING LOCAL TO EGYPT OR REGIONAL TO THE NEAR EAST, SUCH AS A VOLCANIC ERUPTION. BUT RECENT RESEARCH HAS REVEALED THAT THE EVENT THAT CAUSED THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN WAS PROBABLY ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE THAN ANYONE ANTICIPATED.

BABYLONIAN STAR CHARTS RECORD AN EVENT WHERE THE PLANET VENUS WAS BLOCKED FROM VIEW IN MAY THRU OCTOBER OF 1627 BC. MANY HAVE SPECULATED THAT THIS WAS THE CATAclySMIC EXPLOSION OF SANTORINI IN THE AEGEAN SEA WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE AFFECTED ALL OF THE CULTURES IN THE NEAR EAST.

BUT, A 2019 STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE ICE FIELDS OF GREENLAND DID NOT FIND EVIDENCE OF ANYTHING FROM SANTORINI. THEY DID FIND SOMETHING HUGE THAT SEEMS TO VALIDATE THE BABYLONIAN STAR CHARTS OF 1627 BC.

IT WAS A CATAclySMIC EXPLOSION OF MT. ANIAKCHAK IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLAND CHAIN OF ALASKA. THE ERUPTION FORMED A CAULDERA NEARLY SEVEN MILES WIDE AND SIGNIFICANT SEDIMENTS OF IT WERE FOUND IN THE GREENLAND ICE FIELDS. THIS CORRELATES WITH FROZEN TREE RINGS FOUND IN IRELAND AND OTHER LOCATIONS OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.



THE IRISH OAK-TREE ICE RINGS AND THE SUBSEQUENT SLOW GROWTH DUE TO COLD WEATHER CONDITIONS INDICATE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE ANIAKCHAK ERUPTION WHICH CAN EASILY THEN TRANSLATE TO A GLOBAL COOLING OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE DUE TO ATMOSPHERIC BLANKETING.

THIS MEANS THAT EGYPT'S ORIGINAL PLAN TO UTILIZE NORTH ATLANTIC SOURCES FOR GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK SUPPLEMENTATION IS OFF THE TABLE, AND A QUICK ALTERNATIVE PLAN MUST BE INSTITUTED.

A 2018 PUBLICATION ENTITLED IN THE SHADOW BY MANOLIS KOUTLIS DEMONSTRATES THAT ANCIENT MARINERS NOT ONLY KNEW HOW TO NAVIGATE THE NORTH ATLANTIC FROM EUROPE TO THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY, THEY ALSO KNEW OF THE "FIREY WATERS" OF THE GULF OF AMERICA AND THE CURRENTS THAT FLOWED FROM THERE INTO THE ATLANTIC GULF STREAM.



BECAUSE IT IS KNOWN THAT A MAJOR ERUPTION OF MT. ANIAKCHAK COINCIDES WITH THE 1627 EVENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WHERE THE VIEW OF THE NIGHT STARS ARE BLANKETED, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THE ASH FALLOUT AND ATMOSPHERIC BLANKET FROM THIS EVENT AFFECTED MOST OF THE REGIONS TO THE NORTH.



UNDERSTANDING THE EPIC SCOPE OF THE DISASTER, THE MINOANS HAD TO FIND A SECONDARY SOURCE THAT WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE ATMOSPHERIC BLANKET CAUSED BY THE ASH CLOUD.

THE OLMEC CULTURE ON THE WESTERN SHORES OF THE GULF OF AMERICA WOULD BE AN IDEAL SECONDARY LOCATION. HERE THEY FIND A YEAR-ROUND GROWING SEASON WITH PEOPLE ALREADY PRESENT TO PLANT, CULTIVATE AND HARVEST THE CROPS AND TEND TO THE LIVESTOCK. THE OLMEC WERE POISED TO BENEFIT FROM THIS GLOBAL DISASTER.



WE HAVE ALREADY DRAWN THE PARALLEL BETWEEN THE OLMEC CULTURE OF MESOAMERICA WITH THE BOOK OF MORMON JAREDITES. ARE THERE CLUES IN THE JAREDITE RECORD THAT CONTACT WAS MADE WITH A SEAFARING GROUP AT ABOUT THE TIME THAT JOSEPH WAS IN EGYPT?

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1650 BC	Joseph in Egypt (1670 BC)	Em er Ether 4:17-23	First mention of essential trade materials

**IT IS JOSEPH'S JAREDITE
KING CONTEMPORARY
NAMED EMER WHO PROVIDES
US WITH A DETAILED LIST OF
THEIR WEALTH.**

Ether 4:17-24 "And it came to pass that Emer did reign in his stead and did fill the steps of his father. [18] And the Lord began again to take the curse from off the land, and the house of Emer did prosper exceedingly under the reign of Emer; [19] And in the space of sixty and two years, they had become exceeding strong, insomuch that they became exceeding rich, having all manner of **fruit** and of **grain**, and of **silks** and of **fine linen**, and of **gold** and of **silver**, and of precious things, [20] And also all manner of **cattle**, of **oxen** and **cows**, and of **sheep**, and of **swine**, and of **goats**, and also **many other kinds of animals which were useful for the food of man**; [21] And they also had **horses** and **asses**; and there were **elephants**, and **cureloms**, and **cumoms**, all of which were useful unto man, and more especially the elephants, and cureloms, and cumoms. [22] And thus the Lord did pour out his blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands; and he commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it unto the Lord, or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity; for upon such, saith the Lord, I will pour out the fullness of my wrath. [23] And Emer did execute judgment in righteousness all his days, and he begat many sons and daughters; and he begat Coriantum, and he anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead. [24] And after he had anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead, he lived four years; and he saw peace in the land, yea, and he even saw the Son of Righteousness and did rejoice and glory in his day; and he died in peace."

**THIS LIST IS NOT FOR ITEMS
USED AS EVERYDAY OR STAPLE
FOODS. THIS IS A LIST OF
COMMODITIES USED IN TRADE,
OR FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
INDUSTRY TO PROMOTE TRADE.
AND IT SAYS THAT THEY
BECAME EXCEEDING RICH.**

**SPECIFICALLY, SEVERAL ITEMS ON
EMER'S LIST ARE WHAT PHARAOH
SAW WITHERING IN HIS DREAM;
GRAINS AND LIVESTOCK.**

"...having all manner of **fruit** and of **grain**, and of silks and of fine linen, and of gold and of silver, and of precious things, [20] And also all manner of **cattle**, of **oxen** and **cows**, and of **sheep**, and of **swine**, and of **goats**, and also **many other kinds of animals which were useful for the food of man**;"

**AND, DID A GRATEFUL JOSEPH
PROVIDE THE HORSES, ASSES,
ELEPHANTS, *CUMOMS* AND
CURELOMS TO ASSIST IN THE
INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE
SUPPLYING EGYPT WITH ITS
FOOD NECESSITIES?**

**THE MINOAN TRADE CONNECTION
MAY EXPLAIN WHY THE OLMEC
CULTURE WAS CONCENTRATED
ALONG THE LOWLAND GULF
SHORES. THE FOLLOWING IS A
MAP OF THE OLMEC TRADING
REGIONS IN MESOAMERICA.**



IN ADDITION, DIANA WORTH'S 2003 PUBLICATION ENTITLED PARALLELS: MESOAMERICAN AND ANCIENT MIDDLE EASTERN TRADITIONS IS A COLLECTION OF ARTIFACTUAL EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES EGYPTIAN AND OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN INFLUENCES IN OLMEC ARTWORK AND CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED EXCEPT THROUGH CULTURAL DIFFUSION.

IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT THE ANCIENT MESOAMERICAN CULTURE OF THE OLMEC (JAREDITES) WERE IN CONTACT WITH SEAFARING TRADERS WHO HAD CONNECTIONS WITH JOSEPH AND ANCIENT EGYPT.

**WE ALSO FIND THERE ARE
CLUES IN THE BLESSING ISRAEL
CONFIRMED UPON HIS SON
JOSEPH THAT INFER THIS
MESOAMERICAN CONNECTION.**

Genesis 49:22-26 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall; [23] The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him; [24] But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob--from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel-- [25] Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee, and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under. blessings of the breasts, and of the womb; [26] The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."

Joseph is a fruitful bough (*surplus*), even a fruitful bough by a well (*Mediterranean Sea*), whose branches (*Minoan seafarers*) run over the wall; (*Atlantic Ocean*)...The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills (*Americas*); they shall be on the head of Joseph and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.”

THESE ASPECTS OF ISRAEL'S BLESSING UPON JOSEPH, WHILE TRUE IN THE LATTER-DAYS, ARE ALSO TRUE FOR HIS TIME. "*JOSEPH IS A FRUITFUL BOUGH...*" INFERS THAT HE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED THE SURPLUS OF EGYPT (BLESSINGS OF WOMB AND BREASTS) GATHERED FROM THE AMERICAS (EVERLASTING HILLS) FROM ACROSS THE OCEANS (BLESSINGS OF THE DEEP).

THEN FACTOR IN THE BLESSINGS TO EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH.

Genesis 48:25-26 "And his father refused and said, I know it, my son, I know it; he (Manasseh) also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. [26] And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh; and he set Ephraim before Manasseh."

BIBLICAL RESEARCHERS CLAIM THAT THE NATION OF BRITAIN IS EPHRAIM AND THE NATION OF THE UNITED STATES IS MANASSEH. EPHRAIM CAME FIRST AND BIRTHED MANY NATIONS, WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS THE NATION OF "13". THE UNITED STATES WAS FORMED FROM THIRTEEN BRITISH COLONIES JUST AS MANASSEH IS THE 13TH MEMBER OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

BOTH OF THESE LANDS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY ON THE SEA ROUTES OVER WHICH JOSEPH DISPATCHED THE MINOANS TO PROVIDE EGYPT WITH THEIR NEEDED PROVISIONS.

THIS LATTER-DAY RELATIONSHIP OF NATIONS IS TELLING US THAT WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAND OF JOSEPH AND HIS INHERITANCE. A LAND THAT WAS PROMISED TO JOSEPH. ETHER APPARENTLY HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THIS COVENANT RELATIONSHIP.

PERHAPS ETHER'S UNDERSTANDING OF JOSEPH'S LEGACY WAS NOT JUST BY INSPIRATION OF THE SPIRIT, BUT ALSO THROUGH HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT AMERICAN HISTORY GOING BACK TO THE 17TH CENTURY BC WHEN THE MINOANS FIRST INITIATED TRADE ON BEHALF OF JOSEPH FROM EGYPT.

**IN FACT, I ASK THESE QUESTIONS;
“DID JOSEPH VISIT THE JAREDITE
PEOPLE?**

**DID JOSEPH SHARE THE GOSPEL
WITH EMER AND PROCLAIM A
BLESSING SIMILAR TO WHAT
ETHER CLAIMED TO HAVE
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
CONCERNING THE LAND OF
THE NEW JERUSALEM?”**

Ether 4:22 *“And thus the Lord did pour out his blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands; and he commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it unto the Lord, or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity; for upon such, saith the Lord, I will pour out the fullness of my wrath. [23] And Emer did execute judgment in righteousness all his days, and he begat many sons and daughters; and he begat Coriantum, and he anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead. [24] And after he had anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead, he lived four years; and he saw peace in the land, yea, and he even saw the Son of Righteousness and did rejoice and glory in his day; and he died in peace.”*

**JUST A QUESTION: IS THE SON OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THIS PASSAGE
A CRYPTIC REFERENCE TO JOSEPH
OF EGYPT? WAS JOSEPH ACTING AS
MELCHIZEDEK HAD FOR HIS GREAT
GRANDFATHER ABRAHAM; DID
JOSEPH PROVIDE A PATRIARCHAL
BLESSING ON A LAND AND A
PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE BLESSED
FOR MILLENNIA TO COME?**

**IN PRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOW,
WE WILL DEMONSTRATE HOW THIS
INITIAL TRADE CONTACT MORPHS
AND DEVELOPS THROUGH THE
CENTURIES, AND WE WILL USE THE
SCANT CLUES PROVIDED IN THE
BOOK OF MORMON RECORD THAT
HINT TO THESE ANCIENT
SEAFARING CONNECTIONS.**

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**DID JOSEPH OF EGYPT INTERACT
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