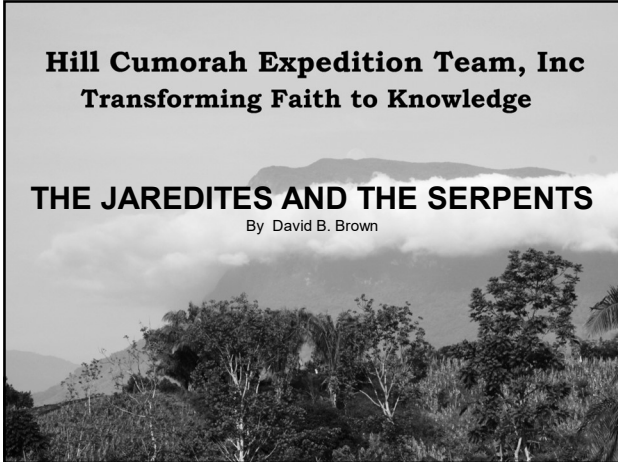


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THE JAREDITES AND THE SERPENTS

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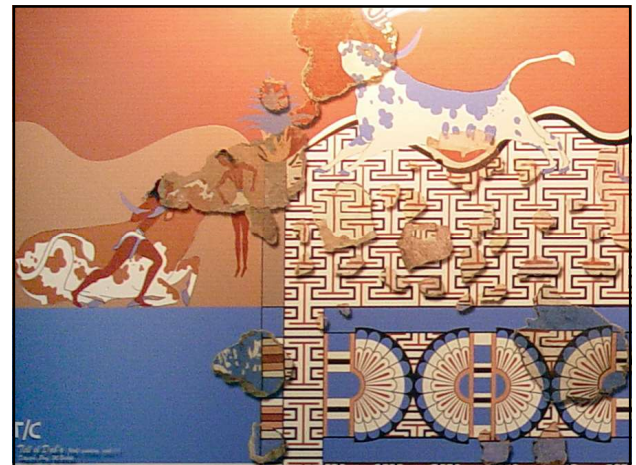
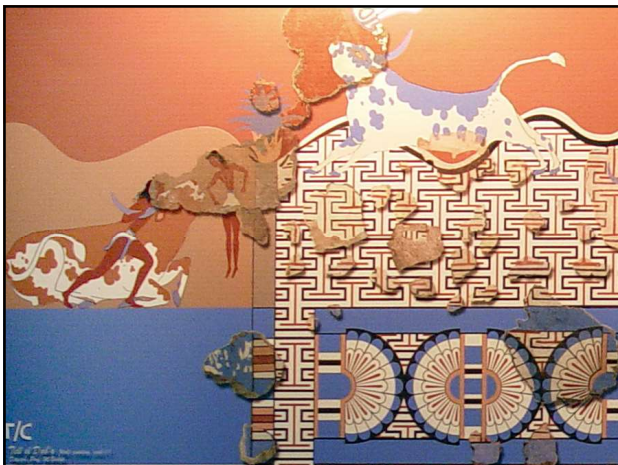
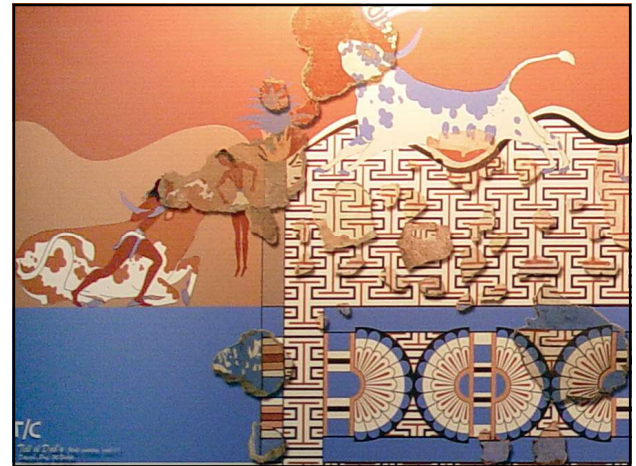
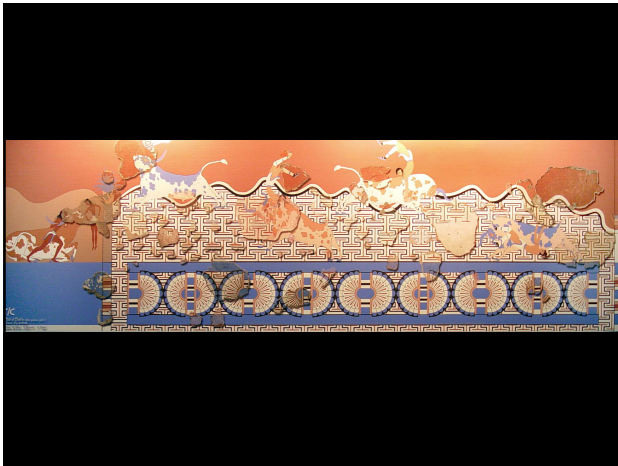
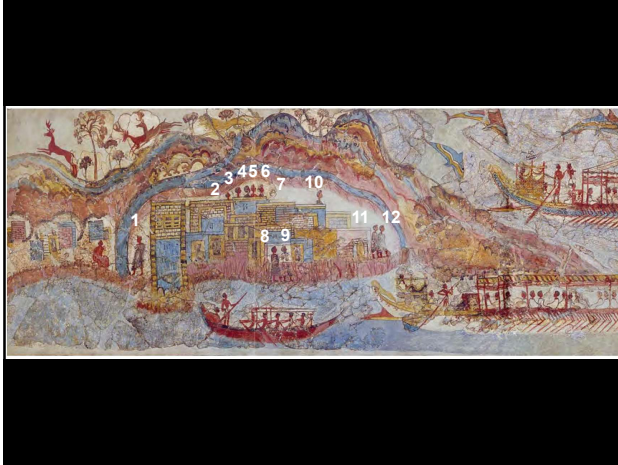


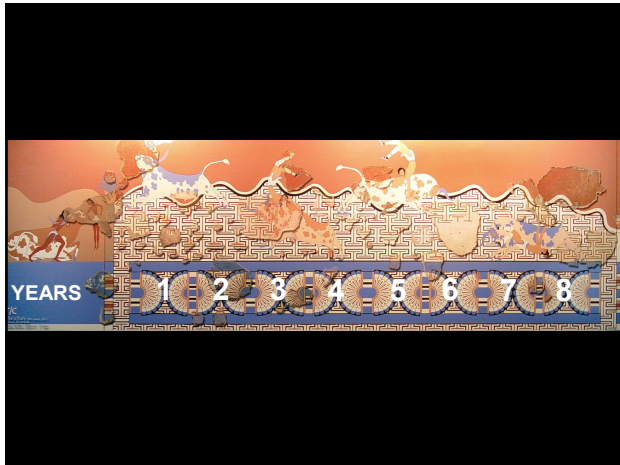
IN A PREVIOUS PRESENTATION WE COVERED THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN JOSEPH OF EGYPT AND THE JAREDITE (OLMEC) CULTURE OF MESOAMERICA. IT APPEARS THAT THE JAREDITES MAY HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN EGYPT SURVIVING THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN.

A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THAT ATLANTIC OCEAN CONNECTION IS THE MEDITERRANEAN-BASED MINOAN CULTURE. THIS IS A SEAFARING CULTURE THAT THRIVED FROM ABOUT 3000 BC UNTIL AROUND 1400 BC WHEN IT BEGAN TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY THE SEAFARING CULTURES OF MYCENAE AND PHOENICIA.

AT THE HEIGHT OF MINOAN INFLUENCE DURING THE 17TH CENTURY BC, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN MINOA AND EGYPT AS ILLUSTRATED IN MURALS FOUND IN BOTH MINOAN AND EGYPTIAN PALACES.







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

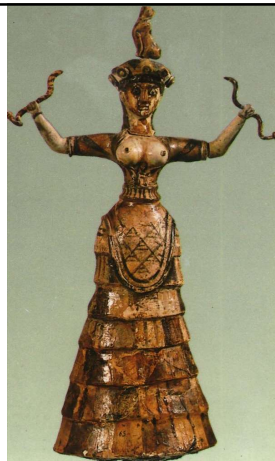


IN ESSENCE, THEY ARE MEMORIALIZING HOW THESE TWO NATIONS WORKED TOGETHER TO OVERCOME THE DISASTERS OF NATURE AND PRESERVE HUMANITY.

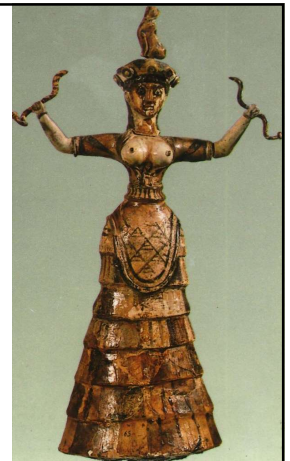


ADDITIONALLY, THERE SEEMS TO BE A SYMBOLIC RELATIONSHIP EMBEDDED IN BOTH MINOAN AND EGYPTIAN ARTWORK.

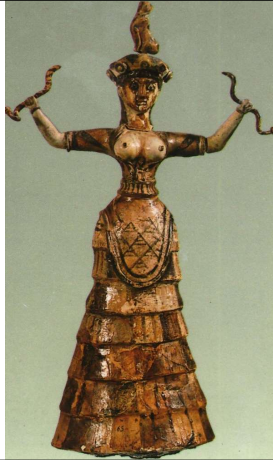
A CENTRAL DIETY OF THE MINOAN CULTURE IS SAID TO BE THE SNAKE GODDESS. WE ASSERT THAT THE MINOANS ARE DISPLAYING THEIR ROLE IN A CLAIM TO POWER.



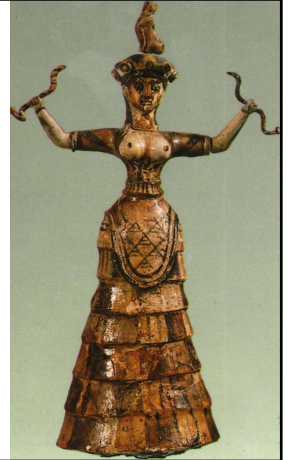
THEY ARE INDICATING THAT THEIR NATION (FEMALE) IS FEEDING THE WORLD (BARE BREASTS) BY MEANS OF CONNECTING THE SEAWAYS OF THE EAST AND WEST (SNAKES IN HANDS).



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.



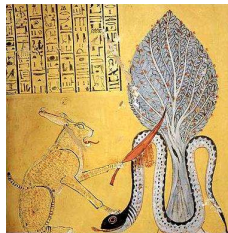
AND, NOTE THAT THE ANIMAL THAT IS SEATED ON THE TOP OF THE HEAD IS A FELINE. THIS IMPLIES THAT THE FELINE NATION OF EGYPT IS AT THE HEAD OF IT ALL.



THIS SYMBOLIC CONCEPT IS CONFIRMED BY THE USE OF THE SNAKE APEP IN EGYPTIAN SYMBOLISM. BEGINNING AROUND 1600 BC (14TH DYNASTY) 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 INVASION 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.

IT SEEMS THAT JOSEPH WAS LEVERAGING THE MINOAN SEAFARING ROUTES IN THE ATLANTIC IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT EGYPT'S DEMAND FOR GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK DURING THE SEVEN YEARS OF LEAN. THIS WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT EGYPT BECAME A REGIONAL BROKER FOR GRAIN COMMODITIES.

WE ASSERT THAT THE MINOAN SEAFARERS MADE THEIR WAY TO THE GULF OF AMERICA REGION AND ENGAGED IN SIGNIFICANT TRADE WITH THE OLMEC (JAREDITES). THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON WHEN KING EMER REPORTS ON THE RICHNESS OF THE CULTURE AND PROVIDES A DETAILED LIST OF THEIR COMMODITIES.

Ether 4:19-22 "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."

WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONSIDER AT THIS POINT IS THAT ANCIENT SEAFARING CULTURES STRONGLY IDENTIFY WITH THE SYMBOL OF THE SERPENT.

WHY?

BECAUSE THE IMAGE OF THE SERPENT TEACHES OBJECT LESSONS ON THE LIFE OF THE MARINER.

1. THE RIVERWAYS MARINERS TRAVERSE WHERE THEY HARVEST THE GOODS, UNDULATE BACK AND FORTH LIKE THE MOVEMENT OF A SNAKE.

2. THE TECHNIQUE FOR USING WIND SAILS TO PROPEL WATERCRAFT ON THE SEAS REQUIRES A SERIES OF SAIL ADJUSTMENTS THAT CREATE A ZIG-ZAG PATHWAY THROUGH THE WATER, LIKE A SNAKE.

3. THE DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS TO THE END-USER IS DONE WHERE THE RECIPIENT IS UNAWARE OF THE ORIGIN. THE TRUE MOVEMENT OF PRODUCT FROM HARVEST TO DELIVERY IS UNDETECTABLE, LIKE THE STEALTH ACTION OF A SNAKE.

ALL OF THESE SAILING FEATURES ARE POWERFUL SEAFARING SYMBOLS OF THE SNAKE THAT HAVE LASTED FOR MILLENNIA. THEREFORE, WHILE THE IMAGE OF THE SNAKE ORIGINATED WITH THE SEAFARING POWERS DEVELOPED BY THE MINOANS, WE SUBMIT THAT THIS SERPENT IMAGERY EVOLVED TO BECOME THE IDENTITY OF ALL MARINERS INVOLVED IN OCEANIC MERCHANT DELIVERY.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE SNAKE IMAGERY IN MEDITERRANEAN FOLKLORE IS THE GREEK GODDESS MEDUSA. I BELIEVE THAT JOSEPH CAMPBELL WAS CORRECT IN STATING THAT THE LEGEND OF MEDUSA IS MEMORIALIZING A STORY OF HOW SEAFARING POWERS BEGAN AND EVOVLED.

IN THE FOLLOWING SLIDE, NOTICE HOW AN ANCIENT PORTRAYAL OF MEDUSA (GORGON) HAS SNAKE FANGS AND WAVY HAIR LIKE THE UNDULATIONS OF A SNAKE, OR THE WAVES OF THE SEA.



THROUGH THE LEGEND, WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT MEDUSA'S POWER OVER OTHERS IS THE ABILITY TO TURN THEM TO STONE. IN OTHER WORDS, REMOVE THEIR ABILITY TO "STAY AFLOAT" BY TURNING THEM INTO AN ANCHOR.



**THIS “TURN TO STONE”
TRANSFORMATION
TOOK PLACE WHEN THE
INDIVIDUAL SNAKES ON
THE HEAD WERE ABLE
TO FOCUS THEIR GAZE
UPON A SINGLE ENEMY.**



**THIS WAS
ACCOMPLISHED WHEN
THE SINGULAR POWERS
OVER THE NUMEROUS
RIVER SYSTEMS FOCUS
IN PURPOSE TO AFFECT
A UNIFIED OUTCOME
AND THEREBY REMOVE
A POTENTIAL THREAT
TO THE SYSTEM.**



**THIS IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF A
CABAL, OR A COUNCIL OF
INDIVIDUAL SEPARATE INTERESTS
WHO ENTER INTO HIDDEN
AGREEMENT TO SECURE CONTROL
OF AN INDUSTRY. HENCE, THE
MINOANS CONTROLLED THE
SEAFARING INDUSTRY BY
CONTROLLING THE SECRETS OF
NAVIGATING THE TRADE ROUTES.**

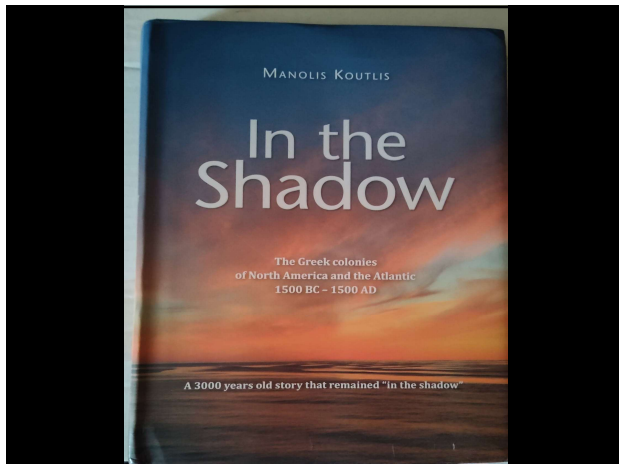
**THE GREEK LEGEND OF MEDUSA
DOCUMENTS HOW THE MINOAN
CABAL WAS OVERTAKEN BY THE
GREEKS, IN THAT PERSEUS BEHEADS
MEDUSA AND USES IT AGAINST HIS
ENEMIES. HE THEN GIVES THIS HEAD
TO THE WAR GODDESS ATHENA TO
PLACE ON HER SHIELD. THIS INFERS
THAT THE GREEKS TOOK OVER THE
POWER OF THE SEAFARING CABAL
AND USED IT TO THWART THE
POWERS OF THEIR RIVALS.**



**ADDITIONALLY, PYTHIA IS THE
NAME OF AN APOLLO PRIESTESS
WHO WAS CONSULTED ABOUT
ESTABLISHING A GREEK PORT AT
THE NORTH AFRICAN CITY OF
CYRENE. THE QUESTION ARISES;
“IS PRIESTESS PYTHIA SYMBOLIC
FOR THE GREEK INDUSTRIAL
COUNCIL THAT CONTROLS ALL
SEAFARING TRAFFIC?”**

THE NAME PYTHIA SHARES THE ROOT WORD FOR ONE OF THE LARGEST SERPENTS; THE PYTHON. AGAIN, IT IS SERPENT IMAGERY FOR SEAFARING.

BASED ON RESEARCH DONE BY MANOLIS KOUTLIS IN HIS BOOK IN THE SHADOW, IT APPEARS THAT THE GREEK MYCENAEAN CULTURE BEGAN HAVING HEAVY INFLUENCE ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC SEA ROUTES DURING THE 15TH CENTURY BC.



THIS CO-OP BETWEEN MINOA AND MYCENAE MAY HAVE BEGUN AS EARLY AS THE 17TH CENTURY BC WITH MINOA NEEDING TO EXPAND THEIR FLEETS TO SUPPLY EGYPT AND THEREBY UTILIZING THE MYCENAEAN SEAFARERS TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND.

WHAT MINOA MAY NOT HAVE EXPECTED, IS THAT MYCENAE WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE FULL CONTROL. HENCE, THE LEGEND OF PERSEUS BEHEADING MEDUSA.

ACTUALLY, THE MYCENAEAN OVERTAKING OF MEDITERRANEAN SEAFARING MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A HOSTILE TAKE OVER AS MUCH AS IT WAS AN OPPORTUNISTIC MOVE TO FILL A VOID AFTER THE 15TH CENTURY BC VOLCANIC EXPLOSION ON THE ISLAND OF SANTORINI WHICH THEN DECIMATED THE MINOAN FLEETS AND PORTS ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE.



WHILE PERSEUS IS OFTEN DISPLAYED LIFTING THE HEAD OF MEDUSA, HER BEHEADING MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF AN ACT OF GOD (VOLCANIC EXPLOSION) AND NOT A MILITARY OVERTHROW.



GREECE (PERSEUS) WAS MERELY THE ENTITY LEFT BEHIND TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF UTILIZING AND PROTECTING THE SEA ROUTES OF PROPRIETARY TRADE.



HAVING ESTABLISHED THAT THERE IS LIKELY SEAFARING TRADE BEING CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE JAREDITES (OLMEC) AND JOSEPH OF EGYPT BEGINNING IN THE 17TH CENTURY BC, ARE THERE CLUES PROVIDED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON THAT THIS SEAFARING INTERACTION CONTINUED?

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	Holy Bible	Book of Mormon Kings	
2200 BC	Great Tower		Founded 3200 BC
2150 BC			Flourishing in the Bronze Age explosion. Copper mining in Lake Superior
2100 BC		Oriah	
1950 BC		Kib	
1900 BC		Shule	
1850 BC	Abraham (1853 BC)		
1800 BC		Omer	
1750 BC	Isaac		Apex of Civilization
1700 BC	Jacob		Cultural Disturbance
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Ether 4:31-36 "And it came to pass that he [Heth] did dethrone his father; for he slew him with his own sword, and he did reign in his stead. [32] And there came prophets in the land again, crying repentance unto them--that they must prepare the way of the Lord or there should come a curse upon the face of the land; yea, even there should be a great famine, in which they should be destroyed if they did not repent. [33] But the people believed not the words of the prophets, but they cast them out; and some of them they cast into pits and left them to perish. [34] And it came to pass that they did all these things according to the commandment of the king Heth. [35] And it came to pass that there began to be a great dearth upon the land; and the inhabitants began to be destroyed exceeding fast because of the dearth, for there was no rain upon the face of the earth; **and there came forth poisonous serpents also upon the face of the land and did poison many people.** [36] And it came to pass that **their flocks began to flee before the poisonous serpents towards the land southward**, which was called by the Nephites, Zarahemla."

Ether 4:37-41 "And it came to pass that there were many of them which did perish by the way; nevertheless, there were some which fled into the land southward. [38] And it came to pass that **the Lord did cause the serpents that they should pursue them no more, but that they should hedge up the way, that the people could not pass, that whoso should attempt to pass might fall by the poisonous serpents.** [39] And it came to pass that the people did follow the course of the beasts and did devour the carcasses of them which fell by the way, until they had devoured them all. [40] Now when the people saw that they must perish, they began to repent of their iniquities and cry unto the Lord. [41] And it came to pass that when they had humbled themselves sufficiently before the Lord, he did send rain upon the face of the earth; and the people began to revive again, and there began to be fruit in the north countries and in all the countries round about."

THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE POISONOUS SERPENTS IS INTERESTING. THERE IS NO MENTION OF SERPENT BITES: ONLY THAT THE SERPENTS ARE POISONOUS, THAT THE SERPENTS FORCED THE HERDS OF ANIMALS TO THE LAND SOUTHWARD AND THEN THE SERPENTS WOULD NOT ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE ANIMAL HERDS.

THESE BEHAVIORS SOUND MORE LIKE THE ACTIONS OF PEOPLE, NOT OF REPTILES. THE QUESTION THEN ARISES; WHAT IF THESE ARE NOT REPTILES BUT ARE INSTEAD PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS SERPENTS? WHAT IF THESE ARE SEAFARERS THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE PEOPLE OF THE SERPENT CULTURE?

Ether 4:35 "... and there came forth poisonous *mariners* also upon the face of the land and did poison many people. [36] And it came to pass that **their flocks began to flee before the poisonous *mariners* towards the land southward**, which was called by the Nephites, Zarahemla. [37] And it came to pass that there were many of them which did perish by the way; nevertheless, there were some which fled into the land southward. [38] And it came to pass that **the Lord did cause the *mariners* that they should pursue them no more, but that they should hedge up the way, that the people could not pass, that whoso should attempt to pass might fall by the *mariners*.**"

THIS VERSION OF "SERPENT PEOPLE" MAY MAKE SENSE BECAUSE OF THE CONTEXT OF HOW THIS OCCURS. THE PEOPLE OF HETH HAD TURNED AWAY FROM GOD, AND GOD WAS TRYING TO BRING THEM BACK. FIRST HE SENDS THE PROPHETS TO WARN THE PEOPLE, BUT THEY WERE REJECTED AND SOME OF THE PROPHETS WERE KILLED.

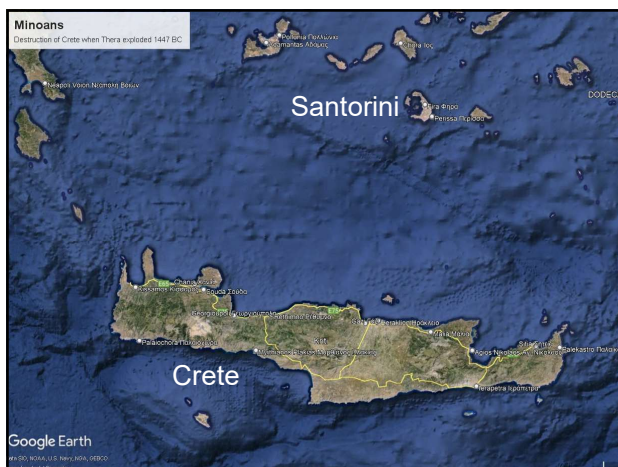
THEN GOD HOLDS BACK THE RAIN AND CREATES DROUGHT CONDITIONS WHICH BRINGS A DEARTH OR SICKNESS UPON THE LAND, BUT THE PEOPLE DO NOT RESPOND.

THEN, GOD ALLOWS THEIR LAND TO BE INVADED BY SERPENT MARINERS. WHY? BECAUSE THE PROMISE IS THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW GOD WILL BE SWEEPED OFF THE LAND OF PROMISE. THE PEOPLE WERE ABOUT TO BE REMOVED BY INVADERS. BUT, THE INVADERS ARE SERPENT MARINERS, NOT SERPENT REPTILES.

BECAUSE THE BOOK OF MORMON RECORDS THAT MIGRATIONS OCCURRED IN TIMES OF CULTURAL UPHEAVAL, WHAT MIGHT BE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT THE TIME OF HETH?

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NOTE THAT THE SERPENT INVASION IS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE VOLCANIC EXPLOSION OF SANTORINI TAKES PLACE. THIS EXPLOSION CREATED A TSUNAMI THAT DESTROYED THE MINOAN PORT CITIES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND OF CRETE.



THIS IS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME THAT EGYPT IS REELING FROM THE PLAGUES, THE EXODUS AND THE LOSS OF A WORKER-CLASS. WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY THE HEBREW INVASION OF CANAANITE CITIES FORTY-YEARS LATER. ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE CREATING HUGE CULTURAL SHIFTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION.

THIS MEANS THAT THE MINOAN CULTURAL ECONOMIC ENGINE IS DECIMATED. THE EGYPTIAN CULTURE IS EXPERIENCING A MAJOR RESTRUCTURE AND THE CANAANITE CULTURE IS FALLING APART. WHAT HAPPENS IN TIMES OF DISASTER THAT CAUSE SOCIAL UPHEAVAL?

MASS MIGRATIONS.

THIS LEAVES THE PHOENICIANS AND MYCENAEANS AS THE MOST CAPABLE SEAFARING CULTURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT COULD BE THAT THESE SEAFARERS FOCUSED ON SERVICING THE MINOAN TRADE ROUTES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND OFFERED TO HELP THE REFUGEES, BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY AGREE TO RELOCATE THEM; NOT TAKE THEM IN.

ADDITIONALLY, WITHIN A FEW YEARS, EGYPTIAN AND CANAANITE REFUGEES ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE THAT PROVIDES SAFETY FOR FAMILIES. AGAIN, THE PHOENICIANS AND MYCENAEANS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE PASSAGE.

HENCE, THE OLMEC REGION POTENTIALLY HAS A VERY LARGE GROUP OF REFUGEES WHO ARE LOOKING TO START ANEW. BUT, WHEN THESE REFUGEES ARRIVE IN THE NEW WORLD, THERE IS ALREADY A FAMINE IN THE LAND.

TWO QUESTIONS ARISE;

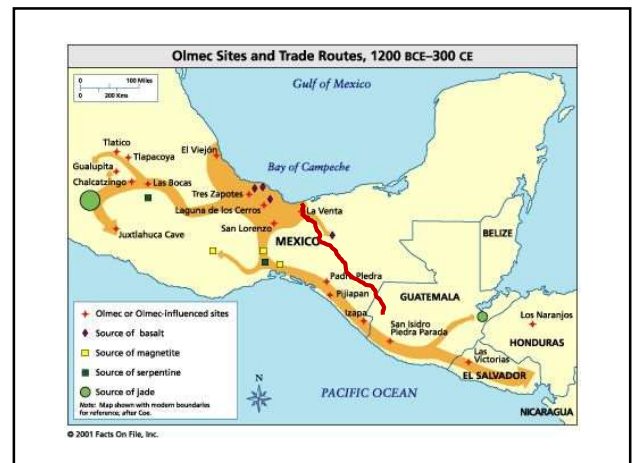
1. DID THE ASH CLOUD AND ATMOSPHERIC BLANKET FROM THE EXPLOSION OF SANTORINI CONTRIBUTE TO THE "DEARTH" THAT CAME UPON THE JAREDITE LANDS DURING THE TIME OF HETH?

TWO QUESTIONS ARISE;

2. DID THIS DEARTH UPON THE JAREDITE LANDS DURING THE TIME OF HETH WIPE OUT WHATEVER ELEPHANTS AND CAMELS MIGHT HAVE STILL BEEN IN THE AMERICAS FROM THE TIME OF EMER?

IF THE SERPENT MARINERS ARRIVE DURING A FAMINE. WHAT DO A PEOPLE OF DESPERATION DO TO ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL? THEY TAKE DESPERATE MEASURES. PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE STEALING HERDS AND TAKING THEM TO A WILDERNESS AREA THAT IS DEFENSIBLE?

THE GRIJALVA RIVER SYSTEM MAKES AN EXCELLENT DEFENSIBLE BARRIER FOR SOMEONE TO MONITOR AND PREVENT OTHERS FROM ENTERING INTO THE SOUTHERN REGION.



IN THE BOOK OF MORMON, THERE IS A BRIEF PERIOD OF PROSPERITY RECORDED BY MORIAH AT ABOUT 1250 BC. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A BRIEF REKINDLING OF ATLANTIC MERCHANT TIES WHILE THE SEA PEOPLE WERE ATTEMPTING TO RECLAIM CONTROL OF THE TRADE ROUTES.

IT IS NOT UNTIL ABOUT 1000 BC THAT WE FIND ANOTHER BOOK OF MORMON ENTRY CONCERNING CULTURAL EVENTS WHICH IMPLIES SUBSTANTIAL TRADE. HERE WE FIND THAT KING LIB RECLAIMS THE LAND SOUTHWARD WITH ITS ACCESS TO THE WILDERNESS WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO FIND WILDLIFE FOR SUSTENANCE. THIS IS BECAUSE THE SERPENTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

Ether 4:65-72 "And it came to pass that Lib also did that which was good in the sight of the Lord. [66] **And in the days of Lib the poisonous serpents were destroyed; wherefore, they did go into the land southward to hunt food for the people of the land; for the land was covered with animals of the forest.** [67] And Lib also himself became a great hunter. [68] And they built a great city by the narrow neck of land, by the place where the sea divides the land. [69] And they did preserve the land southward for a wilderness to get game. [70] And the whole face of the land northward was covered with inhabitants; and they were exceeding industrious; and they did buy, and sell, and traffic one with another, that they might get gain. [71] And they did work in **all manner of ore, and they did make gold, and silver, and iron, and brass, and all manner of metals; and they did dig it out of the earth; wherefore, they did cast up mighty heaps of earth to get ore--of gold, and of silver, and of iron, and of copper.** [72] And they did work all manner of fine work."

Ether 4:73-81 " And they did have **silks and fine twined linen**; and they did work all manner of cloth, that they might clothe themselves from their nakedness. [74] And they did make all manner of tools to till the earth, both to plow and to sow, to reap and to hoe, and also to thrash. [75] **And they did make all manner of tools with which they did work their beasts.** [76] And they did make all manner of weapons of war. [77] **And they did work all manner of work of exceeding curious workmanship.** [78] And never could be a people more blessed than were they, and more prospered by the hand of the Lord. [79] And they were in a land that was choice above all lands, for the Lord had spoken it. [80] And it came to pass that Lib did live many years and begat sons and daughters; and he also begat Hearthom. [81] And it came to pass that Hearthom reigned in the stead of his father."

IT STATES THAT THE *POISONOUS* SERPENTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE DAYS OF LIB. THAT COULD HAPPEN SEVERAL WAYS. LIB COULD HAVE BEEN THE CATALYST TO THEIR DESTRUCTION BY MEANS OF WAR, COMMERCE OR THE GOSPEL. OR, IT MAY MEAN THAT THE SERPENT CULTURE INDUSTRIALIZED AND VOLUNTARILY RELOCATED.

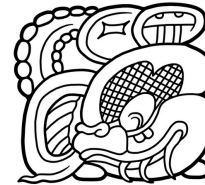
IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DURING THE TIME OF LIB AT ABOUT 1000 BC IS WHEN MESOAMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY BEGINS TO FIND A RULING CLASS CALLED "SNAKE KINGS" IN THE PETEN OF GUATEMALA.

THESE ARE THE EARLIEST MAYA.

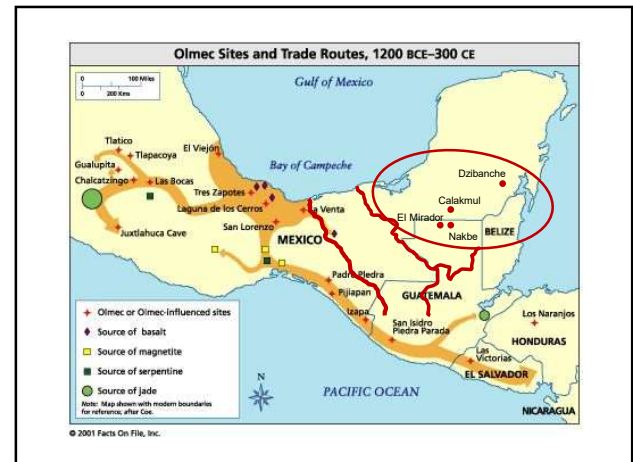
THIS IS THE EMBLEM GLYPH FOR CALAKMUL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY POWER CENTERS FOR THE SNAKE KINGS.



ARCHAEOLOGISTS STATE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE INDUSTRIAL MERCHANTS WHO WIELD THEIR POWER THROUGH THE MEANS OF WATERWAY TRADE, BOTH TRIBUTARY AND OCEANIC.

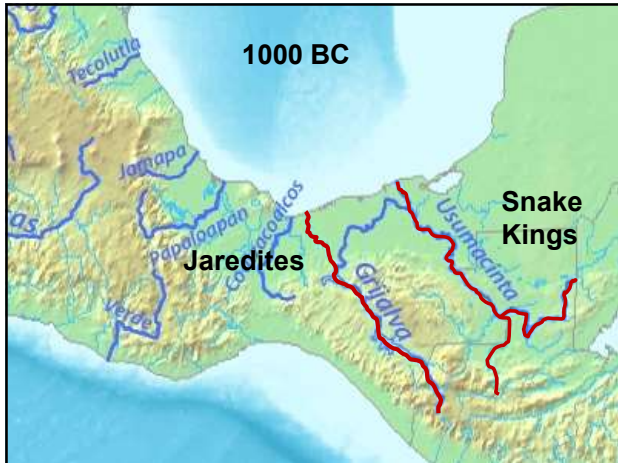


IF THESE ARE THE SERPENTS THAT WERE THE 15TH CENTURY REFUGEES, THEN IT APPEARS THAT THE IMMEDIACY OF THEIR MARITIME IDENTITY HAD WANED THROUGH THE GENERATIONS TO BECOME CONTENT WITH BEING THE SUPPLIERS FOR MARITIME TRADE. THEREFORE, THEY MOVED TO AREAS THAT WERE MORE CONDUCTIVE TO THE PRODUCTION AND TRADE OF COMMODITIES.



WHATEVER THE MOTIVATION MAY HAVE BEEN FOR THE SNAKE CULTURE TO MOVE, IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS DURING LIB'S REIGN THAT THEY COMPLETELY VACATED THE AREA BETWEEN THE USUMACINTA AND GRIJALVA RIVERS, AND CONCENTRATED EASTWARD IN THE PETEN OF GUATEMALA AND SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF THE YUCATAN.



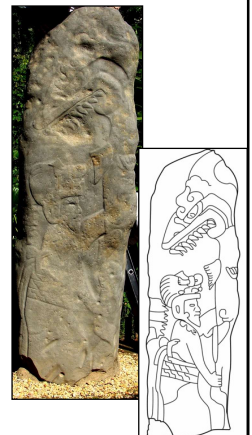


ONCE LIB WAS ABLE TO RECLAIM THE LAND SOUTHWARD BECAUSE THE *POISONOUS* SERPENTS HAD BEEN DESTROYED, THE BOOK OF MORMON RECORDS THAT LIB BUILT A CITY NEXT TO WHERE THE SEA DIVIDES THE LAND. WE BELIEVE THE CITY THAT LIB BUILT IS LAVENTA.



AND, IT IS HERE AT LAVENTA THAT WE FIND ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE INDICATING IT WAS LIB WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEFEATING THE SERPENTS.

THIS LAVENTA STELA FOUND AT LAVENTA PARK IN VILLAHERMOSA SHOWS AN OLMEC KING STRUGGLING WITH A LARGER-THAN-LIFE SEA REPTILE.



THE KING HAS A FISHTAIL ON HIS CROWN. "LIB" IS A MAYAN WORD FOR FISH.



THE INVASIONS OF THE SEA PEOPLE 200 YEARS EARLIER, WITH THEIR DISRUPTION TO SEAFARING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION COINCIDED WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRONZE AGE.

SCARCITY OF SOURCE MATERIALS SUCH AS MICHIGAN COPPER AND BRITISH TIN COUPLED WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN FORGING TECHNOLOGY FORCED THE BEGINNING OF THE IRON AGE.

THE INTERESTING THING TO NOTE HERE IS THAT LIB NOT ONLY RECORDS THAT THEY ARE MINING PRECIOUS METALS, HE ALSO LISTS IRON AND INDICATES THAT THEY ARE MOVING INTO MORE REFINED METALURGY SUCH AS BRASSES AND "ALL MANNER OF METALS." AND, THIS TIMEFRAME COINCIDES WITH THE BUILDING OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

ALL OF THESE ARE MATERIALS THAT COULD BE USED FOR THE BUILDING OF THE ISRAELITE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM. ADDITIONALLY, THEY ARE AGAIN LISTING SILKS AND FINE-TWINED LINENS. AND, THIS TIME THEY ARE CLEARLY STATING THAT THEY ARE TRADING THEIR PRODUCTS IN ORDER TO GET GAIN.

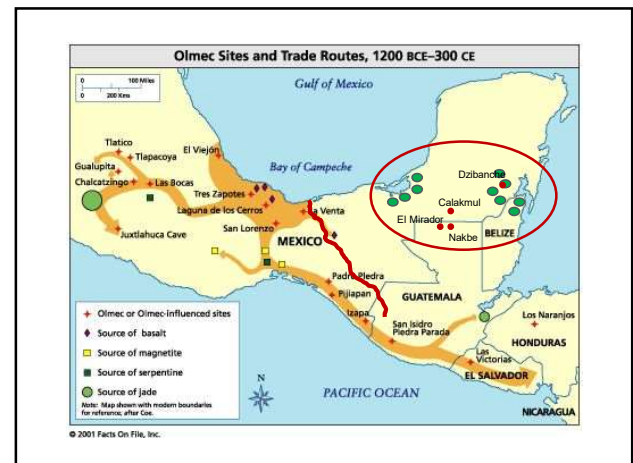
ALL OF THIS IMPLIES THAT LIB, AND PERHAPS EVEN THE SNAKE KINGS, WERE PROVIDING AT LEAST THE RAW MATERIALS FOR ITEMS THAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

HYRAM, KING OF TYRE, ASSISTED SOLOMON IN THE TEMPLE-BUILDING PROCESS. HYRAM WAS KING OF THE MEDITERRANEAN PORT CITY THAT WAS PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE ISRAELITE TEMPLE. WERE HIS FLEETS TRADING WITH MESOAMERICAN SOURCES?

DID BOTH ETHER AND MORONI PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ABOUT LIB BECAUSE IT WAS A TURNING-POINT CONNECTION BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND MESOAMERICA? IS IT HISTORICAL OVERLAP BETWEEN THE TWO CULTURES AND THEIR HERITAGE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE BUILDING OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE?

AFTER LIB, THE JAREDITE CULTURE FALLS BACK INTO TWO MAJOR FACTIONS THAT CONTINUE TO WAR OVER THE NEXT 600-700 YEARS. MEANWHILE, IT APPEARS THAT WE NOW HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO IS OCCUPYING THE LANDS TO THE EAST OF THE JAREDITES (OLMEC).

IT IS THE SNAKE PEOPLE WHO ARE OCCUPYING THE LAND. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR WHY THE OLMEC CULTURE (JAREDITES) NEVER MOVE EAST OF THE GRIJALVA RIVER. THE LAND IS OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER CULTURE THAT IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. AT LEAST UNTIL LIB ENCOURAGES THE SERPENTS TO RELOCATE.





WE NOW HAVE THE IMPLICATION THAT THE MULEKITE MIGRATION TOOK PLACE AS IT DID BECAUSE THERE WAS ALREADY CONSISTENT TRADE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MESOAMERICA. THE MULEKITES MOST LIKELY FOUND PASSAGE ON A MERCHANT SHIP THAT WAS ALREADY HEADING TO THE AMERICAS.

**WHY IS THE PRIMARY RIVER OF ZARAHENLA CALLED THE SIDON?
IN MY OPINION:**

IT IS BECAUSE THE PRIMARY SHIPPING DESTINATION FOR TRADE OUT OF THE MESOAMERICA INTERIOR WAS THE MEDITERRANEAN PORT OF SIDON. THE BULK OF THE CARGO SHIPS IN THE AMERICAS WERE CONTRACTED (SPONSORED) BY INTERESTS DOING BUSINESS FROM THE PORT OF SIDON.

WHILE THERE IS NO DIRECT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON CONCERNING THE LARGER CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF THE MESOAMERICAN REGION, WHEN WE TAKE THE JAREDITE/MULEKITE/NEPHITE TIMELINE AND OVERLAY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TIMELINE AND THEN FACTOR IN THE GLOBAL EVENT TIMELINE, A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE COMES INTO FOCUS.

**AND, THIS IS NOT ALL;
THERE IS MORE INFORMATION YET TO COME IN OUR NEXT PRESENTATION AS WE EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF THE NEPHITE AND MULEKITE MIGRATIONS ON MESOAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT.**

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