

Cumorah Messenger

An Epic View of Truth

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The Hill Cumorah Expedition Team is an organization borne out of the desire to reveal truth. Those of us involved in this effort have a firm faith in the historical veracity of the stories contained with the Book of Mormon. In other words, we do not believe that the Book of Mormon is a collection of parables or fables invented to teach the importance of benevolence; although this document certainly teaches the cause and effect of human behaviors. We believe that the people, places and events recorded in the Book of Mormon are a literal history of an ancient people who existed on this continent. I also assert that the translation and printing of the Book of Mormon was not intended to create a “true church”. The revelation of the Book of Mormon was

brought forth as God’s fulfillment of multiple promises He made to those whose lives are recorded in this volume of sacred writing. In order to better understand the purpose of this remarkable book, let us examine some of the circumstances surrounding it.

This story begins with Joseph Smith Jr. and his desire to seek God’s guidance in finding a church to join. A 15-year-old boy reads in the 1st Chapter of James how God will answer those who sincerely desire to understand. Confused as to the direction he should take, Joseph opens the door with prayer and receives an experience he never expected. I can imagine that young Joseph was expecting to hear, “Join the Methodist,” or “the Lutherans,” or “the Episcopalians.” I don’t think Joseph ever ex-

pected God to tell him to join none of them. But, the truth Joseph sought after and began to receive was larger than his understanding. In fact, it was so large, that it would take several years before Joseph would eventually receive the object of God’s initial purpose; the ancient plates that became the Book of Mormon and the means by which to translate it.

In the Spring of 1829, translation began on the Book of Mormon we have today. The first publication of the Book of Mormon was accomplished in 1830. It was only after the Book of Mormon manuscript had been delivered to the printer that a church was then organized.¹ I believe that the order of these events indicates their importance and priority. The Book of Mormon is not something that

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A Call for Researchers

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The Hill Cumorah Expedition Team, Inc (HCETI) was formed to initiate, conduct, report and disseminate information concerning the parallels between the Book of Mormon story and the archaeological record of the ancient cultures of Mesoamerica.

We have been fortunate over the last twelve years to have developed a remarkable collection of studies produced by Neil Steede. Through the years he has attempted to catalogue in writing, the seemingly endless list of connections he has found. Some of the connections are clear and direct, while others are inferred by

circumstantial events that would lead an honest investigator to further study. It is these “further studies” that the Hill Cumorah group is now ready to place its full resources into through their library project which is entitled the Ancient America Research Center (AARC).

The Hill Cumorah team has adopted Neil Steede’s thesis statement concerning the archaeology of Mesoamerica; the major cities, people and events of the Maya and the Olmec, are the major cities, people and events of the Nephites (Lamanites and Mulekites included) and the Jaredites. To restate this argument we are ac-

tually saying this; the structures, language and symbolism of Mesoamerica is a result of the Golden Age because these messages written in stone were accomplished when the whole of Central America was unified in heart and mind—it could not have been accomplished on so grand a scale if it were any other

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way. In other words, only a society of total unity could have poured all of its time, talent and treasure into accomplishing this task. Division only destroys the accomplishments of the past, it can never create the unified message we are finding in Central America.

That being said, we have countless projects that need further research and reporting. We need to have someone research and compile a report on all of the burials found in Mesoamerica where the remains are found with hands and feet bound. We are certain that these burials are connected to the Lamanites who took a sacred oath with God to never again use their weapons to kill. This sacred oath became the binding of their actions that led to their death. We believe an honest investigation of this subject will not only confirm our suspicions, but will provide remarkable insights into other symbolic gestures found in these burials.

We need to have someone research the royal families who were killed in several different locations. San Bartolo, Cancuen and El Trapiche all record several members of royal families slaughtered and buried, with the royal leader being decapitated. A full investigation of this will not only reveal the commonality of these events, but I am certain new locations will be discovered as well, linking further validations of city parallels between the Book of Mormon and the Maya.

We need further research on pre-Columbian transoceanic contact, especially between the Mediterranean and Central America. We are certain this study will reveal Egyptian cultural influence as early as 1,400 BC, and it will help explain why there is so much apparent Egyptian influence in Olmec artwork and the eventual art styles of Teotihuacan.

We need further research into the use of the glyph system in the Maya culture. In its current interpretation, the dating aspect of the glyphic message takes up a large portion of the space. We believe that the glyph system has many layers. While it is possible to set a date with the introductory glyphs, we believe that the deeper meaning of the passages are meant to be mnemonic (visual cue system) in assisting a priest in his lecture on a given subject. There are those who claim to have broken the Mayan code, but we believe they are far from it. The Maya were far too de-

veloped to use such an archaic form as proposed by current experts. Our modern-day hubris causes us to stumble because we always sell the ancients short when it comes to their intelligence and the means by which to express it. The true meaning of the glyphic system has yet to be discovered.

We need to conduct further research on architectural styles, with contrasts and comparisons from city to city. One of the methods that has served us well in identifying certain cities has been through the use of architectural styles used by certain cultural groups. The Jaredites, the Mulekites, the Nephites and the Lamanites all have specific and unique styles that are identifiable. There are even identifiers for subgroups such as the people of Antionum (Rio Bec). We need someone with architectural background to develop a catalogue of these styles, where they are found, how they are used and what they might infer when they are used.

We need research papers done that investigate the Mayan concept of the "Tree of Life" and then compare this to the Hebrew Kabbalistic concept of the same. Then those each need to be compared to Alma's imagery concerning the planting of the seed in the breast. Even this concept can be correlated to the Mexican Valley pottery demonstrating windows to the soul, where a door on the torso of the ceramic figure opens to reveal the contents in the breast. All of these concepts and imagery can be compared and contrasted in a fascinating study.

We need further development of the Mississippian Culture connection with the voyages of Hagoth and the exodus of the Anti-Nephi-Lehi. The structures at Cahokia are similar to the Lamanite mounds found throughout Central America. This study should reveal that the historical development of the Mississippian Culture is a reasonable chain of events forming out of the cultural baggage that the converted Lamanites carried with them.

We need further development on art style origination and movement within the Mayan and Olmec cultures. This will help solidify movements and influences within the culture. For example, studies at San Bartolo indicate that art styles were employed in the mural that were known to have originated at Ixapa. How did this cultural baggage transfer, and are there other indications

of cultural transference that can be found here or in other Jershon-area cities? This could help pinpoint which highland Maya (Lamanite) cities moved to what Jershon cities in the Peten of Guatemala and Belize.

We need further studies conducted on several aspects that Martin and Grube initiated in the book The Chronicles of the Mayan Kings and Queens. We need to further define the King List at Yaxchilan (Zarahemla), along with the dotted-line connection to Palenque (Bountiful). We need to remove the "dark years" such as the 125-150 year gap at Palenque which will collapse the timeline and bring things into alignment with events occurring in the Peten of Guatemala.

A study needs to be conducted on the effects of radio-active fallout from explosive volcanoes. In the course of this study, it should be determined if the El Chichon explosive event in the First Century AD demonstrates excessive amounts of radioactivity. This will provide critical information for disregarding the C-14 dating that is employed on artifacts deposited in layers within and above the radio-active ash of El Chichon.

This will also be effective in resetting the Mayan/Gregorian calendar correlation. It is apparent at this point that the GMT (Goodman, Martinez, Thompson) Correlation is not accurate. The dating of the star event at Palenque correctly identifies a Jupiter/Saturn/Mars conjunction, but it is off by 696 years. It is the wrong Jupiter/Saturn conjunction. It should be reset to February of 6 BC. This would also finally allow the moon calendar to synchronize with the other planets because the moon calendar is almost always out of synch on the current correlation. The results of this study would force a proper redefining of the Mayan calendar so that the Book of Mormon dates would also synchronize with the archaeology.

A study needs to be conducted on the use of Married Ogam and other forms of cryptic writing in ancient America. When are the earliest forms used, who used them, and where did they originate? This should lead back to the Mediterranean.

A study needs to be conducted on the ancient use and production of tobacco products in the Peten of Guatemala and

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belongs to a church. The revelation of the Book of Mormon is God's gift to the world as a second witness to His Son Jesus Christ. It was only after this document was completed that a church was organized as a means to promote and protect the work of bringing the Book of Mormon to the world.

While Joseph Smith Jr. received many revelations and extensive guidance concerning the restoration of Christ's primitive church, the church entity was never intended to be something that took precedence over, or ownership of, the Book of Mormon. In many ways, our latter-day Restoration Movement organizations have followed the same deadly pattern as the temple priests who were assigned over the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem; many have allowed the formal organization and the "letter of the law" to take precedence over the simplicity of our spiritual practices. Many have allowed themselves to believe that they are offering entrance to the "only" true church, thereby creating separations and ego-driven hierarchies that get in the way of prosecuting the work at the membership level. This overcomplexity drives away frustrated members and impedes others from joining. Belief in Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, as the Bridegroom who will soon receive His Bride, is the only true faith.² Jesus is our head and the Book of Mormon belongs to any and all people who believe that the Spirit of God is moving in these latter-days with a revelation that Jesus **IS** the Christ—the Only Begotten Son of God who died for our sins and resurrected in victory over death to offer us a place in His Kingdom.

Ephesians 4:3-6 *"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, In one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*

Since the introduction of the Book of Mormon, millions of people have read these pages that whisper from the dust,³ and their spiritual lives have been transformed by the witnesses who testify of God's eternal love for all people

throughout the world; both the Old World and the New World. But, for all of the inspirational affirmations concerning the Book of Mormon, where is the affirmation of the literal truth that the Book of Mormon events actually took place? It is these very truths that the Hill Cumorah team seeks to find. But, why haven't we found clear evidences of it over the 185 years since this book was published. The Book of Mormon provides us with insight as to why the evidence has been so long in developing.

III Nephi 12:1 *"And now, there cannot be written in this book even a hundredth part of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people; but behold, the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people; [2] And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people from the Gentiles according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. [3] And when they shall have received this--which is expedient that they should have first to try their faith--and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things, then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them. [4] And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them unto their condemnation. [5] Behold, I was about to write them all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi; but the Lord forbade it, saying, I will try the faith of my people; therefore, I, Mormon, do write the things which have been commanded me of the Lord."*

The Book of Mormon provides us with spiritual truths that are important to understanding the witness of a global resurrected Jesus, but it is clear that we are not given all the information that Mormon wanted to give. It seems that God had other plans on how this information will be acquired. Apparently, some of this was to be discovered through archaeological endeavor. We believe there are at least two examples of "greater things" being revealed by blending the Book of Mormon story with reports of findings from modern archaeologists. First, the archaeology informs us that Mosiah married the daughter of King Zarahemla, and thus he was "appointed" king, and that the Throne of David was thereby reestab-

lished in the New World. The Book of Mormon only tells us that Mosiah moved from the City of Nephi and was made king of Zarahemla with no explanation for the Mulekites relinquishing their king line.

Second, text and symbolism found at Palenque inform us that the Three Wise Men were Nephi, Lehi and Samuel the Lamanite. Additionally, their gifts were not only gold, frankincense and myrrh. They also conferred the Throne of David and the High Priesthood upon the Christ child, making him a legitimate king and priestly authority over Israel.

It is the inspiring stories of these witnesses that compel the members of the Hill Cumorah team to continue putting our faith-in-action by investigating exactly where these events took place. The Inspired Version speaks directly to the work we are doing. In God's interaction with Enoch, God is speaking of the latter-day conditions that will exist prior to Christ's return.

Genesis 7:69 *"And great tribulations shall be among the children of men; but my people will I preserve; and righteousness will I send down out of heaven, and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten, his resurrection from the dead, yea, and also the resurrection of all men. [70] And righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine own elect from the four quarters of the earth unto a place which I shall prepare, a holy city, that my people may gird up their loins and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem."*

For decades it has been taught that the truth coming forth out of the Earth was the plates that were translated into the Book of Mormon. However, as we have become engaged in the research, I am now convinced that the *righteousness coming down out of heaven* is the translated Book of Mormon and the *truth coming forth out of the Earth* is the archaeological work that is now confirming the veracity of the Book of Mormon story. The translated Book of Mormon is righteousness out of heaven because all we have are the printed pages. We do not presently have the metal plates as proof of the truth of the record. But, the story being developed from the Mayan and Olmec archaeolo-

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gy are providing proof of the stories found in the Book of Mormon. This story truly happened, and it is written in stone.

Not only is the Hill Cumorah team acting on the conviction of our faith as members of the latter-day Restoration Movement, but the archaeologists are fulfilling this same function; albeit they are unaware. Even this understanding is provided in Book of Mormon scripture.

Mormon 4:17 *“I am the son of Mormon, and my father was a descendant of Nephi; and I am the same who hideth up this record unto the Lord; the plates thereof are of no worth because of the commandment of the Lord. [18] For he truly saith that no one shall have them to get gain; but the record thereof is of great worth; and whoso shall bring it to light, him will the Lord bless. [19] For no one can have power to bring it to light, save it be given him of God; for God will that it shall be done with an eye single to his glory, or the welfare of the ancient and long dispersed covenant people of the Lord.”*

Romans 12:2-5 *“And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God is. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.”*

God is not only blessing those who knowingly serve Him in these endeavors, but He also openly blesses those who are committed to reconstruct the ancient history of the dispersed Israelite people. We have worked with many archaeologists who are completely dedicated to discovering the truth about the ancient people they are researching. In

this they are also blessed by God as their comprehension is inspired when they write their reports. In this manner God is weaving together people from many nationalities and walks of life as the truth coming forth out of the Earth is testifying of these Book of Mormon cultures.

One last point we want to make about truth coming forth out of the Earth and the withholding of certain pieces of information to “try the faith of my people.” The Book of Mormon is strangely silent concerning the activities of the Golden Age when there is no more division among the people. When peace and harmony reign in the culture, there is nothing written. Nearly all we have are the following passages.

IV Nephi 1:17 *“And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. [18] And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; [19] And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God. [20] There were no robbers, nor murderers; neither were there Lamanites nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ and heirs to the kingdom of God.”*

As we have traveled throughout Central America, visiting over 50 archaeological sites, we have come to an amazing conclusion; there is not one structure or stela that does not testify of Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon story in some form. There are thousands of structures in Mesoamerica that testify of their sacred belief system. These were not built by warring people from fractured city/states in an effort to boast of their power. There is a uniformity of language and symbolism that can only be accomplished from a people that are unified in cultural identity and purpose. Efforts on this scale can only be accomplished when all cultural resources are focused on the task. When there is division and war, the resources are redirected to the immediate need for security and defense. But, this is not the case in Central America. These accomplishments are fashioned with the future in mind. They are the result of an open society that sees no enemy and can pour all its time,

talent and treasure into a common cause. The structures and symbolic messages are a witness of the culture that expressed its love for future generations, and the preservation of these testimonies demonstrates God’s blessing on a people who were of one heart and mind.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 *“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.”*

Therefore, the ancient people of the past have issued a silent challenge to us in these latter-days. Can we focus on our Jesus to the extent that we can say there are no more ites? Can we be like the King of all the Lamanites and “give away all [our] sins” (including our pride, ego and social status) that we might know the power and presence of His Spirit to a degree that the world will take note of the Spirit of God among us? As the testimony of the Book of Mormon is offered to all people throughout the world, can we relax our grip on the definition of Christ’s true church and invite in all believers? Can we forego our denominational identity and unify under the banner of Christ? A body of believers unified in heart and mind, honoring each other for the perspectives they bring—this is the only true church of Jesus Christ!⁴ This is the truth He is fashioning in our latter-day understanding—**there is no division or denominational separation in Jesus Christ.** The righteous testimony of the Book of Mormon is our spiritual inspiration, but the truth of its cultural impact revealed through the testimony of the Mayan people is truly overwhelming. It is this truth and righteousness that is about to sweep the Earth, as with a flood. **Are you ready?**

Footnotes:

1. RLDS Church History, Volume 1, page 76
2. Ephesians 4:3-6
3. Isaiah 29
4. I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4.

Adventures In Scriptures

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ALMA AND AMULEK IN AMMONIAH

In our previous story Alma and Amulek had been cast into prison. Alma and Amulek had been commanded by God to preach to the people of Ammoniah. Preaching *points out* things that we need to change in our lives to be closer to God. Preaching *forewarns* us of consequences of not obeying God. Preaching *encourages, instructs, and teaches* us to live better lives. Alma and Amulek wanted to *counsel, enlighten, and persuade* the people by *cautioning* them that they were not living the way God wanted. They were *urging* people to *correct* their behavior. Alma and Amulek used *prophecy, witness, and testimony* as a way to *suggest and advise* a better way of living. They did as God commanded and gave good *moral advice*.

Many of the people repented and began to follow God and study the scriptures. But there were many more that became angry and accused Alma and Amulek of lying about the power of God. They unjustly cast them into prison. Alma and Amulek were tied up and kept from food for many days. The leaders of the city beat them and demanded they deny the testimony and witness the angel had given them.

After many days in prison, the chief judge came to them and said "If you have the power of God, deliver yourselves from these bands, and then we will believe that the Lord will destroy this people according to your words." Alma cried to the Lord saying "How long shall we suffer these great afflictions, O Lord?" God allowed Alma and Amulek to break their bands. Seeing this, the people tried to flee, fearing destruction was upon them. The earth shook and the prison walls fell upon the chief judge and lawyers. Alma and Amulek walked from the prison unharmed, because of their faith.

Alma chapter 10

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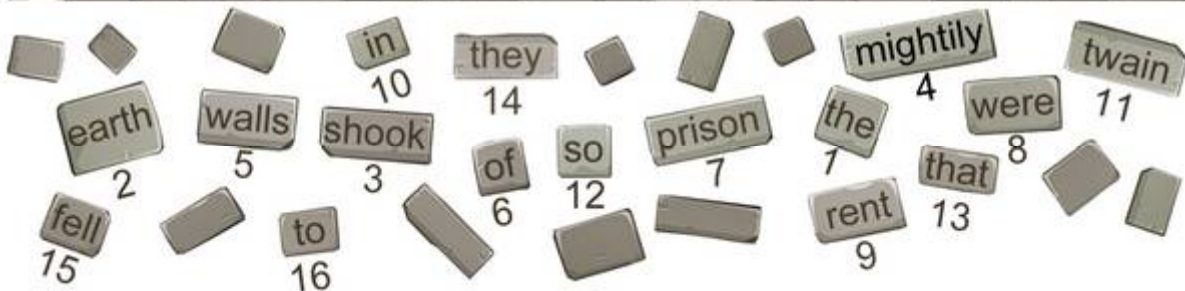
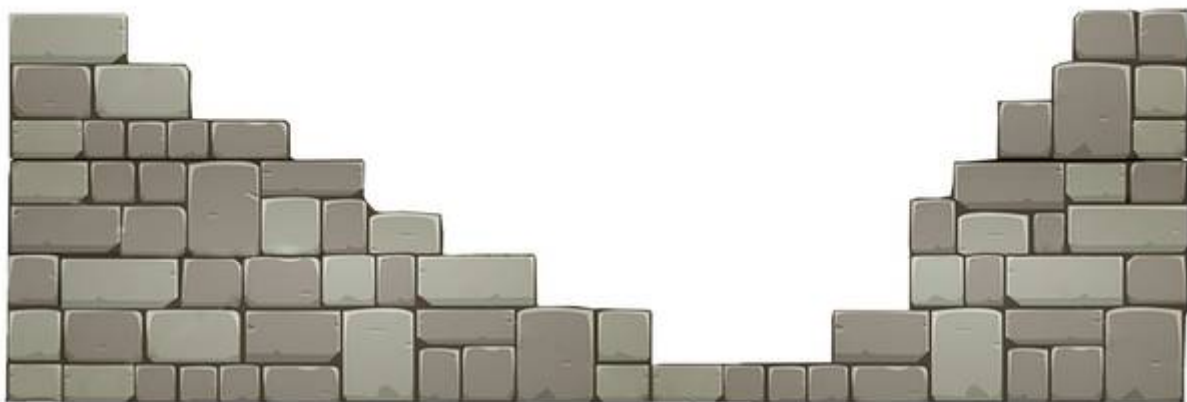
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Word search

Purpose of Preaching

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- CAUTIONING
- CORRECT
- COUNSEL
- ENCOURAGES
- ENLIGHTEN
- FOREWARNS
- INSTRUCTS
- MORALADVICE
- PERSUADE
- POINTSOUT
- PROPHECY
- SUGGEST
- TEACHES
- TESTIMONY
- URGING
- WITNESS

(All words in the Word Search can be found in the article above)



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Yucatan of Mexico. This would include the utilization of the green areas where deep soil beds were created along with irrigation and waterway delivery of products to ocean ports for commercial exporting. This will help solidify the connections between Antionum and the Phoenician trade routes in and out of the Mediterranean.

Studies need to be conducted on the battlegrounds of the Moroni wars. For example, the engagement that occurred when Helaman led his 2,000 young men past Antiparah to draw out the Lamanites, then they were followed by Antipus. On the third day of running to stay ahead of the Lamanites, the 2,000 noticed that they were no longer being followed. The reason? Antipus had caught up with the Lamanites and engaged them in battle. The 2,000 young men then engaged from the rear. We feel that this battle will have a stela erected somewhere in an open field with perhaps a small structure to commemorate the 2,000 young men who only received wounds, but none of them were killed—this because of the faith they were taught by their mothers. Engagements like this should be able to be found memorialized on stela.

Studies need to be conducted on the use and development of weaponry and battle tactics. What evidence can be found of armor employed? What cities demonstrate ditches, clear-cutting, mounds with planking set vertical for fortification? All of these are included in reports on excavations, and a listing of such fortifications needs to be compiled and catalogued.

Studies need to be conducted on the practice of burials and sacred offerings that include cinnabar and red ochre. What is the symbolism? Where are these symbols used and what is the implication?

Compilations need to be completed on names of people mentioned in the glyphs of the Maya. From this list we can begin to develop connections because the same individual is not always given the same name from city to city. For example, Alma II is called Bird Jaguar IV at Yaxchilan, but he is called Jaguar Bird at Tonina. We theorize this is because his accomplishments at Ammonihah are different than his accomplishments in Zarahemla. And, he is not the only person who was regarded differently from city to city. King Ben-

jamin was negatively reported at Piedras Negras and King Zarahemla had his name effaced at Yaxchilan. From a collection of Mayan names that list the accomplishment of each person, we can then begin to make connections of individuals within the Mayan culture and this can continue to flesh-out the identification of cities based on what event took place there.

A study needs to be conducted on how the commercial trade industry of Central America impacted certain regions and cities. From this study we can begin to further understand the political and social impact taking place in the Book of Mormon. For example, the Book of Mormon only tells us of the hunger for power that drove Amalickiah to his treacherous behavior. Because of the size and location of the tobacco industry, we now understand that Amalickiah wasn't as much focused on the desire to be king, as he was on the desire to revitalize the Phoenician tobacco trade with the Mediterranean. While the greed and power motivation is still present, this additional information provides us with further insight to Amalickiah's motivation to capture the Nephite cities along the eastern coast of the land of Zarahemla—he wanted to control access to the Caribbean and all of the trade going in and out. The Ammonite move to Jershon and the Moroni establishment of new cities there adversely affected the commercial trade industry. Amalickiah had to remove those obstacles because it was having a negative affect on his income. Surely there were similar situations occurring on the west coast where the Olmec and later the highland Maya had control of the trade routes along the Pacific. What about the trade that prompted the building of a port like Tulum? Something very important was being exported.

Studies need to be conducted on the development of cities that flourished in the Mayan Classic Period and that demonstrate foreign intrusion. For example, Comalcalco. This Mayan city is a complete anomaly. It has fired brick with mason marks like the Romans practiced. It has arches on windows similar to Romans and it uses a Roman measuring system. There is stucco art work here that also displays Roman-like figures. But, the brick are manufactured in three specific sizes like the

city of Ocoo in the Mei Kong Delta. Also, the layout of the acropolis at Comalcalco is nearly an exact match to the layout of a plaza at Ocoo. And, the use of animal images displayed in specific layering of the walls is like Southeast Asian cosmology. Something is going on here with cultural intrusion from both the Atlantic and Pacific. There are other places like this such as El Tajin. A compilation of these cities will help develop an understanding of the far-reaching effects of the Book of Mormon Golden Age. Perhaps this 200 year Utopia was a true global promised land to untold numbers of people while the unity of heart and mind lasted, only to then dwindle into the El Dorado Legend that seemed to inspire the imagination of many European explorers.

The point of this lengthy list is this; there are countless ways that we can continue to do our part in making the shadows of the past a reality in the light of the latter-day. These voices whispering from the dust are crying out to be heard and understood for who they truly were when they lived. The incredible accomplishments of the Book of Mormon Golden Age were not being created in the midst of wars, power struggles, self-mutilation and human sacrifice. These tales being told today are appalling and do not properly represent the people who built these structures and carved their testimonies in stone. Our ancient brothers and sisters deserve to have their truth brought into the light so that God can be glorified and we can learn from their positive example. And, all it takes from us is the effort to study, learn, research, and report. Each report being another stone in the foundation of Zion. No one can do it all by themselves. It takes a collection of dedicated individuals willing to employ their God-given talent to a cause of bringing this work to light. If you find yourself reading all the way to the end of this article, then perhaps this calling is for you!

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The Book of Mormon Archaeology classes that began January 14, 2018 were completed on March 4th. The Hill Cumorah group had these classes filmed, and once the editing is complete they will be available on YouTube. They can be found by using the *Search* bar and typing in "HCETI." This will bring up the videos that are listed by presentation number.

This particular series is geared toward the Book of Mormon reader who is not necessarily interested in the post-graduate level particulars of where information is found, how it is found, or who found it. Those references will be available when classroom materials are developed later this year. However, these videos are made

as an overview for specific subjects that demonstrate how Mesoamerican archaeology correlates to the Book of Mormon historical record and sacred philosophy, and it illustrates how these are consistent with the storyline provided through the Book of Mormon.

Four subjects are presented with four presentations dedicated to each subject:

1. **Why is Mesoamerica Where the Book of Mormon Story Took Place?** This focuses on locating the Book of Mormon lands based on geographic, historic and cultural evidences.

2. **The Story of the Ammonites.** This focuses on the historically traceable evidences of large sub-cultural groups that

relocated in the Mayan region.

3. **Palenque is Bountiful.** This series focuses on the overwhelming evidences for Christ found at Palenque and on the implications of what the archaeology provides concerning philosophy/theology.

4. **Teotihuacan—A Golden Age City.** This series demonstrates that while Teotihuacán was not a Book of Mormon city, it does testify that the Golden Age chronicled in the Book of Mormon did take place and that this city was very influential due to the message it conveys.

We encourage you to visit our website and utilize these materials for teaching. Handouts of the PowerPoint used are available there.