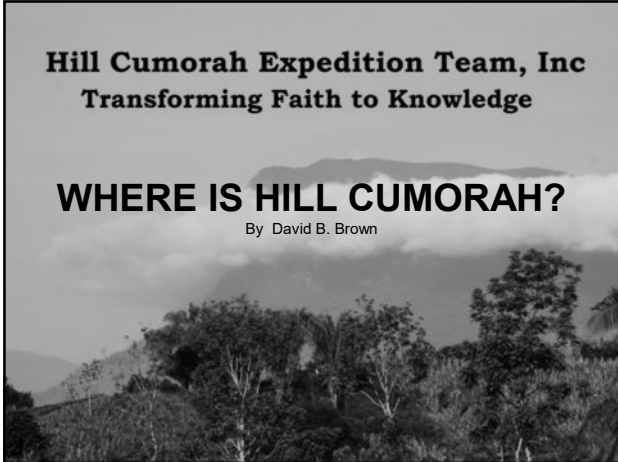


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THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF HILL CUMORAH; THE PLACE WHERE THE NEPHITES GATHERED FOR A FINAL BATTLE AGAINST THE LAMANITES. AND, WHERE MORMON BURIED THE *LIBRARY OF PLATES* THAT WAS THE SOURCE MATERIAL FOR HIS ABRIDGMENT WE CALL THE BOOK OF MORMON.

FROM THE TIME THAT THE BOOK OF MORMON WAS PUBLISHED IN 1830, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE HILL CUMORAH WAS IN NEW YORK BECAUSE THE PLATES THAT JOSEPH SMITH JR. TRANSLATED TO BECOME THE BOOK OF MORMON WERE PULLED FROM A LARGE HILL NEAR PALMYRA, NEW YORK.

Mormon 3:7 *"And it came to pass that when we had gathered in all our people in one to the land of Cumorah, behold, I, Mormon, began to be old; and, knowing it to be the last struggle of my people, and having been commanded of the Lord that I should not suffer that the records which had been handed down by our fathers, which were sacred, to fall into the hands of the Lamanites (for the Lamanites would destroy them), [8] Therefore, I made this record out of the plates of Nephi and hid up in the hill Cumorah all the records which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni."*

Mormon 2:25 *"And now, I, Mormon, seeing that the Lamanites were about to overthrow the land, therefore, I did go to the hill Shim and did take up all the records which Ammoron had hid up unto the Lord."*

Mormon 3:8 *"Therefore, I made this record out of the plates of Nephi and hid up in the hill Cumorah all the records which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni."*



THIS IS WHAT MORMON BURIED AT THE CUMORAH BATTLEGROUND.



THIS IS WHAT MORONI BURIED IN THE HILL AT PALMYRA, NEW YORK.



THESE ARE THE PLATES THAT JOSEPH SMITH JR. TRANSLATED AND THEY BECAME THE BOOK OF MORMON.

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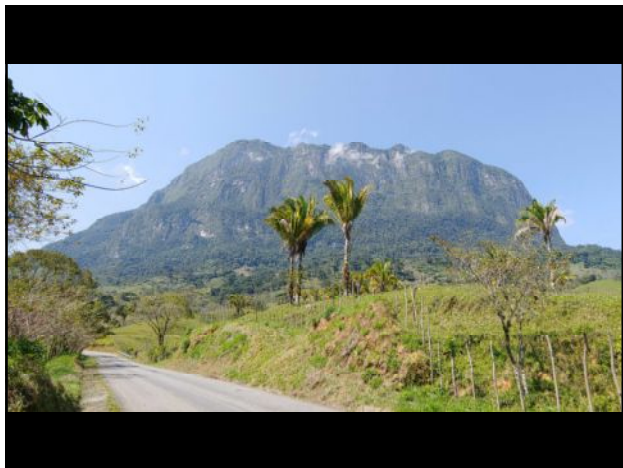
SEVERAL THINGS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT COMES TO DETERMINING WHERE THE HILL CUMORAH IS LOCATED:

2. IT WAS ABOUT 20-YEARS AFTER THE FINAL NEPHITE BATTLE THAT MORONI BURIED THE PLATES IN NEW YORK. HE COULD HAVE TRAVELED INCREDIBLE DISTANCES.

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3. WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIELD OF ARCHAEOLOGY, THERE ARE NOW MANY COMPLEX ANCIENT AMERICAN CULTURES WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED AS VIABLE CANDIDATES FOR NEPHITES, LAMANITES AND JAREDITES.

**THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION
IS INFORMATION NEIL STEEDE
AND OTHERS HAVE GATHERED
OVER THE DECADES THAT
PLACES MORMON'S
HILL CUMORAH IN THE
NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE
STATE OF OAXACA, MEXICO.**



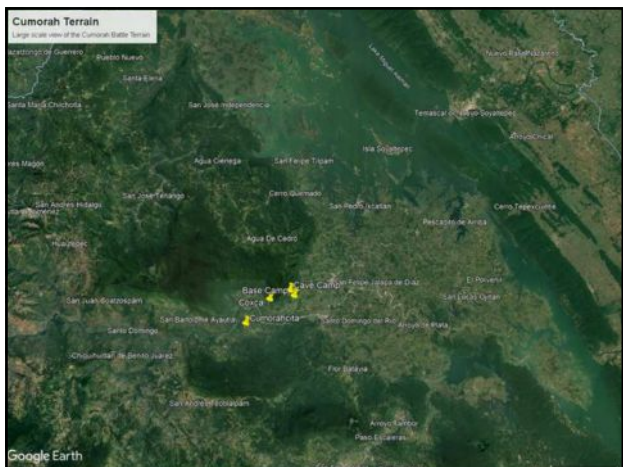
**NAMES FOR THE BOOK OF
MORMON “HILL CUMORAH”**

RAMAH—JAREDITE NAME

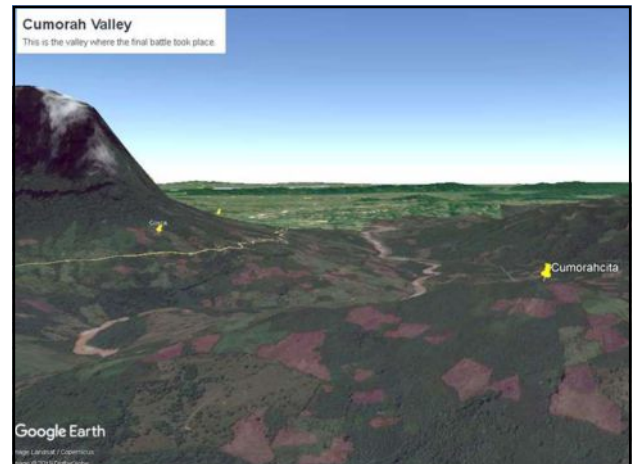
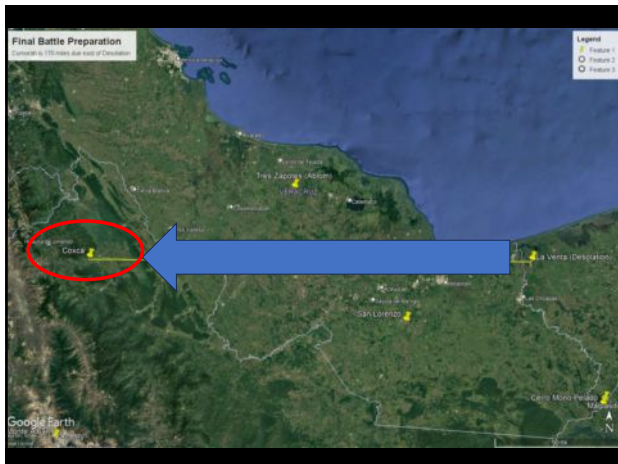
CUMORAH—NEPHITE NAME

COXCA—MAZATEC NAME

CERRO RABON—MODERN NAME



Mormon 3:1 "And now, I finish my record concerning the destruction of my people, the Nephites. [2] And it came to pass that we did march forth before the Lamanites. [3] And I, Mormon, wrote an epistle unto the king of the Lamanites and desired of him that he would grant unto us that **we might gather together our people unto the land of Cumorah, by a hill which was called Cumorah; and there we would give them battle.** [4] And it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites did grant unto me the thing which I desired."



Mormon 3:5 "And it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah, and we did pitch our tents round about the hill Cumorah; **and it was in a land of many waters, rivers, and fountains; and here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites.** [6] And when three hundred and eighty and four years had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our people unto the land Cumorah."



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WHO IS MORMON?

Mormon 1:2 "And about the time that Ammoron hid up the records unto the Lord, he came unto me (I being about ten years of age; and I began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the learning of my people); and Ammoron said unto me, I perceive that thou art a sober child and art quick to observe. [3] Therefore, when ye are about twenty and four years old, I would that ye should remember the things that ye have observed concerning this people;

Mormon 1:4 "And when ye are of that age, go to the land of Antum unto a hill which shall be called Shim; and there have I deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engravings concerning this people. [5] And behold, ye shall take the plates of Nephi unto yourself, and the remainder shall ye leave in the place where they are; and ye shall engrave upon the plates of Nephi all the things that ye have observed concerning this people."

MORMON ONLY STATES THAT HE IS A DESCENDANT OF NEPHI, AND HIS FATHER'S NAME WAS ALSO MORMON—THAT IS ALL THAT WE ARE TOLD.

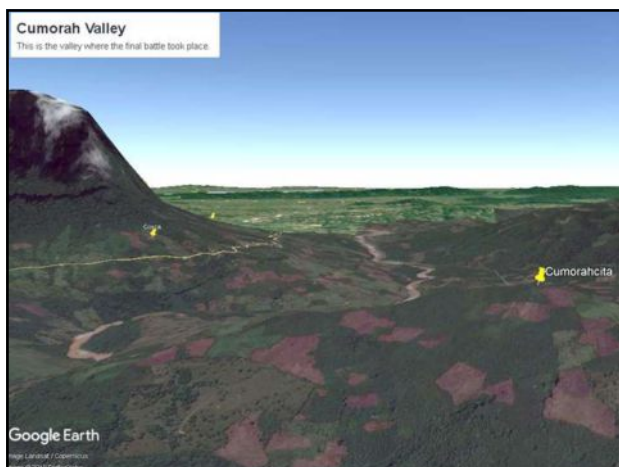
AT AGE 10, AMMORON SELECTS MORMON TO BE THE NEXT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEPHITE STORY.

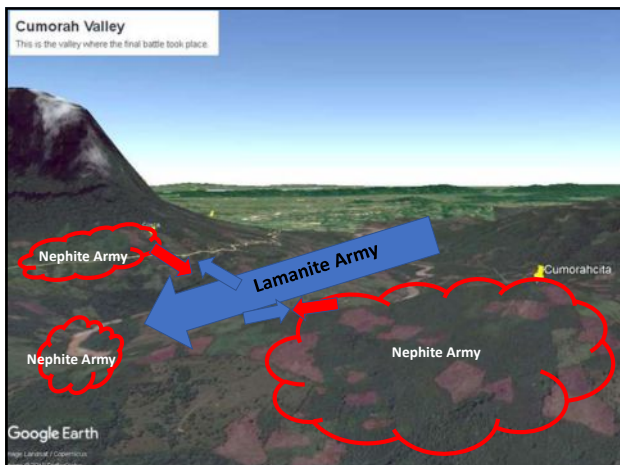
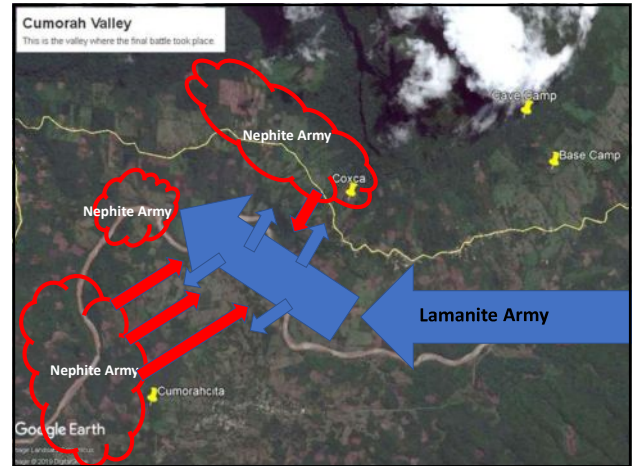
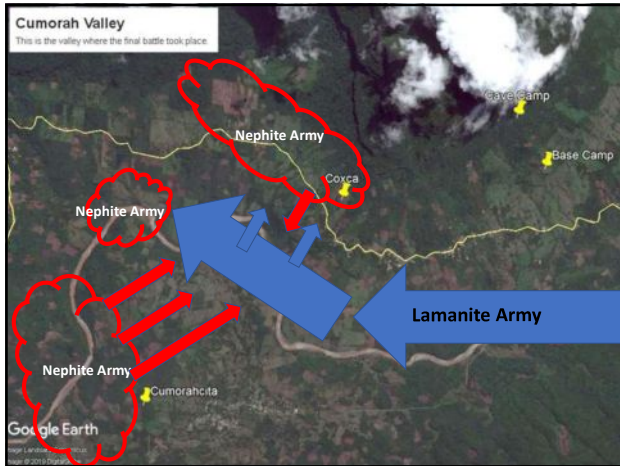
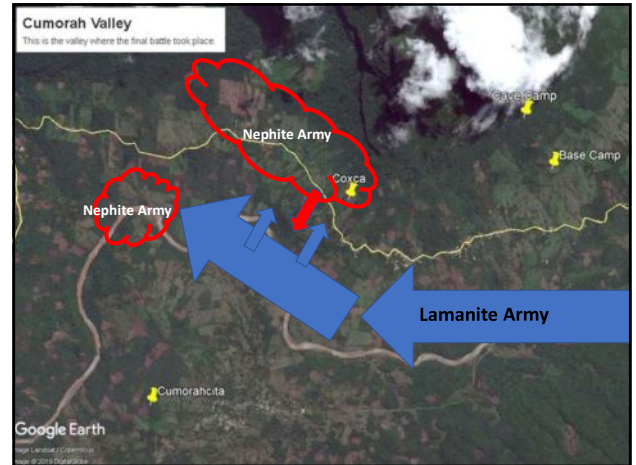
AT AGE 15, MORMON HAS A CONVERSION EXPERIENCE AND WHILE HE WANTS TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, HE IS FORBIDDEN TO PREACH BECAUSE OF THE HARDNESS OF HEARTS.

AT AGE 16, MORMON BECOMES HEAD OF A NEPHITE ARMY AND THE NEPHITE/LAMANITE WARS BEGIN. HE SPENDS THE NEXT 60 YEARS ENGAGED IN BITTER WARS FOR CULTURAL SURVIVAL.

BEING A GENERAL ENGAGED IN COUNTLESS BATTLES, MORMON WOULD HAVE BEEN A STRATEGIST. IT IS INFERRED THAT HE NAMED HIS SON AFTER CAPTAIN MORONI, WHO IS ONE OF THE GREATEST NEPHITE MILITARY STRATEGISTS.

WHEN MORMON INDICATES THAT HILL CUMORAH WAS CHOSEN IN THE "HOPE TO GAIN ADVANTAGE OVER THE LAMANITES," IT IS INDICATING THAT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE CHOSEN BATTLEGROUND THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN ADVANTAGE FOR THE DEFENDING ARMY OF THE NEPHITES.





WEAPONS FROM JAREDITE, NEPHITE AND LAMANITE ARMIES ARE ABUNDANT THROUGHOUT THE SAN JUAN RIVER VALLEY.

IN THE 1990s, NEIL STEEDE DUG SEVERAL TEST PITS AROUND CERRO RABON AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS STRATIFICATION OF DIFFERENT WEAPON TYPES.

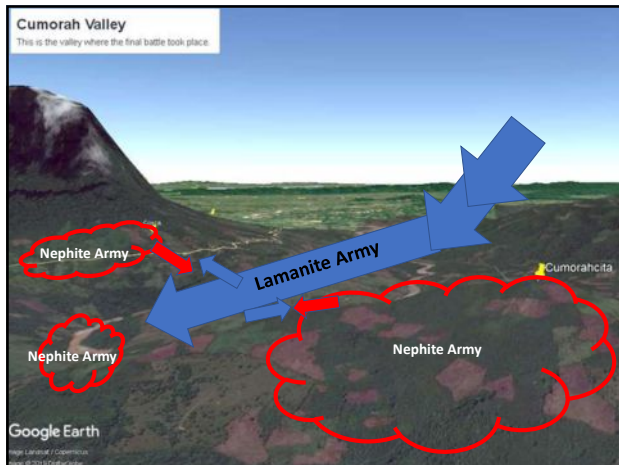
HE DISCOVERED TWO VERY DISTINCT LAYERS; ONE WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF OBSIDIAN BLADES, SOME AXES AND MACES. THEN BELOW THAT STRATA WAS ANOTHER LAYER OF WEAPONS THAT WERE MOSTLY STONE AXES, ARROWHEADS, MACES AND ROUND BALLS FOR SLINGS.

THE FIRST LAYER WITH OBSIDIAN WEAPONS OF THE NEPHITE AND LAMANITE WAR STRATA SEEMS TO COME FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES. NEPHITE OBSIDIAN APPEARS TO COME FROM THE TEOTIHUACAN REGION AND IS GREEN IN COLOR.

WHILE THE LAMANITE OBSIDIAN IS A SMOKY GRAY WHICH COMES FROM VOLCANOES IN GUATEMALA.

LAMANITE OBSIDIAN WEAPONS OUTNUMBER THE NEPHITE WEAPONS BY A RATIO OF 3 TO 1. THIS FACT IS INFERRED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON TEXT.

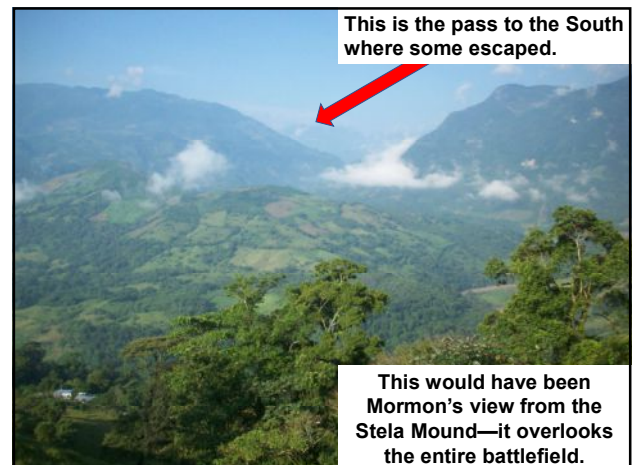
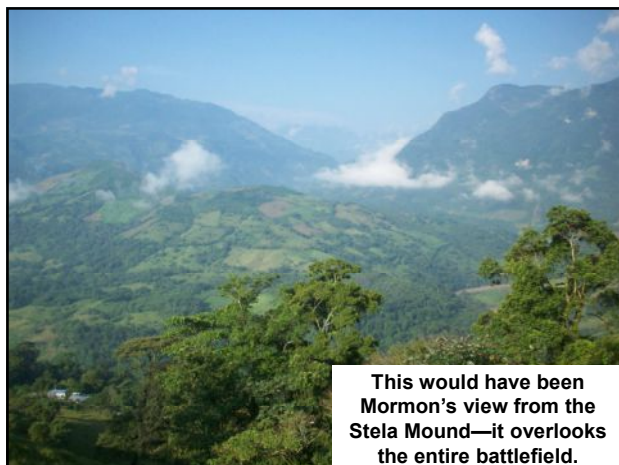
Mormon 3:9 *"And it came to pass that my people, with their wives and their children, did now behold the armies of the Lamanites marching towards them; and with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked did they wait to receive them. [10] And it came to pass that they came to battle against us, and every soul was filled with terror because of the greatness of their numbers."*



Mormon 3:13 “And when they had gone through and hewn down all my people, save it were twenty and four of us (among whom was my son Moroni), [14] And we, having survived the dead of our people, **did behold on the morrow**, when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps, **from the top of the hill Cumorah**, the ten thousand of my people who were hewn down, being led in the front by me; and we also beheld the ten thousand of my people who were led by my son Moroni.”

Mormon 3:15 “And behold, the ten thousand of Gidgiddonah had fallen, and he also in the midst; and Lama had fallen with his ten thousand; and Gilgal had fallen with his ten thousand; and Limhah had fallen with his ten thousand; and Jeneum had fallen with his ten thousand; and Cumenihah, and Moronihah, and Antionum, and Shiblom, and Shem, and Josh had fallen with their ten thousand each. [16] And it came to pass that there were ten more who did fall by the sword with their ten thousand each; yea, even all my people, save it were those twenty and four who were with me, and also a few who had escaped into the south countries, and a few who had deserted over unto the Lamanites, had fallen;”

WE BELIEVE IT WAS FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF THE COXCA STELA MOUND THAT MORMON IS DESCRIBING THE HORRIFIC RESULTS OF THE BATTLE.





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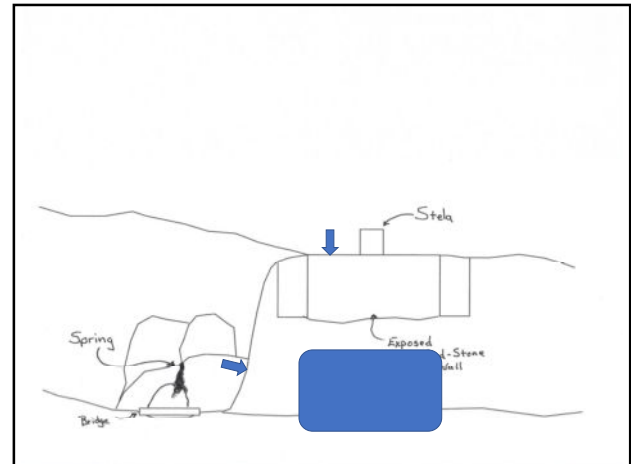
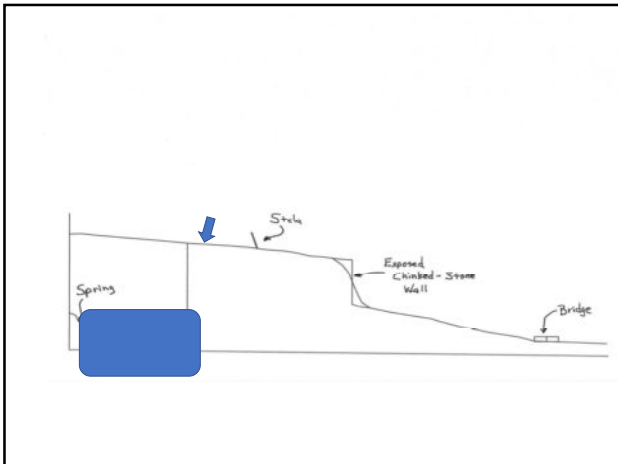
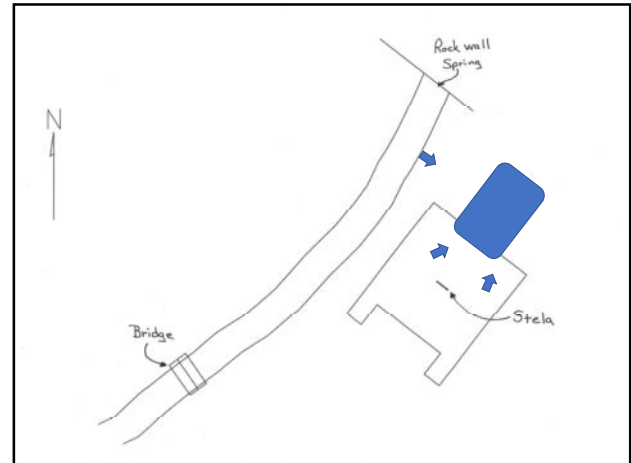


IN 2019 WE WERE INVOLVED IN TWO TRIPS TO THE HILL CUMORAH REGION OF MEXICO.

BOTH VISITS INCLUDED THE USE OF A METAL DETECTOR TO SEE IF WE COULD FIND DEEP DEPOSITS OF METAL OBJECTS.

IN FEBRUARY OF 2019, WE
VENTURED TO THE HILL,
ESTABLISHED OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE LANDOWNER AND
PERFORMED PRELIMINARY WORK
TO CHART THE LAYOUT OF THE
SITE AND DETERMINE IF OUR
EQUIPMENT COULD DETECT
LARGE CACHES OF METAL.



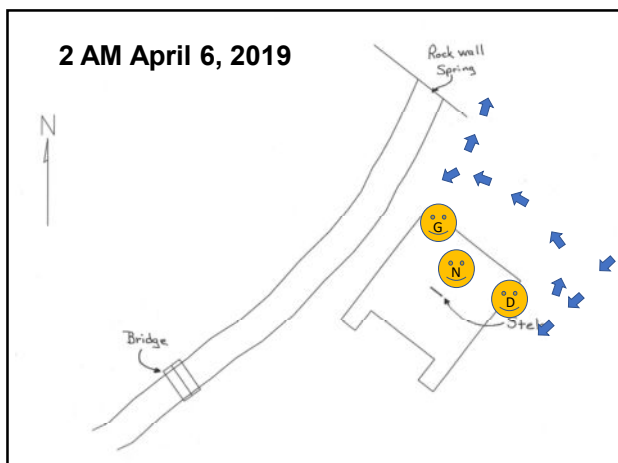


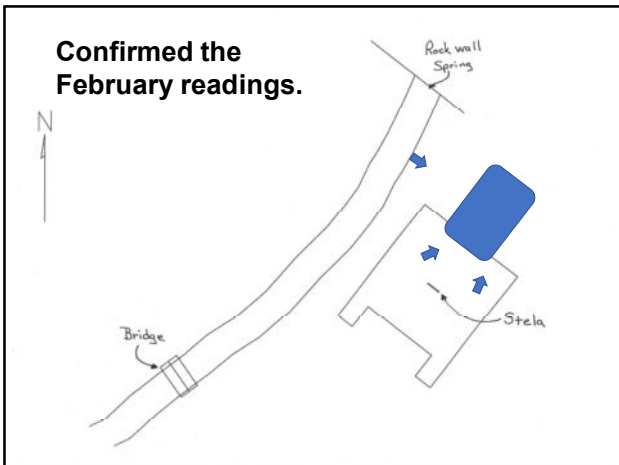
**THIS CONFIRMED OUR THEORY
THAT IF THE PLATES ARE
LOCATED IN THE MOUND, THAT
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT
THEM AT A FOCAL POINT DEEP
BELOW THE SURFACE.**

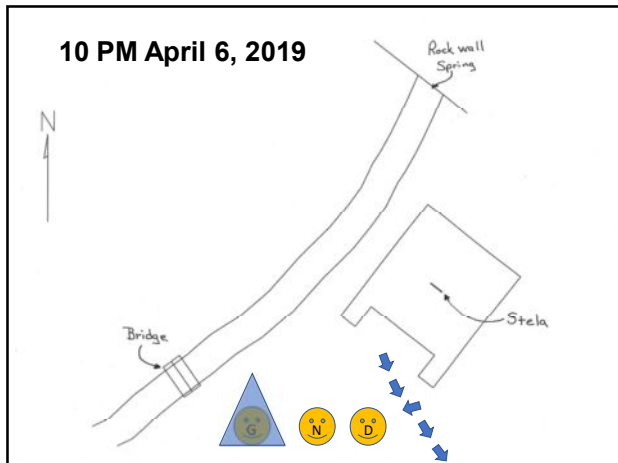
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

**IN ORDER TO FINALIZE OUR REPORT
TO THE ARCHAEOLOGIST, IT WAS
NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND
TRIP IN EARLY APRIL OF 2019. THIS
TIME, NEIL STEEDE DETERMINED TO
MAKE IT TO THE MOUND AND
PERFORM A FULL-SPECTRUM
SURVEY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS,
MEASUREMENTS AND PERHAPS
SPIRITUAL EVIDENCE, IF POSSIBLE.
OUR TARGET DATE WAS APRIL 6TH.**

**NEIL STEEDE, GARY WOODS AND I
ARRIVED IN JALAPA DE DIAZ ON
THE 5TH OF APRIL IN TIME TO
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CAMP
ON THE MOUND SITE LATER THAT
EVENING AND THEN RETURN
FROM THE MOUND ON THE
MORNING OF APRIL 7TH. THIS WAY
WE SPENT THE ENTIRE 24 HOURS
OF APRIL 6TH ON THE MOUND SITE.**







THE INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THE TWO VISITS TO HILL CUMORAH HAVE RESULTED IN A REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MEXICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENTITY CALLED *INAH*.

THE INITIAL SUBMISSION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO FIND AN ACADEMIC SPONSORSHIP FOR THE DIG TO PROCEED. WE ARE STILL EXPLORING THAT PORTION OF THE PROCESS.

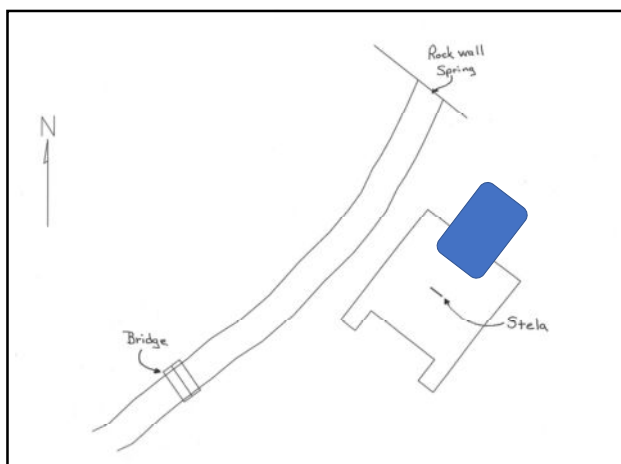
THE HOPE IS THAT THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG WILL RESULT IN THE RECOVERY OF THE MORMON LIBRARY. THOSE PLATES, LIKE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, WILL THEN BE PROCESSED THROUGH VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMUNITY. BUT THE ITEMS FOUND WILL COMPLETELY REWRITE HISTORY AS WE KNOW IT...

...BECAUSE THERE WILL BE HEBREW AND EGYPTIAN SCRIPTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST FOUND IN THIS LIBRARY. NOT TO MENTION THE LOST GENEALOGY CONTAINED ON THE BRASS PLATES.

IN JANUARY 2018, MARK TAYLOR GAVE THIS PROPHECY THAT SEEMS TO FIT OUR SITUATION.

HERE IS HOW IT READS:

The Spirit of God says, "There is a dig, an archeological find that is coming in an underground vault, which will be so cataclysmic that it will **ROCK** the Christian world. The answer lies between Jerusalem and Vatican city."



WE BELIEVE THAT COXCA MIGHT WELL BE THAT UNDERGROUND VAULT MENTIONED IN MARK TAYLOR'S PROPHECY. THIS IS THE DAY THAT ALL OF THE PROPHETS HAVE SEEN AND TO WHICH THEY POINT. BIG CHANGES ARE COMING...SOMETHING BIG IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGING HUMANITY.

HOWEVER THIS PLAYS OUT, AND HOWEVER GOD DIRECTS THE OPENING OF THE MORMON LIBRARY, CERRO RABON AND THE VALLEY SURROUNDING IT CONTAINS ALL THE TOPOGRAPHY AND ARTIFACTUAL EVIDENCES TO COMPEL US TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS THE LOCATION OF HILL CUMORAH AND THE TRAGIC FINAL BATTLE OF THE NEPHITES.

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