

# Jaredites First Landing

## Chetumal Bay

*Alma 22:30 And it (Bountiful) bordered upon the land which they called Desolation, it being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled and been destroyed, of whose bones we have spoken...it being **the place of their first landing.***

This scripture provides a wealth of information that has been helpful in identifying several key Book of Mormon locations. These include:

- The location of the destruction of the Jaredites was near the place where they first landed.
- The place they were destroyed was far northward.
- The land of the Jaredite destruction is called the land of Desolation.
- The land of Bountiful was on the border of the land Desolation.

Another important factor in establishing the location of the first landing is the fact that numerous ancient Maya sites are located near the proposed site of the first landing. These sites are some of the earliest in Mesoamerica and have timelines that correspond to the tower of Babel.

