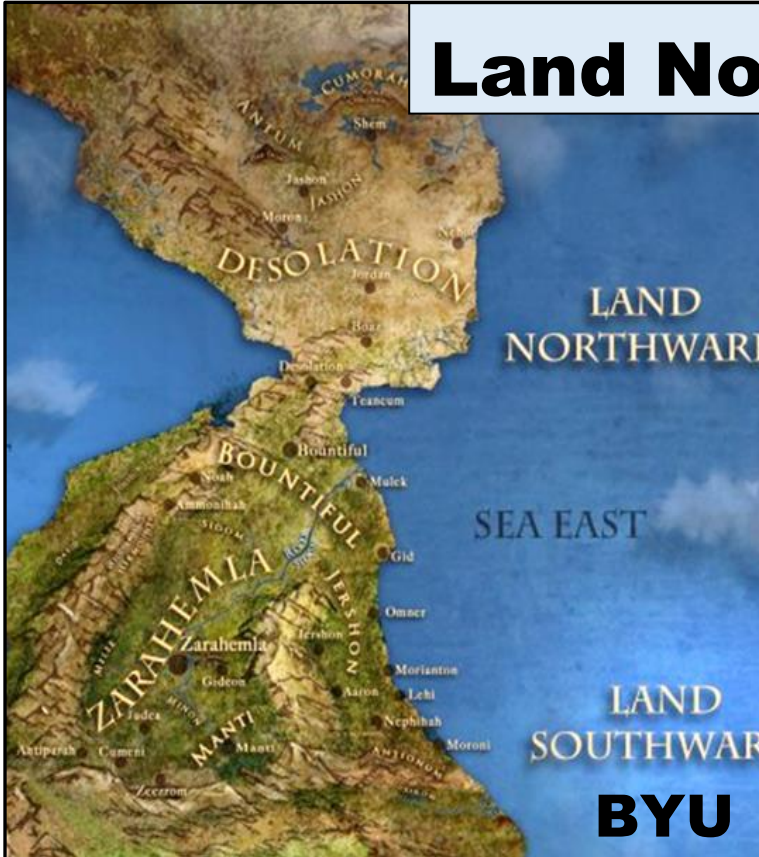


Land Northward



The hypothetical map below was recently produced by the Religion Department of BYU and is a comprehensive of over twenty similar hypothetical maps that by those that have been searching for the lands of the Book of Mormon. The central characteristic of these maps is that it is the shape of an upright hour glass and the land northward is the upper portion. Any geographic map that would have similar characteristics would be a major step forward in identifying the lands of the Book of Mormon.

The Pasion River Model is proposing that the map to the upper right be considered as a legitimate possibility.

The Land Northward and North Countries are mentioned over forty times in the Book of Mormon.

The following scriptures will establish the rationale that was used to position the land northward as shown on the map:

*3 Nephi 6:2... and they did return to their own lands and their possessions, both on the **north** and on the south, both on the land **northward** and on the land southward.*

- This verse clearly illustrates that the land northward is north of land southward and the land southward is to the south of the land northward.

Omni 1

*22 ...the Lord fell upon them (Jaredites) according to his judgments, which are just; and their bones lay scattered in the **land northward**.*

*30 And it 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, , it being the place of their first landing.*

*31 And they came from there up into the south wilderness. Thus, the land on the **northward** was called Desolation, and the land on the southward was called Bountiful...*

32 And now, it was only the distance of a day and a half's journey for a Nephite, on the line Bountiful and the land Desolation, from the east to the west sea; and thus the land of Nephi and the land of Zarahemla were nearly surrounded by water, there being a small neck of land between the **land northward** and the land southward.

33 And it came to pass that the Nephites had inhabited the land Bountiful, even from the east unto the west sea, and thus the Nephites in their wisdom, with their guards and their armies, had hemmed in the Lamanites on the south, that thereby they should have no more possession on the north, that they might not overrun the **land northward**.

- These series of verses in Omni 1 clearly establish the Nephites migrated north to the land northward from the south.
- A portion of the land northward is located near the Jaredite first landing or where the ancient settlements match the Tower of Babel timeframe.
- The land northward is north of the narrow neck of land.
- The land northward is north of the lands of Zarahemla and Nephi that are nearly surrounded by water.

Alma 46: 22... We (the Nephites) covenant with our God, that we shall be destroyed, even as our brethren in the land northward, if we shall fall into transgression...

- Nephites were aware of the destruction that took place to the north of them and covenanted to avoid the mistakes of the Jaredites.

Alma 50:11...the Nephites possessing all the **land northward**, yea, even all the land which was **northward** of the land Bountiful

29... Morianton put it into their hearts that they should flee to the land which was **northward**, which was covered with large bodies of water,

34 And it came to pass that they did not head them until they had come to the borders of the land Desolation; and there they did head them, by the narrow pass which led by the sea into the **land northward**, yea, by the sea, on the west and on the east.

- The land northward is northward from the land Bountiful.
- There are large bodies of water in the land northward. The rainfall was much higher during Book of Mormon times
- The land northward is north of the East Sea and West Sea and the narrow neck that separates them.

Alma 52: 9 And he also sent orders unto him that he should fortify the land Bountiful, and secure the narrow pass which led into the **land northward**..

Alma 63:4 ...a large company of men, even to the amount of five thousand and four hundred men, with their wives and their children, departed out of the land of Zarahemla into the land which was **northward**..

5...Hagoth, he being an exceedingly curious man, therefore he went forth and built him an exceedingly large ship, on the borders of the land Bountiful, by the land Desolation, and launched it forth into the west sea, by the narrow neck which led into the **land northward**..

- Hagoth could have sailed up the San Pedro River and then along the Gulf of Mexico coast line to northern Yucatan.

7.. this man built other ships... and set out again to the **land northward**.

9...there were many people who went forth into the **land northward**.

- The large Jaredite settlements along the Mexico, Guatemala and Belize borders could have been resettled by Nephites and it was fairly close so they could have walked there.

10...Corianton had gone forth to the **land northward** in a ship...

Ether 10: 21 And they did preserve the land southward for a wilderness, to get game. And the whole face of the **land northward** was covered with inhabitants.