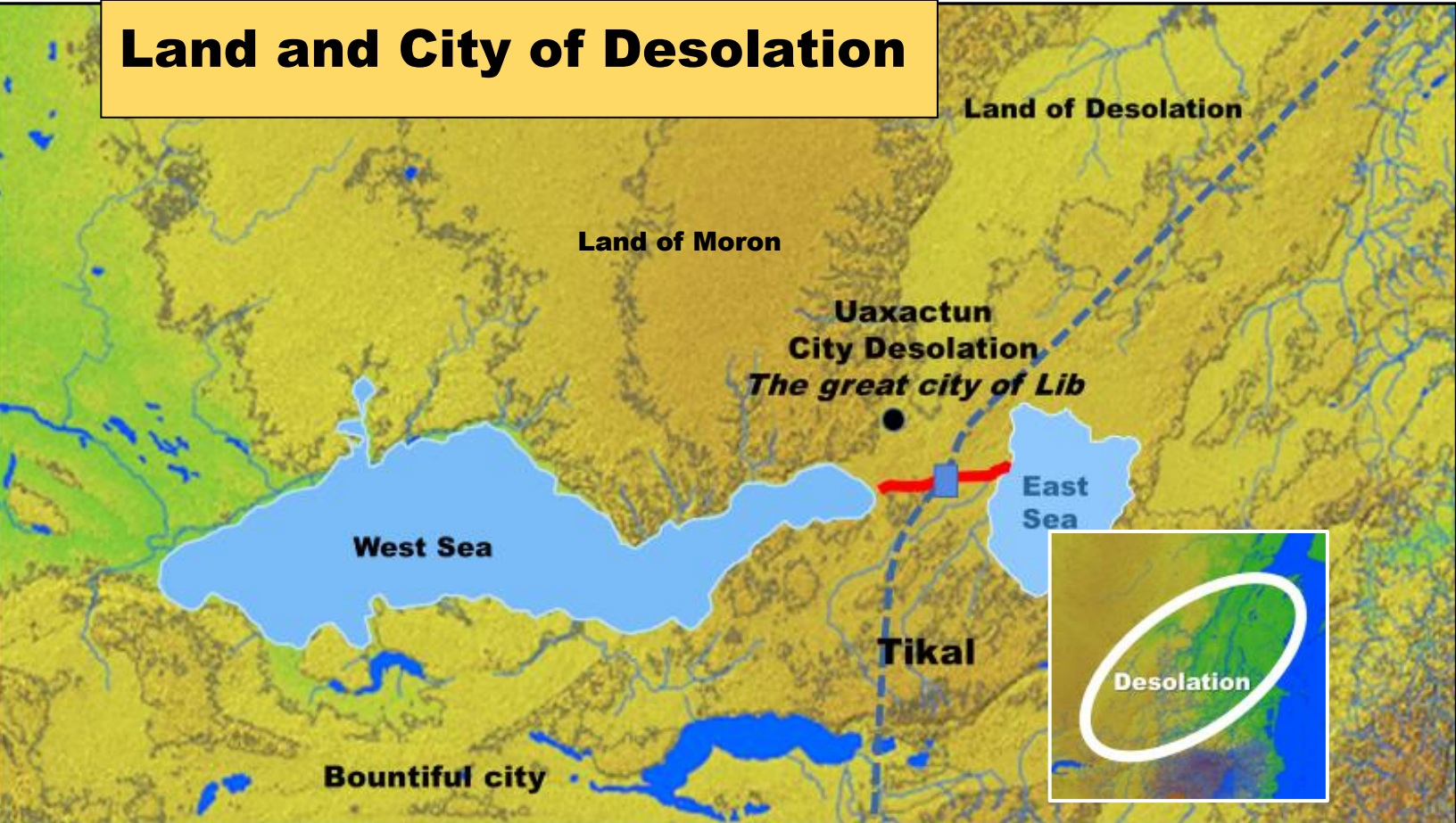


Land and City of Desolation



he Land of Desolation is:

- North of the Narrow Neck of Land.
- The Narrow Neck is just north of Tikal and South of Uaxactun.
- In the Land Northward. The Land Northward are all the lands north of narrow passage
- North of the Narrow Passage Way that leads to the Land Northward
- Near the Land of Moron
- Is lower in elevation than the Land of Moron
- Is near the location where the Jaredites first Landed. The Jaredites landing in northern Belize.
- The Land of Akish is within the land of Desolation. Akish is likely named after the great ruler Kish who had a son that was also righteous, Lib.
- Lib built great city just north of Narrow Neck of Land. Uaxactun is just north of the Narrow Neck of Land and it was built in the time frame that matches the lives of Lib and Kish.
- Lib and his father Kish lived north of the place *"where the sea divides the land"*. This corelates well with the ancient seas that are just south of the of the proposed location of the Land of Desolation.
- The Nephites called the city that was

- just north of the Narrow Neck the city Desolation.
- Apparently, this area was especially devastated because the final Jaredite war started in the land of Akish. The battles were then fought in the land of Moron and then down to sea shores and then back to Akish. This probably means that they were hit twice during this final war. This could be the reason why is was called the land of Desolation.
- Where the Nephites were gathered to defend themselves against the Lamanites. This was 375 AD, just before the final war.
- Where the Nephites were "swept off like dew before the sun".

Scriptures that refer the land of Desolation:

Alma 50:34 ...they did not ahead 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.

Mormon 5:1 And now it came to pass that in the three hundred and sixty and third year the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle against the Lamanites, out of the land Desolation.

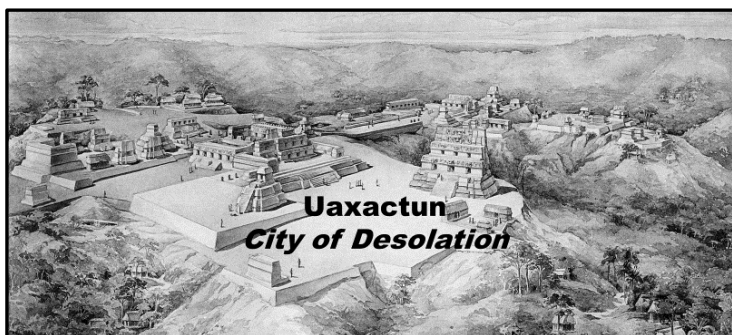
Alma 22:30 And it(Bountiful) bordered upon the land which they called Desolation, it being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled and been destroyed, of whose bones we have spoken...it being the place of their first landing.

Alma 22:31...the land on the northward was called Desolation, and the land on the southward was called Bountiful,

Alma 22:32...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...

Mormon 3:5 And it came to pass that I did cause my people that they should gather themselves together at the land Desolation, to a city which was in the borders, by the narrow pass which led into the land southward.

Alma 50:34 And it came to pass that they did not ahead 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 name of “land of Desolation” was the result of the discovery of a horrific war that left a good portion of the land northward in total destruction.

The Nephites were made aware of this catastrophe when King Limhi sent a search party out to find Zarahemla, instead they found what was left of the Jaredite nation. They also found a record of the Jaredites and story that was behind the devastation that they found.

Mosiah 21:26...nevertheless, they did find a land which had been peopled; yea, a land which was covered with dry bones; yea, a land which had been peopled and which had been destroyed...

The book of Ether provides us with a fairly clear picture about the sequences and locations of the final war:



In Ether 14, it describes a horrific war in the land of Corihor and then to the final war near hill Ramah.

Ether 15:11 And it came to pass that the army of Coriantumr did pitch their tents by the hill Ramah...12 And it came to pass that they did gather together all the people upon all the face of the land...

After several days of horrific fighting, Coriantumr emerged as the only survivor. He was found by the Mulekites, however, he only lasted for a short while.