The Hill Riplah has some remarkable defining features that contribute the authenticity of the Pasion River Model

The following verses provide a clear description of where it should be.

These two verses establish the fact the Sidon River existed in the south wilderness away up beyond the borders of Manti, therefore the head of this river would have to located at the head or beginning of this river.

However, there is an interesting situation that currently exist at the base of the proposed hill Riplah. The locals have had a sign in the area that makes reference to the river that comes out of the proposed hill Riplah, “Head of the Pasion”. This situation can satisfy some however there are some other consideration and could may provide a more accurate picture of the location of the Head of Sidon and all of the issues associated with it.



These scriptures require that the head of the Sidon be located in the wilderness away up beyond the borders of Manti. It stand to reason that the rivers head must be at the point origins of rivers mention below

> *Alma 16:6 And Alma returned and said unto them: Behold, the Lamanites will cross* ***the river Sidon in the south wilderness, away up beyond the borders of the land of Manti.***
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> *Alma 16:7 …their armies, and* ***marched away beyond the borders of Manti into the south wilderness, which was on the east side of the river Sidon***

The following scripture suggest that the route to the city of Manti should be done undercover.

> *Alma 43:22 Behold they departed out of the land of Antionum into the wilderness, and took their journey round about in the wilderness, away by the head of the river Sidon, that they might come into the land of Manti* ***for they did not suppose that the armies of Moroni would know whither they had gone.***

This is the reason they planned to go to the proposed location the head of the Sidon the please where two rivers come together to form the Pasion River near the town of Chireacte. This location matches the location requirement of being “away up beyond the borders of Manti”. If secrecy was not an issue it would have been much shorter for them to go from Antionum straight to Manti.

The next event appears to be on the north side of hill Riplah (Chabilchoch). This is where the Lamanites came close to Mosiah’s army that had been located on the west side of Pasion River (Sidon)

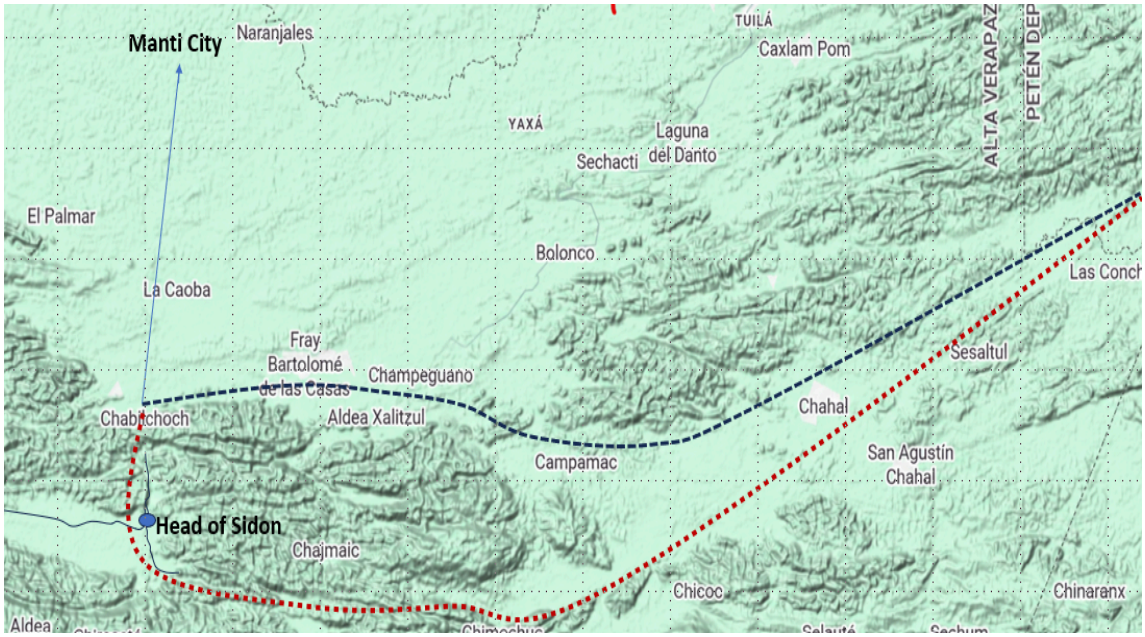
> *Alma 43:27 Moroni caused that his army should be secreted on the west of the river Sidon.*
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> *Alma 43:34… the Lamanites came up on the north of the hill, where a part of the army of Moroni was concealed.*

Apparently after the Lamanites left the head of the Sidon the traveled north to hill Riplah and actually came close to Mosiah’s army which was secreted on west side of the river.

> *Alma 43:34… the Lamanites came up on the north of the hill, where a part of the army of Moroni was concealed.*

As the Lamanite army passed by Mosiah’s army the had to go to the east in order to get to the valley that was east of the river. In doing that passed over the river that was under the hill.

> *Alma 42:35 And as the Lamanites had passed the hill Riplah and came into the valley (*east of the river*), and began to cross the river Sidon, the army, which was concealed on the south of the hill, which was led by a man whose name was Lehi, and he led his army forth and encircled the Lamanites about on the east in their rear.*





It is amazing how these all of these geographic requirements came together. It would be extremely unusual if this situation could be duplicated anywhere else, this another testament to the validity of the Pasion River Model.