The Hill Riplah is a difficult issue because there appears to be two possible outcomes.

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

> *Alma 16:6 Alma inquired of the Lord concerning the matter. 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 18:7 Zoram and his* ***sons crossed over the river Sidon, with their armies, and marched away beyond the borders of Manti*** *into the south wilderness, which was on the east side of the river Sidon.*

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.

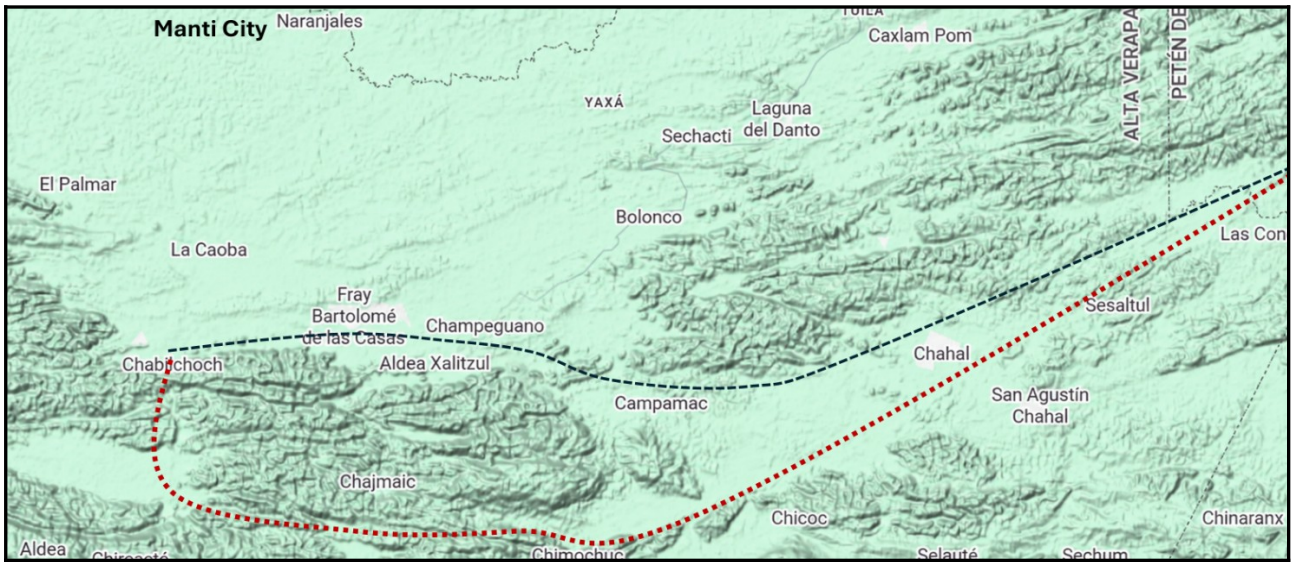
These are the sequence of events that are associated with the Sidon River.

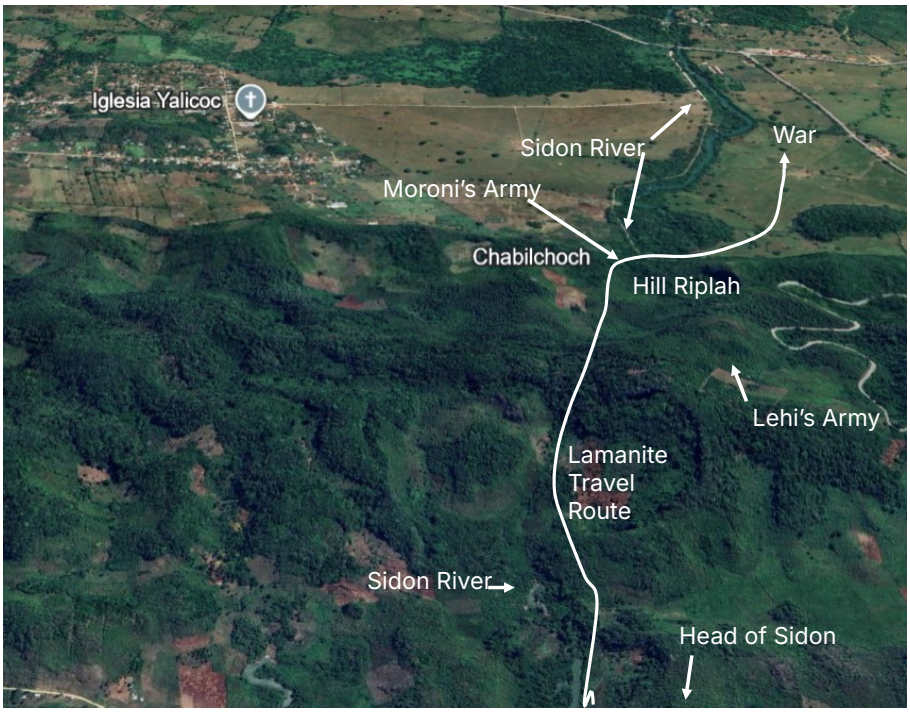
Theory A: The head of Sidon is the place where the river comes out underneath hill Riplah.

The Lamanites would start out in the wilderness but would soon have to forego there secrecy and go directly to the proposed head of Sidon when they have lost the advantage of surprise. One has to ask the question Why would they find it necessary to go to the head of the Sidon, it serves no purpose. In addition. It does not make any senses for them to first pass by Monoi's army's which Ison west side of the river before going to east side and confronting Lehis's army.

Theory B: Maintain secrecy as long as possible by first going to the head of the Sidon which in the wildness away up beyond the borders of Manti.

1. The Lamanites first traveled in the wilderness away by the head of the Sidon. In other words, the head of the Sidon was their first destination, and it was in the south wilderness away up beyond the borders of Manti.
2. it appears that at this point, the river would have to flow under the hill so it would easy for the Lamanites to be on the west side of the river as it was flowing under the under the hill. They had to be on the west side in order to go past the army of Moroni.
3. As the pass the Moroni's army who are located on west side of the river. They evidently cross over the underground river and end up in the valley which is on the east side of the river and end up confronting Lehi's army.
4. It appears that the Lamanite army then turn to east and went down into the valley on the east side of the river here they met Lehi's army who had between secreted in a valley on southeast side of hill Riplah.
5. See maps on next page


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Sechacti
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Las Con
Fray
Bartolomé
de las Casas
Champeguano
Sesaltul
Chabilchoch
Aldea Xalitzul
Chahal
Campamac
San Agustín
Chahal
Chajmaic
Chicoc
Chinaranx
Aldea
Chimochuc
Selauté
Sechum


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