

Proposed Zarahemlas

Geographic Comparisons

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A Few Proposed Narrow Necks



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The first 20 geographic characteristics. (21 - 42 are below on a second table.)

1. North for the proposed geography is really north.
2. The River Sidon flows primarily north.
3. At it's headwaters, the River Sidon flows west (before it flows north) (*Alma 22:27*).
4. There is only one main river in the Nephite lands (in the time of Alma. In Mormon's time the Nephites were north of the narrow neck).
5. Zarahemla is just to the west of the River Sidon.
6. The land of Zarahemla is nearly surrounded by water (*Alma 22:32*).
7. Just to the east of Zarahemla, east of the River Sidon, is a clearly identifiable hill Amnihu (*Alma 2:15*).
8. Just to the east of the hill Amnihu within a day's battle distance is a clearly identifiable valley Gideon.
9. To the west and to the north of Zarahemla is a wilderness full of wild beasts.
10. The narrow strip of wilderness runs 1 1/2 days walk from the east sea to the west sea (*Alma 22:32*).
11. The narrow strip of wilderness then runs along the west sea into the Land of Nephi (*Alma 22:27*).
12. The narrow strip of wilderness then turns east just south of Manti(*Alma 22:27*).
13. To the east of Zarahemla is another wilderness (*Alma 50:7*).
14. Manti is is south (not southward) from Zarahemla at the head of the River Sidon.
15. The Land of Lehi (the land of the Nephites first inheritance) is on the western sea.
16. The Land of Nephi (the land of the Nephites second inheritance) is on the western sea and north of the land of Lehi.
17. Zarahemla is north of Lehi (*Helaman 6:10*).
18. The mountains where the Gadianton robbers hid is a distinctly different terrain from Nephi, Lehi, and Zarahemla.
19. The mountains where the Gadianton robbers hid were large enough to hide from the entire Nephite and Lamanite armies.
20. There was much gold, silver, and other metals in the lands of Lehi, Nephi, Zarahemla, and Desolation.

	Sorenson Tehuantepec	Allen Tehuantepec	Lund Tehuantepec	Warr Costa Rica	Simiskey Panama	Peay Yucatan	Colombia- Panama	Rosenvall Baja	Goble/May Midwest USA	Aston New York	Meldrum Miss-Mich
1			+		+	+	+	W		+	+
2	W	W	+		+	W	+			+	
3	+	+			?		+	+			
4	W	W	W				+	+			
5	+	+	+		+		+	+		?	+
6				+	+	+	W	+			
7			+		?		+				
8			W		?		+				
9			?		+	?	+	?		W	?
10				+	W		+	+		W	
11					+		+	W			
12					+		+	W			
13	+				+		+	+			?
14					+	?	+	W		+	
15	+	+	+		+	+	+	W			
16	W				+		+	W			
17	W				W	+	+	W			+
18	?	?	?		W	?	+	?	?	?	+
19	+	+	+		W	+	+		+	?	+
20	+	+	+		+	?	+	?			

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21. A narrow neck of land divided the land of Bountiful (south of the neck) from the land of Desolation (north of the neck).
22. The orientation of the narrow neck is generally north - south.
23. The River Sidon is large enough to carry bodies to the sea.
24. This narrow neck is *also* where "the sea divides the land" (not the land divides the sea) (*Ether 10:20*).
25. Fits the Prophet Joseph Smith's statement about Lehi and Darien.
26. Is compatible with the Times and Seasons 1842 statements about Zarahemla (*a partial text is quoted on comments page*).
27. Room for the Jaradites with a much larger population than the Nephites to never go south of the narrow neck.
28. The narrow neck is defensible with an army of 30,000 to 50,000.
29. There is no access to the land northward (Desolation) except through the narrow pass or narrow neck.
30. The neck could be blocked by snakes for a long time.
31. The City of Bountiful is on the eastern sea.
32. A narrow passage into the Land of Desolation along the sea just northward of the City of Bountiful (*Alma 50:34*).
33. The lands of Bountiful and Desolation are small enough that a population of a few hundred thousand could strip most of the trees from the land.
34. Mulek first landed on the east sea (at the City of Mulek?)
35. The Land of Zarahemla was in the north of the land (in the time of Alma. In Mormon's time the Nephites lived north of the narrow neck).
36. Zarahemla was southward of the narrow neck.
37. The cities on the eastern sea occupied no more than 50 miles of coastline (2 days of battles).
38. This was a land of diseases with cures in the wilderness (a tropical climate) (*Alma 46:40*).
39. There was a similar distance for Limhi's explorers in the Land of Nephi to go to either Desolation or Zarahemla.
40. The line from Zarahemla to Bountiful was short and thus defensible from the Gadianton Robbers (*3Nephi 3:22-23*).
41. Zarahemla's elevation (distance above sea level) is lower than the land of Nephi.
42. At an "exceedingly great distance" northward of the narrow neck is a sea north and a sea south (*Helaman 3:3-8*)

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23	?	?	?		+	+	+	?		?
24				W	W	W	+	+	+	
25					+		+			
26	W	W	+	W	W	W	W	W		
27	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+
28				+	+		+	+		+
29	+	+	+		+		+	+		
30				+	+		+	+	+	W
31	+	W	?		+		+	+		
32	W						+			
33					+	+	+	+		
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36					+	+	+	+	+	+
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