WE APPROACH BOOK OF MORMON ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FROM THE ASPECT OF WHAT WE CALL TRENDS OR PATTERNS.

WE LOOK FOR EVIDENCES OF SPECIFIC BOOK OF MORMON STORIES AND EVENTS.

BY DOING SO WE HAVE FOUND: THE MOSIAH/MAYA MATRIX.

AND, THAT THE MAJOR CITIES MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON ARE MAJOR CITIES FOUND IN MESOAMERICA.

IF THE BOOK OF MORMON IS TRUE THEN WE EXPECT THAT THESE BOOK OF MORMON PEOPLE AND EVENTS WILL BE FOUND.

THE BOOK OF MORMON PROVIDES US WITH A LIST OF FOUR KINGS AT ZARAHEMLA THAT END WITH A TRANSITION TO JUDGES.

THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THIS IS A UNIQUE PATTERN THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND IN MESOAMERICA.

WE DO NOT LOOK FOR EXACT NAME MATCHES ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CANNOT FULLY READ THE MAYAN LANGUAGE. THE BOOK OF MORMON IS A TRANSLATED DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, PATTERNS OF NAMES SHOULD BE EMBEDDED IN THE TRANSLATION EVEN THOUGH NAMES MAY NOT MATCH.
AFTER COMPARING THE BOOK OF MORMON KING LISTS WITH THE MAYAN KING LISTS, WE FOUND A MATCH FOR THE BOOK OF MORMON CITY OF ZARAHEMLA WITH THE MESOAMERICAN CITY OF YAXCHILAN. (THIS IS BASED ON A STUDY DONE BY GRUBE & MARTIN THEN PUBLISHED IN CHRONICLES OF THE MAYAN KINGS AND QUEENS)

THESE ARE THE 11 MAJOR MAYA CITIES WITH KINGLISTS.

Calakmual
Caracol
Copan
Dos Pilas
Naranjo
Palenque
Piedras Negras
Quirigua
Tikal
Tonina
Yaxchilan

BASED ON KING LIST SIMILARITIES, THE BEST OPTION FOR THE CITY OF ZARAHEMLA IS THE MAYA SITE KNOWN AS YAXCHILAN.

BELOW IS THE BOOK OF MORMON KING LIST SEARCH “PATTERN” WE EMPLOYED TO COMPARE MAYA KINGS

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THE YAXCHILAN KINGLIST FITS THE REQUIREMENTS

YAXCHILAN KING LIST

1. YB-i    2. IB-i    3. BJ-i    4. YDAS
5. RULER i 6. KTS-i 7. MS    8. BJ-II
17. KTS-III

CASE A  CASE B  CASE C  CASE D  CASE E  CASE F
CASE G  CASE H  CASE I

THERE ARE SEVERAL SETS OF DOUBLE NAMES, BUT THESE CAN ALSO OCCUR AMONG THE UNKNOWN MULEKITE KING NAMES. CASE "I" SEEMS TO FIT THE BEST.
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**THIS IS WHAT ARCHAEOLOGY SAYS ABOUT SHIELD JAGUAR II:**

- HE CAME TO YAXCHILAN FROM THE HIGHLANDS;
- LANGUAGE AND TEMPLE BUILDING FLOURISHED IN THE LOWLANDS DURING HIS REIGN;
- HIS INTRODUCTION INTO THE LOWLAND CULTURE CREATED A UNIFYING TREND, BUT IT ALSO CREATED A STRAIN OF “ROYALS” WHO LAID CLAIM TO THE THRONE—THOSE ARE THE “SUN-KINGS”.

**BY PARALLEL MOSIAH CAME INTO ZARAHEMLA FROM THE CITY OF NEPHI;**

- HE TAUGHT THE MULEKITES HIS LANGUAGE;
- HE WAS APPOINTED KING;
- HE RECORDED THE LIST OF MULEKITE KINGS;
- HE HAD A SON THAT WAS DEEPLY LOVED BY HIS PEOPLE, BUT THERE WERE A STRAIN OF “ROYALS” WHO LAID CLAIM TO THE THRONE—THOSE ARE THE “KING-MEN”.

**SHIELD JAGUAR II = MOSIAH THE ELDER**
IF YAXCHILAN IS ZARAHEMLA THEN THIS BOXED AREA IS:
THE LAND OF ZARAHEMLA

THE AREA MARKED BY THIS BOX IS:
THE LAND OF JERSHON

THIS AREA IS:
THE LAND OF BOUNTIFUL

THIS AREA IS:
THE LAND OF THE LAMANITES

MOREOVER, LARGE POPULATION MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON NOW MATCH POPULATION MOVEMENTS THAT ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED IN ANCIENT MESOAMERICA

FOR EXAMPLE:
THE AMMONITES
WE NOW THEORIZE THEY MOVED FROM CHALCHUAPA IN EL SALVADOR TO LAMANAI IN BELIZE.
FROM THIS BEGINNING WE HAVE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SEVERAL CITIES BASED ON ARCHEAOGICAL EVIDENCES OF EVENTS AND HISTORICAL FIGURES, NOT ON GEOGRAPHY ALONE

YAXCHILAN NOT ONLY HAS A KING LIST THAT CORRELATES TO ZARAHEMLA, THEY ALSO HAVE A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS AND SERIES OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN ZARAHEMLA.

SHIELD JAGUAR II MARRIED A WOMAN OF ROYALTY NAMED LADY K’UK (XOC).

AS A RESULT OF THIS MARRIAGE, SHIELD JAGUAR II BECAME KING OF YAXCHILAN.

IF SHIELD JAGUAR II IS KING MOSIAH, THEN WE CAN NOW UNDERSTAND HOW MOSIAH WAS “APPOINTED” KING OVER THE MULEKITES; HE MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF ZARAHEMLA.

THERE ARE A SERIES OF LINTEL CARVINGS FROM TEMPLE 23 AT YAXCHILAN THAT CHRONICLES THE MARRIAGE OF LADY K’UK WITH SHIELD JAGUAR II.

HERE IS A PHOTO OF A LINTEL DEPICTING LADY K’UK WHO IS SEEN IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER. SHE IS LOOKING UP TO A FACE THAT EMERGES FROM A VISION SERPENT.
THE FACE IS “THE FOUNDER”, WHO APPEARS WITH HIS HEAD EMERGING FROM THE MOUTH OF A “QUETZALCOATL SERPENT”

ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLAIM THAT LADY K’UK IS PETITIONING HER ANCESTOR...

WE BELIEVE THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THIS MARRIAGE WOULD POTENTIALLY CAUSE TURMOIL AMONG HER PEOPLE SO SHE PRAYED TO HER GOD AND WAS SHOWN THIS ANSWER IN A VISION.

IN THE SECOND LINTEL, LADY K’UK IS SHOWN PERFORMING A “BLOOD-LETTING” CEREMONY IN FRONT OF SHIELD JAGUAR II.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THAT THIS DEPICTION IS A LITERAL EVENT.

WE BELIEVE THAT LADY K’UK IS TAKING A SACRED “OATH” TO BIND HER SPEECH TO THE RELIGION OF SELF-SACRIFICE AS SHE YIELDS TO A GREATER AUTHORITY.
THE THIRD LINTEL SHOWS SHIELD JAGUAR II RECEIVING THE “CROWN” FROM LADY K’UK.

THIS SCENE COMPLETES THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

NONE OF THIS NEGATES BOOK OF MORMON SCRIPTURE.

TO THE CONTRARY, IT EXPLAINS THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES MORE CLEARLY.

AND, THERE IS MORE INFORMATION WE CAN DISCERN CONCERNING THE MARITAL STATUS OF SHIELD JAGUAR II WHO WE BELIEVE IS MOSIAH THE ELDER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT HER FATHER WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO APPOINT HER HUSBAND KING.

THERE ARE NAME GLYPHS THAT HAVE BEEN “ERASED” FROM LINEAGE STELA AT YAXCHILAN. WE BELIEVE THE “SUN-KINGS” OR “KING-MEN” WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE NAMES. THEY WERE ANGRY THAT ZARAHEMLA RELINQUISHED THE THRONE TO MOSIAH.

IF LADY K’UK IS THE DAUGHTER OF ZARAHEMLA, THEN SHE IS JEWISH ROYALTY THROUGH THE THRONE LINE OF ZEDEKIAH.

IF SHIELD JAGUAR II IS MOSIAH, THEN HE IS A JOSEPHITE AS LEHI REVEALED TO US ONCE HE RECEIVED THE BRASS PLATES AND DISCOVERED HIS LINEAGE.

THEREFORE, WE HAVE REPRESENTED HERE THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL THROUGH THE LINEAGE OF ZARAHEMLA’S DAUGHTER, AND THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL REPRESENTED THROUGH THE LINEAGE OF MOSIAH.

THE MARRIAGE OF MOSIAH AND THE DAUGHTER OF ZARAHEMLA FULFILLS MANY PROMISES.

IT HEALED THE BREACH OF THE ISRAELITE THRONE WHEN THE SONS OF SOLOMON CREATED A NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN KINGDOM. THIS MARRIAGE UNIFIED THE DIVIDED THRONE AND RE-ESTABLISHED THE THRONE OF DAVID.

IF THIS DID TAKE PLACE, THEN KING BENJAMIN WAS THE FIRST OFFSPRING OF THE ISRAELITE UNITED THRONE; HE WOULD BE VERY SPECIAL INDEED.
THE MARRIAGE BOUND THE PROMISES OF BOTH LINEAGES TOGETHER; THE RIGHT TO RULE UNTIL “SHILOH COMES” AS PROMISED TO JUDAH, AND THE PROMISE THAT JOSEPH’S BRETHREN WOULD BOW DOWN TO HIM FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, FOR JOSEPH WILL BE A LIGHT UNTO HIS BRETHREN TO BRING SALVATION.

BY MOSIAH POSSESSING THE BRASS PLATES WITH THE RECORD OF THE ISRAELITE PEOPLE, HE BROUGHT WITH HIM THE SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE MULEKITE/NEPHITE POPULATION. THIS KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRITUAL PROPHECY AND PROMISE WAS THE PREPARATION FOR THE SEED OF THE GOSPEL BROUGHT THROUGH ABINADI AND ALMA.

THIS GOSPEL KNOWLEDGE THEN PREPARED THE PEOPLE OF MESOAMERICA TO RECEIVE THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD AS ALLUDED TO IN THE 10TH CHAPTER OF ALMA. WITH THIS PRIESTHOOD THE PEOPLE COULD DEVELOP FURTHER THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PREPARE TO GREET A RISEN CHRIST WHEN IT WAS TIME.

WHEN IT COMES TO KING BENJAMIN, VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD. HIS MAYA NAME IS Y’OAAT B’ALAM II. VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN BECAUSE THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING RECORDED ABOUT HIM AT YAXCHILAN.

NOTE THAT UNIFYING THE NEPHITE PEOPLE WITH THE MULEKITE PEOPLE DID NOT GO OVER WELL. THERE WERE JEWISH LINEAGE HEIRS TO THE THRONE WHO WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE CONSIDERED A VIABLE CHOICE TO RULE ONCE MOSIAH ASSUMED THE KINGSHIP. MOSIAH AND HIS BRIDE UNDERSTOOD THE GRAVITY OF NOT GETTING THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION TO AGREE WITH THIS CHANGE.
ONE OF THE WAYS TO APPEASE THE MULEKITE MASSES WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MULEKITE HERITAGE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HONORED AND RESPECTED.

ONE OF THE WAYS THAT SHIELD JAGUAR II DEMONSTRATED THAT HE HONORED THE MULEKITE HISTORY IS BY PLACING THE LIST OF MULEKITE KINGS ON HIEROGLYPHIC STAIRWAY #3 IN YAXCHILAN.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HONORING THE MULEKITE HERITAGE IS THE NAME OF THE FIRST PRINCE BORN TO SHIELD JAGAUR II AND LADY K’UK. THE KING NAME THAT FollowS SHIELD JAGAUR II AT YAXCHILAN IS Y’OAAT B’ALAM II. IT IS THE SAME NAME AS THE FOUNDER OF THE MULEKITE LINEAGE. AND, BY EXTRAPOLATION WE NOW KNOW THAT MULEK’S GIVEN NAME WAS BENJAMIN.

ON LINTEL 52 BIRD JAGUAR III (ALMA I) IS DEPICTED AS THE FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH. SHIELD JAGUAR III (MOSIAH THE YOUNGER) IS IN ATTENDANCE.

THIS IS ACTUALLY HOW THE BOOK OF MORMON TELLS THIS STORY. ALMA I HAD ALREADY FOUNDED THE CHURCH BEFORE ARRIVING IN YAXCHILAN.
HOWEVER, MOSIAH THE YOUNGER COMMISSIONED ALMA I TO BUILD THE CHURCH IN HIS KINGDOM.

THEREFORE, THIS RENDITION IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE BOOK OF MORMON TEXT.

THERE IS ALSO THE BOOK OF MORMON STORY THAT TELLS OF MOSIAH THE YOUNGER PASSING ALL OF THE RECORDS TO ALMA II.

MOSIAH THE YOUNGER IS SHIELD JAGUAR III AND ALMA II IS BIRD JAGUAR IV.

THE BLOOD-LETTING RITUAL SHOWN ON STELA 3 REFERENCES MOSIAH THE YOUNGER AND ALMA II.

WE BELIEVE THAT THIS RITUAL IS SYMBOLIC.

AND OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US, WE CAN SEE THIS EVENT ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PASSING OF THE PLATES.

LINTEL 2, “LA PASADITA”, IS ANOTHER RENDITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PLATES.

THIS EVENT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO RECORD.

THIS IS A FLAP-STAFF CEREMONY WITH BIRD JAGUAR IV (ALMA II) AND SHIELD JAGUAR III (MOSIAH THE YOUNGER).

THIS EVENT PORTRAYS WHEN MOSIAH RETIRED THE THRONE AND ALMA II BECAME THE CHIEF JUDGE.
THIS EVENT IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON. IT SEEMS THAT A SPECIFIC EVENT OCCURRING IN BOTH THE BOOK OF MORMON AND MESOAMERICA IS NOT COINCIDENTAL.

BECAUSE WE FIND THAT THE HISTORICAL FIGURES AND SPECIFIC HISTORICAL EVENTS RECORDED AT YAXCHILAN FIT THE PROMINENT BOOK OF MORMON CHARACTERS AND STORIES RECORDED IN ZARAHEMLA, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT YAXCHILAN IS THE BOOK OF MORMON CITY OF ZARAHEMLA.

NOT ONLY ARE THE HISTORICAL FIGURES A FAITHFUL PARALLEL, BUT WE NOTE THAT THE GEOGRAPHY AND THE INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CITIES AND SUBCULTURE GROUPS ARE CONSISTENT WITH BOOK OF MORMON STORIES.

AGAIN, AFTER ASSESSING THE ENTIRE BODY OF EVIDENCE FOR THIS BEING THE CITY OF ZARAHEMLA, WE FIND AN OVERWHELMING LIST THAT SIGNIFIES THIS SITE AS A DIRECT PARALLEL TO ZARAHEMLA. WE ARE THEREFORE COMPELLED TO IGNORE THE OFFICIAL DATES ASSIGNED TO MAYAN CULTURE.

WE CONTINUE TO STATE THE CLAIM THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND INVESTIGATE THE MAYAN CULTURE AS A PARALLEL TO THE STORIES IN THE BOOK OF MORMON.