

Stella 31

At Tikal

Mormon 5:6

And it came to pass that in the three hundred and eightieth year the Lamanites did come again against us to battle, and we did stand against them boldly; but it was all in vain, for so great were their numbers that they did tread the people of the Nephites under their feet.



8. Stela 31 tells of the “Entrada”, and the overthrow of the Tikal dynasty from an army from Teotihuacan.

The Last Maya-Nephite War

After killing the king of Tikal, Great Jaguar Paw, Siyah K'ak' went on to finish what the Tikal king had started. However, he ran into a lot of resistance, and it took him seven years to finally defeat the Nephites.

This was a huge Maya war that was well documented, that is known as the Entrada, the only war in Mesoamerica that was active during that period.

Therefore, it had to be the last major war that is outlined in the Book of Mormon.





After defeating Tikal, he went on to defeat Uaxactun, city where the Great Jaguar Paw had defeated four years earlier. This was the Nephite city of Desolation where they were swept off like dew before the sun. Evidently, Great Jaguar paw had installed a new king at Uaxactun (city of Desolation) and when Syaik K'ak' came along he killed this king as well. This story is told in the mural at Uaxatun in Palace B-XIII and on Stela 5.