

**Key Book of Mormon text that
reflects the true intent of the
Book of Mormon**

A reasonable approach in establishing basic geographic features of the lands of the Book of Mormon:

Step #1

Establish the basic perimeter of the lands of the Book of Mormon. This step sorts out a number of inherent problems that are a part of the current rational.

Example:

Helaman 11:20 . . .they did cover the whole face of the land, both on the northward and on the southward, from the sea west to the sea east.

Over one hundred scriptures need to be evaluated.

Step #2

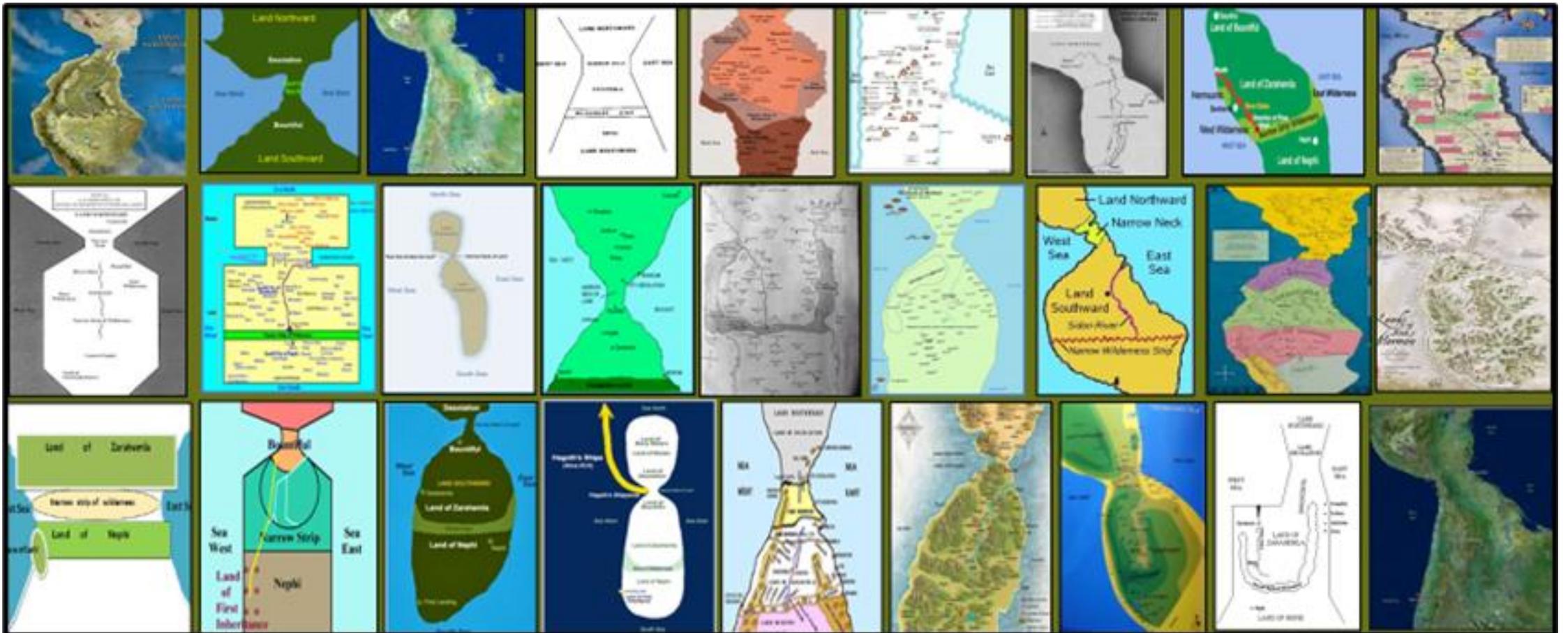
Evaluate the research that has been conducted that focused on the basic features of the Book of Mormon. Over thirty hypothetical maps have been created and they have all been similar to an upright hourglass. Possibly the only feature of the Book of Mormon geography that has reached a consensus.

See next slide.

Step #3

Adjust the consensus hypothetical map to conform to the Book of Mormon scriptures. The fact that all thirty hypothetical map required the ocean seas to be a part of the Narrow Neck of the land could be a problem. After all, Lehi's home country called their lakes, seas. And the word lake, as it pertains to water, does show up in Book of Mormon scripture.

The only known consensus that has been reached is the basic outline of a Book of a Mormon Map



Not Compatible



The New and Improved Hypothetical Map

New adjustments include:

- 1. Adding the sea north and the sea south**
- 2. Eliminate the need for the narrow neck to be associated with ocean seas**

The 900 Km distance is similar to Sorenson's model



Compatible

Pasion
River
Model



Remarkable correlations between the BYU Map and the Pasion River Model

SEA WEST

SEA

BYU Map

Pasion River Model

Cumorah

Moron

Land of Desolation

Narrow Neck

Land of Bountiful

Coastal Cities

Zarahemla

Manti

Head of Sidon

Narrow Strip of Wilderness

Land of Nephi

