

The Nephites knew their directions

The ancient Maya and the peoples of the Book of Mormon understood cardinal Directions because:

1. The Nephites had a compass
2. The construction of the Maya were generally laid out according to Cardinal Directions
3. The sun comes up in the east and goes down in the west.

Mayan directional map

The four cardinal directions provided the fundamental grid for both the Maya communities and the surface of the earth.

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*Alma 37:38 And now, my son, I have somewhat to say concerning the thing which our fathers call a ball, or director—or our fathers called it Liahona, which is, being interpreted, a **compass**; and the Lord prepared it.*



DISTANT LAND
OF WATERS

0 150 miles
0 200 km

Mule's Path

EAST SEA

LAND
NORTHWARD

Moron

Jaredite
Landing

Cum-
onah
Desola-
tion

Bountiful

EAST SEA
BORDERS

EAST or
SOUTH
WILDERNESS

LAND
SOUTHWARD

Zarahemla

Nephi

First
Inheritance

WEST SEA



**PLAUSIBLE LOCATIONS
IN MESOAMERICA FOR
BOOK OF MORMON PLACES**



Reasons why the Isthmus of Tehuantepec models are invalid

- The land northward should north of the land southward
- There must be a sea to the north, to the west, to east and to the south.
- The sea to the north cannot be the east sea
- The distance between the two seas is way to long
- The narrow neck is not oriented east and west
- It does not have a narrow passage way
- There is no evidence of a sizable fortification in the narrow neck
- The length of the NNL way to long
- The area in and around Teotihuacan was very hostile at the time the Nephites were moving to the land northward. There is no mention of this problem in the Book of Mormon.
- Why would the Nephites migrate northward into a very hostile situation. Spear Thrower Owl appears to