Chetumal Bay
First Landing
Jaredites

Place of “First Landing”

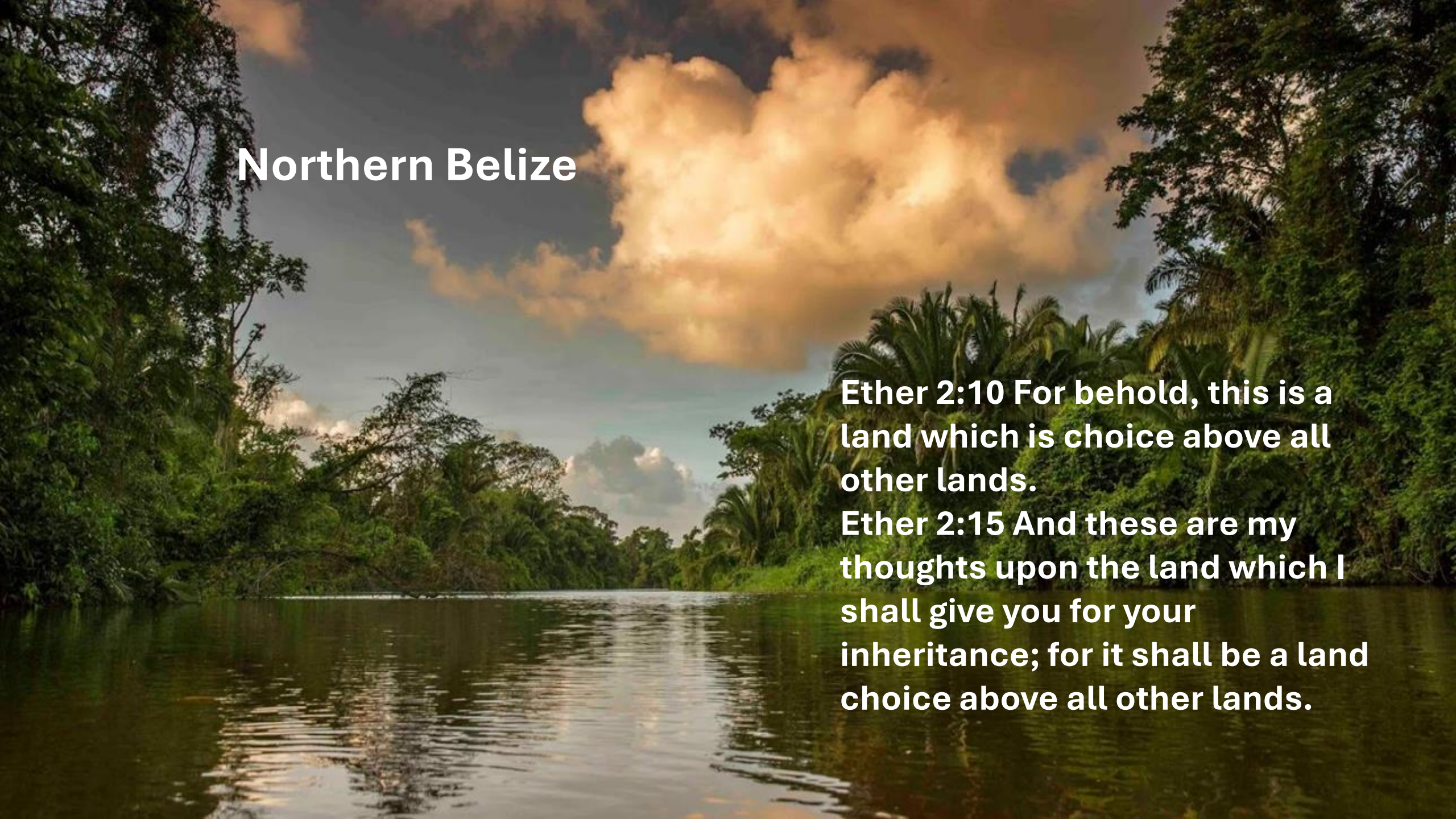
After arriving in Chetumal Bay, they settled along Hondo and New rivers on numerus Early Formative settlements that match the Tower of Babel time frame. These sites are the only settlements in Mesoamerica that meets the time frame of the Jaredite arrival.

*Alma 22:30 And it bordered upon the land which they called Desolation, it being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled and been destroyed, of whose bones we have spoken, which was discovered by the people of Zarahemla, it being the place of their **first landing**.*

The late Archaic timeframe is a perfect match for the new Jaredite settlers.

During the late Archaic, these lowland regions were inhabited by people who took full advantage of the rich natural biodiversity but also grew domesticates before becoming fully sedentary. Through time, they developed diverse management strategies to produce food, from the forest management system (which includes swidden agriculture), to larger scale land modifications such as terraces, and continued to rely on semidomesticated and wild plant resources. Although lowland populations came to eventually rely on maize as a staple, other resources such as root crops and fruit trees were also cultivated, encouraged, and consumed. Archaeological and genetic evidence indicates that domesticates including maize (*Zea mays*) and squash (*Curcurbita* sp.) were cultivated by Archaic hunter-gatherers as part of their mixed foraging/farming economies beginning around 3500 BC (Piperno and Smith 2012; Pohl et al. 1996).

The picture reflects the conditions that existed Archaically in the Pulislver Swamp, a few miles form where the “first landing” took place. A place just southwest of Chetumal Bay the proposed landing location of the Jaredites


Northern Belize
Ether 2:10 For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands.
Ether 2:15 And these are my thoughts upon the land which I shall give you for your inheritance; for it shall be a land choice above all other lands.

A Choice Land, Choice Above All Others

Ether 9:20 And thus the Lord did pour out his blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands.

Ether 10:28 And never could be a people more blessed than were they, and more prospered by the hand of the Lord. And they were in a land that was choice above all lands, for the Lord had spoken it.

Ether 2:12 Behold, this is a choice land.

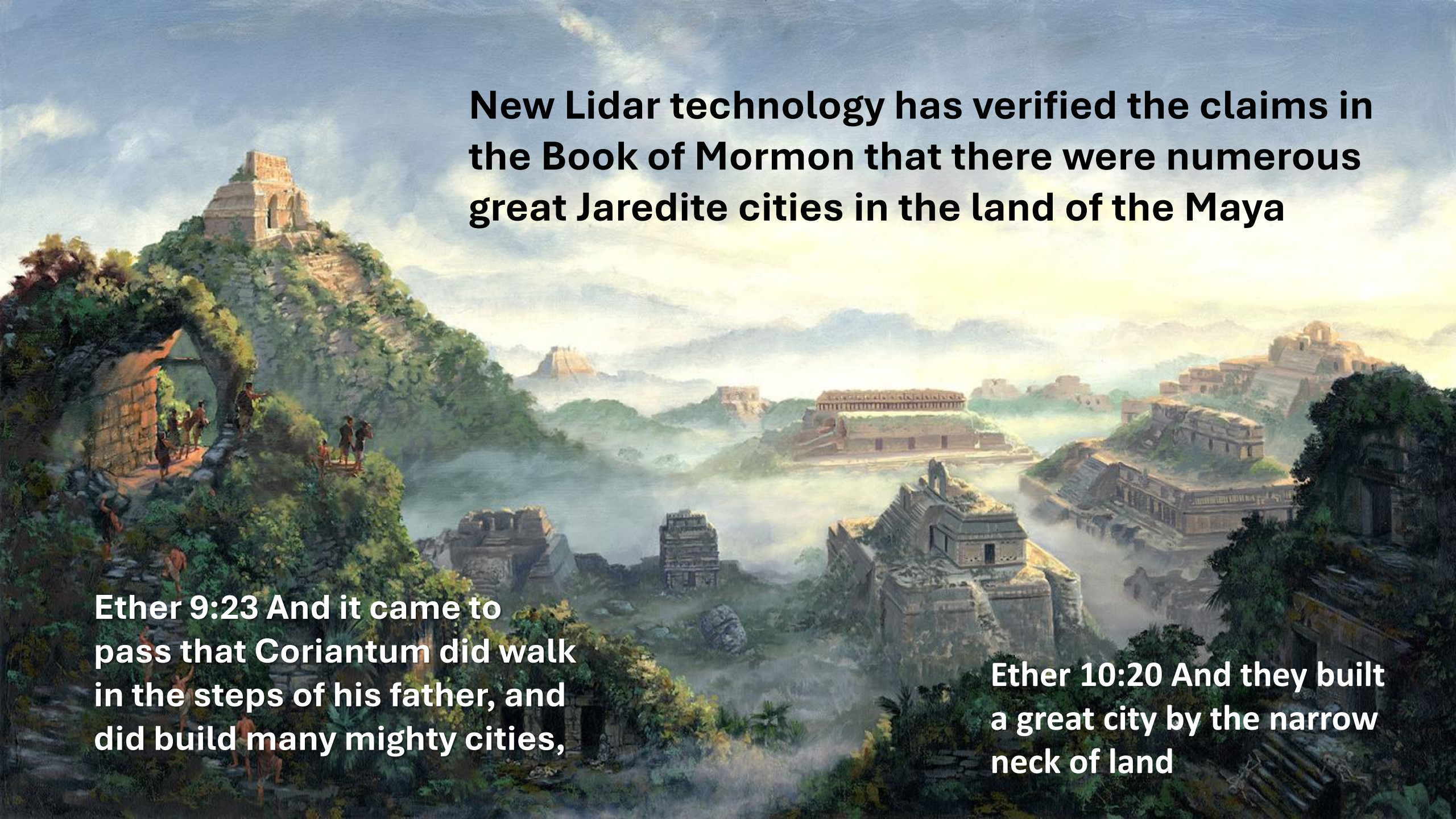
Ether 9:17 Having all manner of fruit, and of grain, and of silks, and of fine linen, and of gold, and of silver, and of precious things;

Ether 6:12 And they did land upon the shore of the promised land. And when they had set their feet upon the shores of the promised land they bowed themselves down upon the face of the land, and did humble themselves before the Lord, and did shed tears of joy before the Lord, because of the multitude of his tender mercies over them.

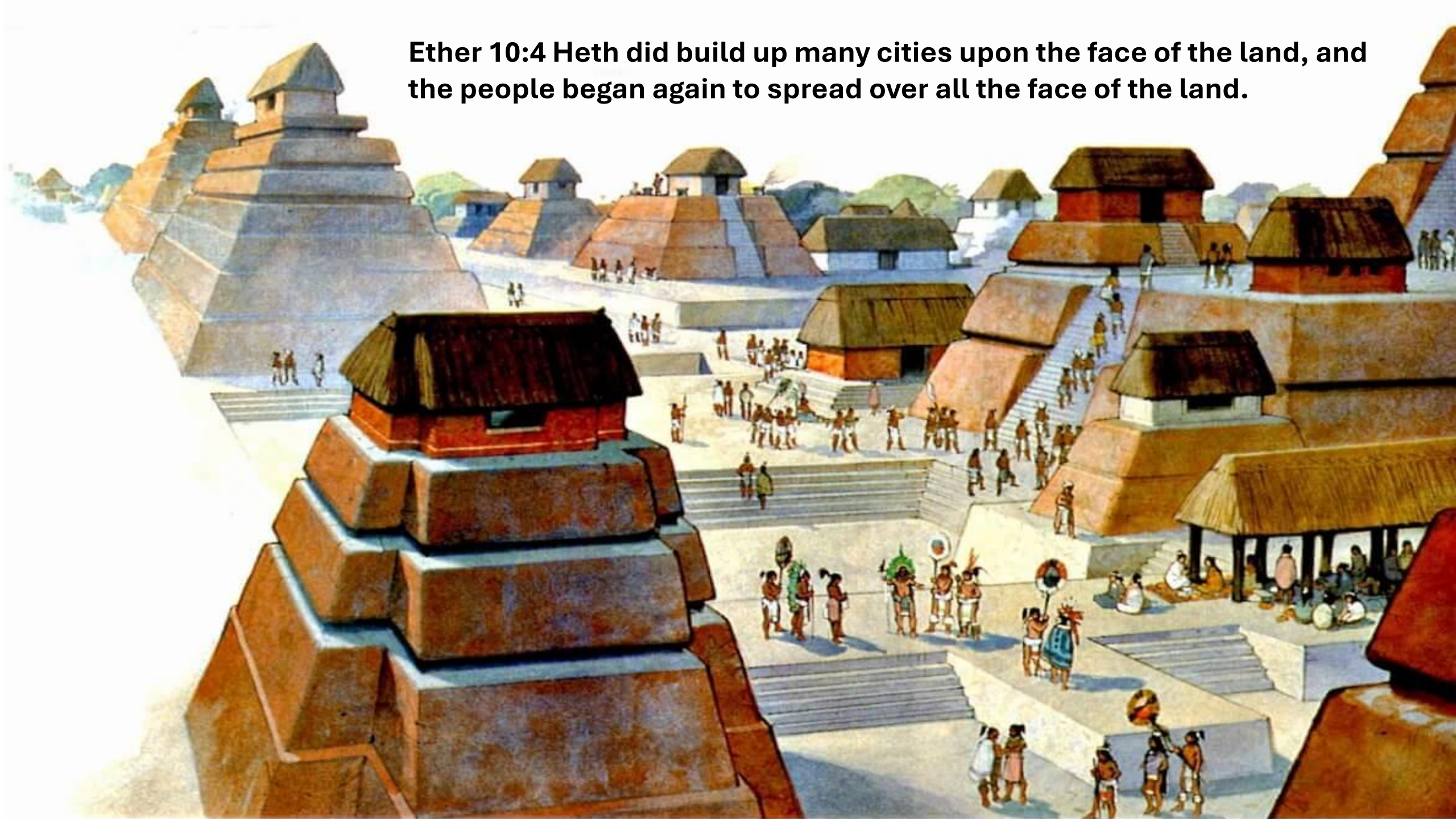
Ether 6:13 And it came to pass that they went forth upon the face of the land and began to till the earth.

Ether 6:18 And it came to pass that they began to spread upon the face of the land,

There Were Many Great Cities in Lands of the Jaredites


New Lidar technology has verified the claims in the Book of Mormon that there were numerous great Jaredite cities in the land of the Maya
Ether 9:23 And it came to pass that Coriantum did walk in the steps of his father, and did build many mighty cities,
Ether 10:20 And they built a great city by the narrow neck of land

Ether 10:4 Heth did build up many cities upon the face of the land, and the people began again to spread over all the face of the land.



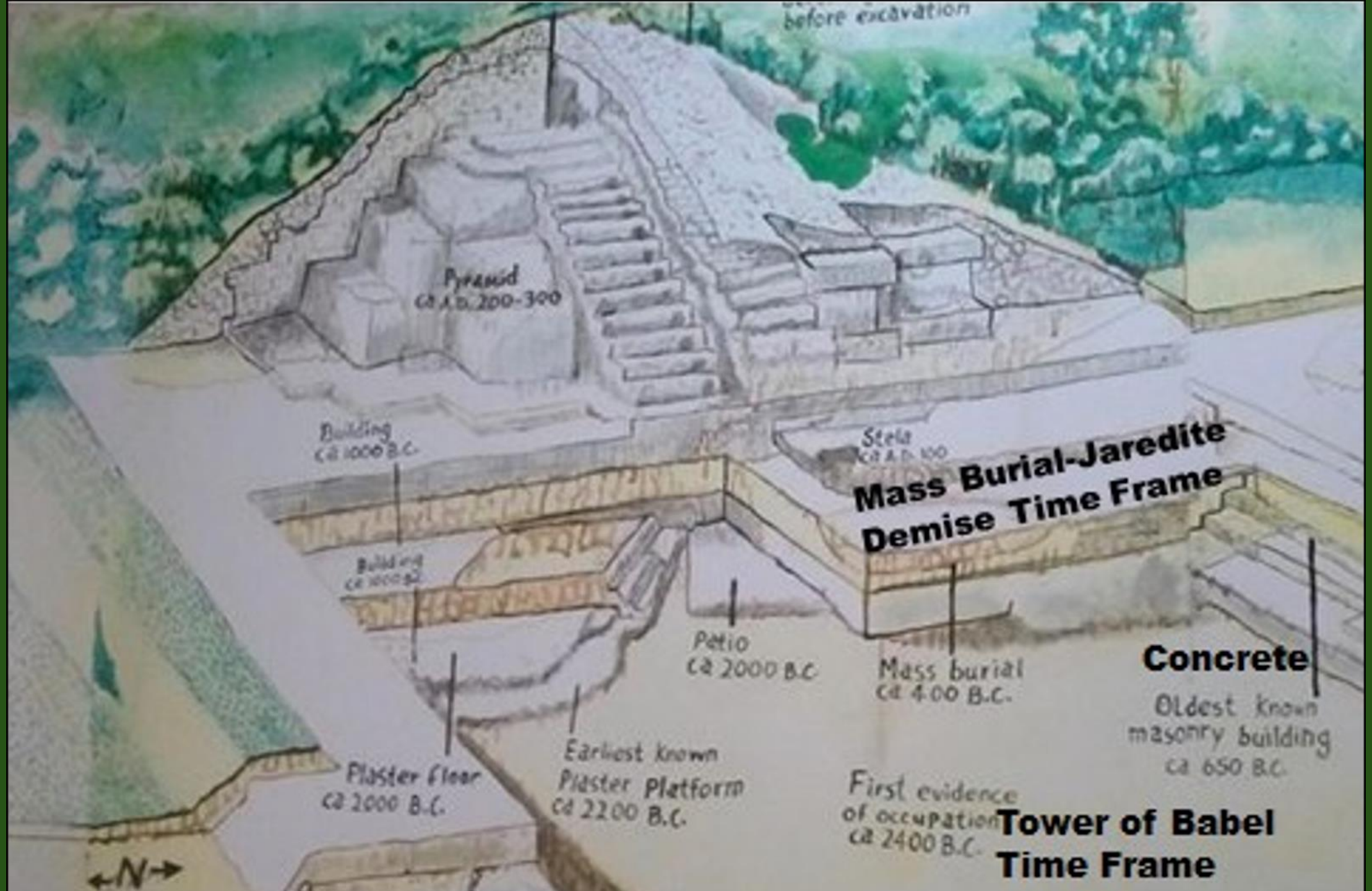
Evidence that Olmecs Assimilated into the Maya Culture in a big way

The Olmec assimilated into the Maya culture in a major way and this claim is borne out by thefollowing information:
Several of the major sites in Belize has strong evidence that at one time the Olmec were a major part of the Maya society. Some of these sites are Cerros, Alton Ha, Lamani and others.

There is clear evidence that they were involved in some outlying areas such as Balancan, Ceibal, the Salama area, Aguada Fenix, southern Mexico and northern Yucatan. There is evidence that they had influence in the Mirador Basin as well as the areas in southern Yucatan.

Extensive evidence along the Pacific coast of Guatemala and Honduras.

There is no doubt about there was extensive assimilation into the Maya-Jaredite culture, so it stands to reason that they had to be involved in the final Jaredite war. This is especially true when the demise of La Venta matches up perfectly with the timing of the final Jaredite war. The only question remaining is what role they played. Is it possible that Shiz, the leader of the opposing army, was possibly


before excavation
Pyramid
ca A.D. 200-300
Building
ca 1000 B.C.
Building
ca 1000 B.C.
Stela
ca A.D. 100
Mass Burial-Jaredite
Demise Time Frame
Patio
ca 2000 B.C.
Mass burial
ca 400 B.C.
Concrete
Oldest known
masonry building
ca 650 B.C.
Plaster floor
ca 2000 B.C.
Earliest known
Plaster Platform
ca 2200 B.C.
First evidence
of occupation
ca 2400 B.C.
Tower of Babel
Time Frame
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