

This map imagines what the land of Zarahemla may have looked like before the destructions and the dramatic changes that took place at the death of Jesus Christ in A.D. 34. Perhaps there may have been places where the Mississippi and Illinois river were lower and deeper, forming lakes or "seas."

These features could have changed over time through various "New Madrid" earthquakes that have occurred since that time rendering the geography as described in the Book of Mormon as unrecognizable today.

"And the city of Moroni did sink into the depths of the sea, and the inhabitants thereof were drowned. And **the earth was carried up** upon the city of Moroni'ah, that in the place of the city there **became a great mountain**.

And there was a great and terrible destruction in the land southward. But behold, there was a more great and terrible destruction in the land northward; for behold, **the whole face of the land was changed**, because of the tempest and the whirlwinds, and the thunderings and the lightnings, and the exceedingly great quaking of the whole earth;

And the highways were broken up, and the level roads were spoiled, and many smooth places became rough. And **many great and notable cities were sunk**, and many were burned, and many were shaken till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth, and the inhabitants thereof were slain, and the places were left desolate. [...]

And thus **the face of the whole earth became deformed**, because of the tempests, and the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the quaking of the earth. And behold, the rocks were rent in twain; they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth, insomuch that they were found in broken fragments, and in seams and in cracks, upon all the face of the land."

3 Nephi 8:9-14, 17-18

