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 Mississipi 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 occured 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 Moronihah, 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

Jaredite Lands

Mulekites first landing

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Sea that divides the land (Sea North?)

The Land Northward

Moron

Ether 7:6

Desolation

The "line" Bountiful and the land Desolation (Approx. 25 miles)

it was only the distance of a day and a half's journey for a Nephite - Alma 22:32

And there they did fortify against the Lamanites, from the west sea even unto the east it being a day's journey for a Nephite on the "line" which they had fortified and stationed their armies to defend their north country - Helaman 4:7

Cumorah

Mormon 6:2, 6:6, Ether 9:3

By a Seashore

The Land of Cumorah

Alma 63

Hill Shim

Mormon 4:23, Ether 9:3

Crossing?

Noah

Alma 49:5-6, 15

Ammonihah

Alma 49:2, 16:2

City of Bountiful

Small/Narrow Neck of Land, or Narrow Pass

Alma 63:5, 22:33, 50:34, 52:9

The Land Southward

Land of Bountiful / North Country

Alma 22:31 - Land southward called "Bountiful",a wilderness (forest) "filled with all manner of wild animals of every kind"

3 Nephi 3:23, Helaman 5:16, Mormon 1:6 - Land between the land Bountiful and the land Zarahemla.

Helaman 4:7 - Land above line of fortification called "north country"

Helaman 4:5-6 - Lamanites obtain possession of the land of Zarahemla; yea, and also all the lands, even unto the land which was near the land Bountiful.

Ether 9:31 - Land southward called Zarahemla

Helaman 11:20, Helaman 4:8, Mormon 3:5, Alma 27:22, Alma 53:3

Alma traveled 3 days to Ammonihah from Melek

Alma 8:6

And it came to pass that Moroni caused that his armies should go forth into the east wilderness; yea, and they went forth and drove all the Lamanites who were in the east wilderness into their own lands, which were south of the land of Zarahemla.

Alma 50:7

Desolation

Mormon 3:5,7

Teancum

Mormon 4:3

Sea West

Hermounts Wilderness

Alma 3:4

East Wilderness

Alma 22:27, 43:22, North of Nephite lands

Mulek

Alma 51:26, 52:22,26

Land of Melek

Alma 6:10, 16:10

Gid

Hill Onidah

Alma 31:4

Omner

Morianton

Alma 10:20,26

Land of Jershon

Alma 27:22, 35:13

Lehi

Alma 58:15

Potential Crossing

Land of Zarahemla

Alma 22:27

Zarahemla

Alma 22:2,28

Hill Amnihu

Alma 2:15

Valley/Land of Gideon

Gideon

Alma 6:7

Waters of Sidon

Alma 43:22

Aaron

Sea East

Land of Nephihah

Nephihah

Alma 22:14, 23:12, 58:15, 59:5

Land of Antionum (Zoramites)

Alma 3:1,3,4, 35:10, 43:3,5,13,22

Approximate size of the Sea of Galilee for comparison of what was considered a "sea" anciently.

~ 230 miles

WILDERNESS: In the United States, it is applied only to a forest. In Scripture, it is applied frequently to the deserts of Arabia. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness forty years.

Below is a map of the actual size of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah compared to this speculative map of Book of Mormon lands. Note the sizes of the of the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea compared to the Navuoo area. Note that these bodies of water are considred "seas" even though the Sea of Galilee is only 13 miles long and 8 miles wide.

"...and thus the land of Nephi and the land of Zarahemla were nearly surrounded by water..."

Alma 32:22

Land of Moroni

Moroni

Alma 50:15

there were many Lamanites on the east by the seashore, whither the Nephites had driven them

Alma 22:29

Wilderness South

Alma 3:13

Antiparah

Alma 56:14, 36

Line of Fortification

And thus he cut off all the strongholds of the Lamanites in the east wilderness, yea, and also on the west, fortifying the line between the Nephites and the Lamanites, between the land of Zarahemla and the land of Nephi, from the west sea, running by the head of the river Sidon, that the Nephites possessing all the land northward, yea, even all the land of Nephi—it was northward of the land Bountiful, even unto the land Desolation.

Alma 50:1

Cumeni

Crossing?

Zeezrom

Land of Manti

Now, the more idle part of the Lamanites lived in the wilderness, and dwelt in tents; and they were spread through the wilderness on the west, in the land of Nephi; yea, and also on the west of the land of Zarahemla, in the borders by the seashore, and on the west in the land of Nephi, in the place of their fathers' first inheritance, and thus bordering along by the seashore.

Alma 22:28

The reason for this line of fortification is possibly because there were areas that the Sidon river could be crossed along this border.

Alma 52:19 - Moroni—who had established armies to protect the south and the west borders of the land

Judea

Alma 56:31

West Valley

Alma 43:22,32

Crossing?

Crossing?

Manti

Alma 22:27, 43:22, 52:15, 58:8

Crossing?

Head of Sidon

Land of First Inheritance

By a Seashore

Sidon flowed beyond borders of land of Nephi

Alma 16:6

Hill Riplah

Alma 43:26

Wilderness South

Alma 16:7

Sea South

Modern State of Illinois

