

Archeological Evidence of the Fortified Cities by the East Sea

This evidence is based on the Six Sea Model

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I will be using the Hopewell mound fortifications found in New York State and Pennsylvania for archeological evidence for the fortifications described in Alma Chapter 50 and refortified in Alma Chapter 52. E.G Squier and Charles Whitney described these fortifications before many of the sites were destroyed by farmers and settlers in the 18th and 19th century. First is a visual description of as described in the Book of Mormon and a comparison between Charles Whitney and E.G Squiers descriptions.

Moroni needs to prepare the Nephite territories from consistent attacks by the Lamanites. One area in particular needs particular attention that would be the east wilderness. Through the Niagra isthmus the Lamanites would have access to the Land Northward Bountiful and Jershon. Moroni (Alma Chapter 50) clears out the Lamanites from the east wilderness and has the Nephites occupy the land and build fortifications. Moroni (Alma Chapter 52) refortifies the area from attack.

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7 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**.

9 And it came to pass that when Moroni had driven all the **Lamanites out of the east wilderness**, which was north of the lands of their own possessions, he caused that the inhabitants who were in the **land of Zarahemla and in the land round about should go**

forth into the east wilderness, even to the borders by the seashore, and possess the land.

10 And he also placed armies on the south, in the borders of their possessions, and caused them to erect fortifications that they might secure their armies and their people from the hands of their enemies.

Alma 52

9 And he also sent orders unto him that he should fortify the **land Bountiful**, and secure the **narrow pass** which led **into the land**

northward, lest the Lamanites should obtain that point and should have power to harass them on every side.

These are the descriptions of the fortifications that the Nephites built

Concerning this line of fortifications Charles Whittlesey said: That they formed a well occupied line, constructed either to protect the advance of a nation landing from the lake (Lake Erie) and moving southward for conquest; or, a line of resistance for a people inhabiting these shores and pressed upon by their southern neighbors. (Quoted in R. Silverberg, Mound Builders of Ancient America, p. 116.)

E.G Sqier stated: System of Defenses extending from the sources of the Allegheny and Susquehanna in New York, diagonally across the country, through central and northern Ohio, to the Wabash. (Ancient Monuments, p. 44.)

Charles second description for the reasoning behind these fortifications matches the reasoning for Moroni to build these fortifications. The Lamanites attacked from the areas south of these fortifications or the lower part of New York state. Moroni secured the land northward and a second entry in the land Bountiful.

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