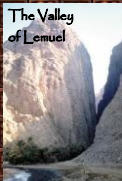
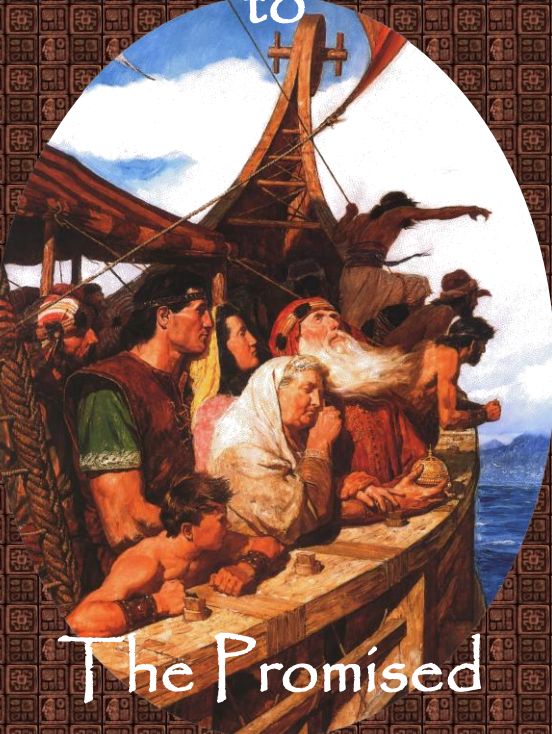


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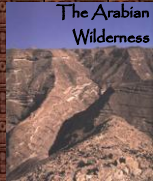
# The Promised Land of the Book of Mormon



The Valley of Lemuel



Shore of Wadi Sadq



The Arabian Wilderness



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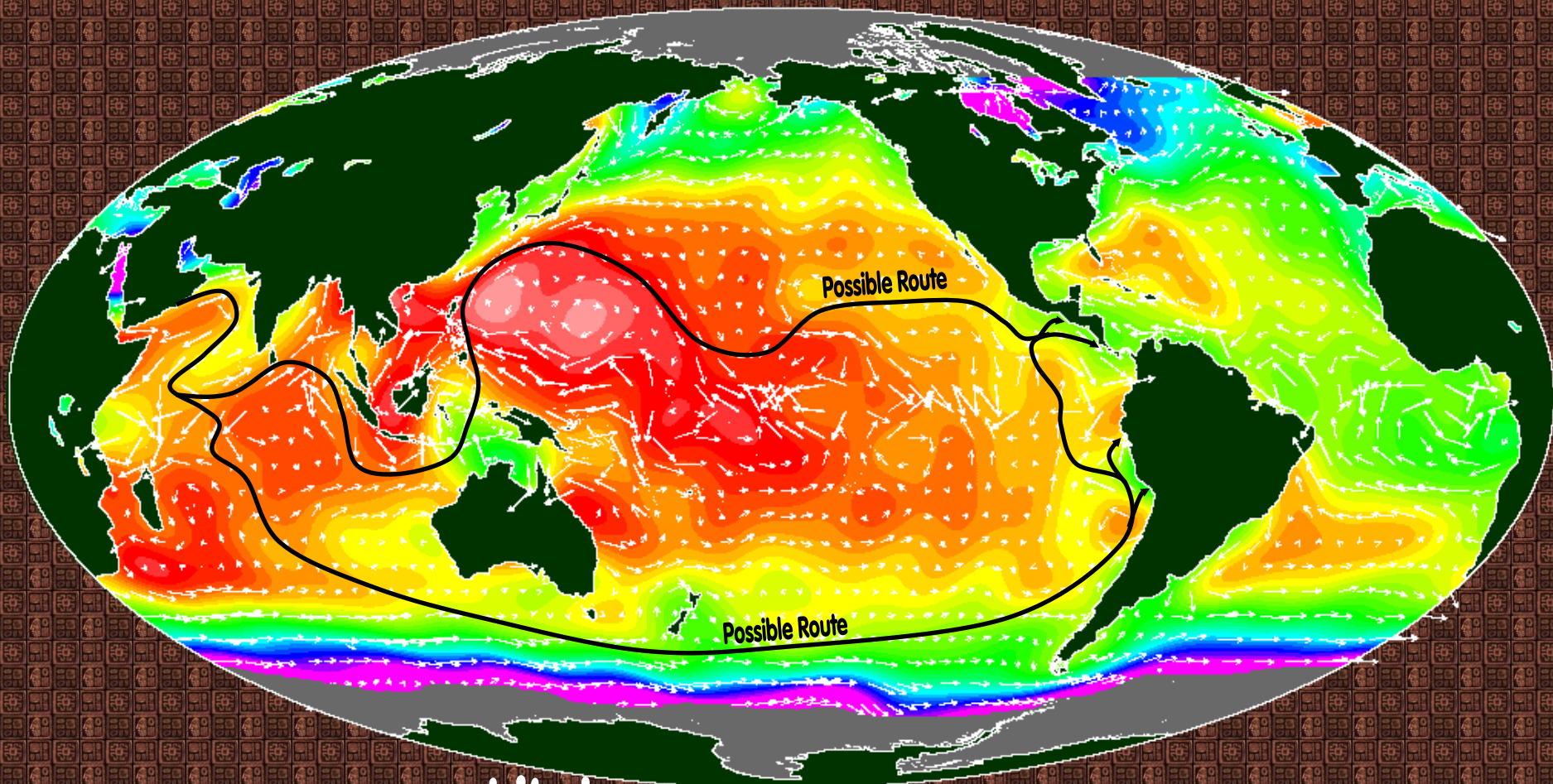
# Lehi's Journey to Bountiful



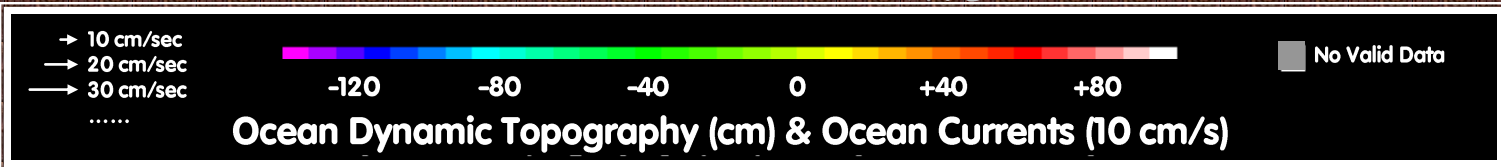
Lehi journeyed on what is thought to be the ancient Frankincense trail. His journey was about 1,426 miles in length and would have taken 57+ continuous days on a Camel (or 129+ on foot) to complete.

- 1 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 2:5 - The distance from Jerusalem to the shores of the Red Sea (modern day Aqaba) is about 180 miles. On foot (traveling 11 miles/day) that would be a journey of about 16 days. On Camel (traveling 25 miles/day) that would be about 7+ days.
- 2 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 2:6 - The family continues their journey for three days past Aqaba. On camels, that would be about 75 miles. A valley and river are found where the set camp. The only location fitting this description between Aqaba and a 100+ miles is a place called Al Beda, which lies 76 miles from Aqaba. This suggests the family traveled via camel. We do not know how long the family stayed here, but while they were here they made two trips back to Jerusalem, had the vision of the tree of life, Jerusalem's fall, the great and abominable church, the Messiah's birth, and the sons all marry. It is probable that they were here for some time, perhaps years.
- 3 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 16:13 - They travel approx. 4 days, or 100 miles by Camel.
- 4 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 16:14-15 - The Family travels an approx. 280 miles or 11+ days on a Camel. They pitched their tents and began to hunt for food. It was here that Nephi breaks his bow.
- 5 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 16:33-34 - Ishmael dies and is buried in near by NHM or Nahum. This occurs after approx. 230 miles or 9+ days of travel.
- 6 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 17:1 - It has taken 8 years since they first left Jerusalem to get here. From Nahom it was about 560 miles or 22+ days on a camel (remember a Hebrew would never travel on the Sabbath so the number of days would have actually been longer). They arrived in a place they called 'Bountiful'. We learn, that along the way, they had children and endured great hardships. They arrived in the year 588 BCE





## Lehi's Journey to the America's



They were brought forth from the land of Jerusalem in the first year of Zedekiah, King of Judah, six hundred years before the birth of our Lord and Savior. By revelation from the Lord they traveled south-west from the city of Jerusalem, and after reaching the Red Sea they continued along its eastern border and afterwards bent their course eastward, arriving at the Indian Ocean. There they were commanded by the Almighty to build a vessel, the pattern of which was given to them by revelation, building it as Noah built the Ark under the direction of the Almighty. On board this vessel they embarked, and were guided by the Almighty across the great Indian Ocean. Passing among the islands, how far south of Japan I do not know, they came round our globe, crossing not only the Indian Ocean, but what we term, the great Pacific Ocean, landing on the western coast of what is now called South America. As near as we can judge from the description of the country contained in this record the first landing place was in Chili, not far from where the city of Valparaiso now stands. (Orson Pratt, Journal of Discourses 14:325)