**The Mawdjakahmen**

**JUST AS IF WE HAD BEEN THERE**

**(Book #1 in the Series)**

**A Fictional Adventure Story based on the Book of Mormon**

**Written by Ron Taylor**

**Approx. 161 pages (5”x8” format) – 21,577 words**

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| Year modern; 2017 (springtime)  | Year Ancient: Spring - 63 B.C. 29th year of the reign of Judges. Helaman’s army formed in 66 B.C. 3 years earlier.In 65 B.C. the army is at the City of Judea with Commander Antipus.Battle north of Antiparah takes place in 64 B.C. The army returns to the City of Judea in 63 B.C. |
| Characters: | Age | Birthday | Height | Description  |
| Isaac | 15 | May 10, 2003 | 5’ 11” | Thin 140 lbs. |
| Fernando | 13 | Feb. 2, 2004  | 5’ 4” | Husky, Isaac’s younger brother |
| Gabriela |  8 | Nov. 18, 2008  |  | Isaac and Fernando’s younger sister |
| Their Father |  |  |  |  |
| Bishop Vicente |  |  |  | Bishop of the Spanish Ward |
| Brother Castillo |  |  |  | Ward member |
| Older, Mystery Man(Nephite Disciple) |  |  |  | Tall, beautiful light brown eyes with specks of gold and green |
| Alex | 16 | Oct. 30, | 5’ 9” | 150 lbs. of muscle |
| Alena |  |  |  | Alex’s mother |
| Rey  | 14 | Aug. 12, |  | 120 lbs., husky |
| Mariah |  |  |  | Rey’s mother |
| Rey’s Father |  |  |  |  |
| Daniel | 17 | Dec. 15, | 5’ 11” | 170 lbs. |
| Helaman |  |  |  | Leader of the Western Nephite armies |
| Nabal | 50ish |  |  | A Kingman, short and fat |
| Korhimni | 40ish |  |  | Nabal’s servant, tall and thin |
| Gang member #1 |  |  |  | Modern bad guy |
| Gang member #2 |  |  |  | Modern bad guy |
| Gang member #3 |  |  |  | Modern bad guy |
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| Glossary:* **Liahona:** T**he Liahona is a brass ball that operated as a type of compass with two spindles. One of the spindles was said to point the direction Lehi and his party should travel after their escape from Jerusalem. The Book of Mormon states that the Liahona also contained periodic written instructions from God. According to some sources the Liahona was among the Book of Mormon artifacts Joseph Smith said were found with the gold plates.**
* **Mawdjakahmen**, or Mawdja device: A fictional, handheld object resembling an old western revolver without the cylinder or barrel. It has a pistol grip, a trigger guard, a hammer (button) and a round ‘Liahona-like’ ball where the cylinder would be on a revolver. It is engraved with strange markings. It has no trigger, barrel or cylinder. The ball has a wire that extends and retracts into it with a small end piece which attaches to any object simply by touch – kind of like a magnet but works on all materials. Algonquin words combined to form: *Mawdjakahmen* = To Leave/Beyond on the other side
* Metal Engraved Wristbands: Fictional, translator devices, connecting to a person’s nerve system to control your facial muscles so you can speak the language and what your brain hears and understands.
* Longhouse: Algonquin Native American dwellings – ranging in size from 12’ x 20’ to 20’ x 200’ housing multiple families usually closely related.
* Wigwam: Round Algonquin dwelling

Interesting notes: Nabal spelled backwards is Laban, from whom Nephi obtained the brass plates.Daniel was injured in the battle at Antiparah in 64 BC, one year prior.Locations: Modern: * West Point, Utah & Ogden, Utah.

Ancient: * Alex and Rey’s Village – no name is given for the village, but it is about 30 miles northwest of the City of Judea and 30 miles west of the City of Minon. Their village would be located near where the modern city of Shelbyville, Missouri is today. The Ammonite army is camped about 10 miles east of their village in a valley off the road to Minon. The rest of the Nephite western army is camped near the City of Judea.
* Zarahemla – The City of Zarahemla is located across the Mississippi River (river Sidon) from present day Nauvoo, Illinois. It would be located near the modern day, Montrose, Iowa.

Note: Ancient locations are the author’s choice based on the “Heartland Model” of Book of Mormon Lands. They are used only as a convenience to facilitate the story. |

**The Mawdjakahmen**

**JUST AS IF WE HAD BEEN THERE, AGAIN**

**(Book #2 in the series)**

**A Fictional Story based on the Book of Mormon**

**Written by Ron Taylor**

**277 pages (5”x8” format) – 35,960 words**

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| Year modern; 2018 - (Fall)1.5 years after book #1  | Year Ancient: Fall - 62 B.C. 30th year of the reign of Judges |
| Characters: | Age | Birthday | Height | Description  |
| Isaac | 17 | May 10, 2003 | 5’ 11” | Thin 140 lbs. – Senior in High School |
| Fernando | 14 | Feb. 2, 2004  | 5’ 4” | Husky, Isaac’s younger brother – 9th grader  |
| Gabriela | 10 | Nov. 18, 2008  |  | Isaac and Fernando’s younger sister |
| Their Father |  |  | 5’ 10” |  |
| Alicia |  |  |  | Junior in high school, petite, blue-green eyes |
| Science Teacher |  |  |  |  |
| Music Teacher |  |  |  |  |
| Principal |  |  |  |  |
| DeMal (bully #1) |  |  |  | De mal = the bad in Spanish |
| Malick (bully #2) |  |  |  | Mal = bad in Spanish |
| Jace (bully #3) |  |  |  |  |
| Josh (boy at school) |  |  |  | Sophomore in High School |
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| Nurse in hospital room |  |  |  |  |
| Nurse at nurse’s station |  |  |  |  |
| Policeman Ayerton |  |  |  |  |
| Detective Stephens  |  |  |  |  |
| Detective Hastiin = *Navajo for ‘Navajo Man’* |  |  |  |  |
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| Nephite Disciple |  |  | 6’ 2” | A tall, Nephite of Lamanite descent. He has beautiful light brown eyes with sparkling flecks of gold and green |
| Alex | 18 | Oct. 30,  | 5’ 9” | 150 lbs Muscle – Helaman’s Chief Scout – Ammonite stripling warrior |
| Alena | 34 |  |  | Alex’s mother - Ammonite |
| Rey  | 16.5  | Aug. 12,  | 5’ 5’’ | 120 lbs Husky – Alex’s best friend. Also a scout and Ammonite warrior |
| Mariah | 33 |  |  | Rey’s mother - Ammonite |
| Rey’s Father | 36 |  |  | Ammonite |
| Daniel | 19 | Dec. 15,  | 6’  | 170 lbs. Muscle – Helaman’s Chief Aide – Ammonite stripling warrior. |
| Helaman |  |  |  | Nephite - Commander of the western Nephite armies |
| Gid |  |  |  | Nephite - Sub commander under Helaman |
| Enos *(B of M Name)* |  |  |  | Ammonite warrior |
| Anna = *Mother*  |  |  |  | Lamanite woman, mother of Rebecca (15), Kanti (12), Kitchi (10) |
| Rebecca *(B of M Name)* |  |  |  | Anna’s 15-year-old daughter |
| Kanti = *Sings*  |  |  |  | Anna’s 12-year-old daughter |
| Kitchi = *Brave*  |  |  |  | 10-year-old son of Anna |
| Kimi = *Secret*  |  |  |  | 18-year-old, Lamanite woman – not married |
| Tihkoosue = *Short*  |  |  |  | Lamanite woman, mother of Segenam (6), Achal (5) and Alawa (2) |
| Segenam = *Lazy*  |  |  |  | 6-year-old son of Tihkoosue |
| Achal = *Spirit*  |  |  |  | 5-year-old son of Tihkoosue |
| Alawa = *Pea*  |  |  |  | 2-year-old daughter of Tihkoosue |
| Matwau = *Enemy*  |  |  |  | “Mawt-waw” Older Lamanite man |
| Ahanu = *He Laughs*  |  |  |  | Old Lamanite man, Tihkoosue’s father |
| Wematin = *Brother*  |  |  |  | Rey’s baby brother |
| Etchemin = *Holy One*  |  |  |  | Ammonite - Leader of Rey and Alex’s village |
| Shem = (B of M name) |  |  |  | Nephite - Civic leader from Village of Shem |
| Intius (made up) |  |  |  | Nephite - Civic leader from Cumeni |
| Hemnor (made up) |  |  |  | Nephite - Civic leader from Cumeni |
| Emron (made up) |  |  |  | Nephite commander of 50 |
| Loram (made up) |  |  |  | Nephite - Emron’s Aide |
| Akacheta = *Warrior* |  |  |  | Nephite commander of 50 |
| Sianti (made up) |  |  |  | Nephite - Akacheta’s Aide |
| Abish (B of M name) |  |  |  | Nephite woman - Servant to Shem |
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| Mentioned: Friend with car, Medicine Man, Friend from village, Old man by river (Shem’s village), Ammoron (Leader of the Lamanites),Side note: Some of the story characters have Algonquin Native American Names with meanings listed above, italicized.  Glossary:* **Mawdjakahmen**, or Mawdja device: A fictional, handheld object resembling an old western revolver without the cylinder or barrel. It has a pistol grip, a trigger guard, a hammer (button) and a round ‘Liahona-like’ ball where the cylinder would be on a revolver. It is engraved with strange markings. It has no trigger, barrel or cylinder. The ball has a wire that extends and retracts into it with a small end piece which attaches to any object simply by touch – kind of like a magnet but works on all materials. Algonquin words combined to form: *Mawdjakahmen* = To Leave/Beyond on the other side
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* Quonset Hut: Smaller Algonquin dwelling
* Wigwam: Smaller, round Algonquin dwelling
* River Meesoree = Missouri River (Missouri is a Sioux word for “Town of the Long Canoes”
* River Sidon = Mississippi River

Locations: * Modern times: West Point, Utah, Syracuse High School – Syracuse, Utah, Hospital in Layton, Utah
* Ancient times: City of Cumeni (near today’s Boonesville, Missouri), located along the north bank of the river Meesoree (today’s Missouri River) and the east bank of the river Cumeni (today’s Chariton River).
* The Village of Shem is located about 90 miles north of Cumeni and is also situated along the banks of the river Cumeni, (near today’s Kirksville, Missouri). The Village of Shem is located 60 miles west and a little south of Zarahemla (with three river crossings between them).
* Alex and Rey’s Village – no name is given for the village but it is about 30 miles northwest of the City of Judea and 30 miles west of the City of Minon. Their village would be located near where the modern city of Shelbyville, Missouri is today.
* The river Meesoree (Missouri River) forms the western and southern borders of the Land of Zarahemla and the southern border of the Land of Manti. The Lamanites possess the lands west and south of the river.
* The river Sidon = The Mississippi River
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**The Mawdjakahmen**

**BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN THERE**

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**201 pages (5”x8” format) - 25,206 words**

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| Year modern: Winter 2018 – Spring 2019 2 years after book #1  | Year Ancient: Winter & Spring, end of 62 B.C. 30th year of the reign of JudgesWinter of 61 B.C. 31st year. |
| Character | Age | Birthday | Height | Description  |
| Isaac | 17 | May 10, 2003 | 5’ 11” | Thin 140 lbs. |
| Fernando | 14 | Feb. 2, 2004  | 5’ 4” | Isaac’s younger brother, husky |
| Gabriela | 10 | Nov. 15, 2008  |  | Isaac and Rey’s little sister |
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| Rey’s Father | 36 |  |  | Ammonite - |
| Daniel | 19 | Dec. 15,  | 6’  | Ammonite -170 lbs. Muscle |
| Helaman |  |  |  | Nephite - Commander of the western Nephite armies |
| Captain Moroni |  |  |  | Nephite - Commander of all Nephite Armies, but directly over those east of the River Sidon (Parts of the Land of Zarahemla and all of the Land Bountiful) |
| Gid |  |  |  | Sub commander under Helaman |
| Teomner |  |  |  | Sub commander under Helaman |
| Governor and Chief Judge Pahoran (mentioned) |  |  |  | Nephite Government Leader |
| Anna = *Mother*  |  |  |  | Lamanite woman, mother of Rebecca (15), Kanti (12), Kitchi (10) |
| Kimi = *Secret* | 18 |  |  | Lamanite woman, not married |
| Rebecca (Book of Mormon Name) |  |  |  | Anna’s 15-year-old daughter |
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| Matwau = *Enemy*  |  |  |  | “Mawt-waw” Older Lamanite man |
| Nephite woman |  |  |  | At Zarahemla – makes & sells clothing |
| Melek |  |  |  | Nephite - Moroni’s chief scout |
| Etchemin = *Holy One*  |  |  |  | Ammonite - Leader of Rey and Alex’s village |
| John Tanner |  |  |  | Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo and Montrose (Iowa). |
| John Joshua Tanner |  |  |  | Son of John Tanner |

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**Longhouses:** Some Indian tribes on both the east and west coast, built longhouses out of wood logs instead of using teepees out of fur or other types of Native American homes made of other materials in olden times. Many families lived together in one longhouse. Fireplaces and fire pits ran down the middle of the longhouse for heat and for people to share as a place to cook food. Each family was assigned their own place in the longhouse along a wall, so that one side of their space was the wood of the longhouse. They separated the sides of these spaces with beautifully woven blankets. Sometimes they left one side, the side facing the middle open, and sometimes they closed that as well with blankets for privacy. Longhouses were not measured by feet. They were measured by camp fires. A longhouse might be referred to as 10 fires long, or perhaps as 12 fires long. It doesn't sound like much when you count by fires. But longhouses were really long - they could be over 200 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 25 feet high. That's huge! To get an idea of how big they were, measure the distance from floor to ceiling in your own house.You can imagine something that big took a lot of work to build. And it did. It took work and teamwork. First, they made a frame out of long poles of wood. Then, they tied young trees to the frame, trees young enough to bend and shape. Once they had the shape of the longhouse in place, they covered the house with bark. They added a few smoke holes and two doors - one at each end. The Iroquois rigged a flap on the smoke holes. When it snowed or rained, the holes could be opened and closed as needed.Later, the people might go back and add to the longhouse, making it even longer as needed. Longhouses, once built, lasted about twenty years.Many longhouses had a huge pole fence built around them for additional protection. Stairs were built on the inside of the fence, so that archers could easily climb up and defend against attack. The poles ended in long sharp points to discourage anyone from climbing over.From: *Native American Longhouses for Kids and Teachers*Interesting side notes:Nauvoo to Hill Cumorah = 871 miles.Additional information:Fernando becomes an Eagle Scout, during the last year (2019) the Church is affiliated with the Boy Scouts. (not mentioned in the book)Gabby is baptized, their father becomes the bishop of the Spanish ward (not mentioned in the book). Alex spends several years conducting rescue missions into Lamanite lands to bring back those captured and carried away by the Lamanites when they withdrew from the land of Zarahemla and Manti. He rescues over one-hundred of those captured and returns them safely to Nephite lands. He marries a young Nephite woman he rescues and returns to his village where they spend the rest of their lives together.Rey marries Rebecca in 61 BC, they go on a mission and live with the Lamanites, have 3 girls. 20 yrs. later (41 BC) finally have a son. name their son, Samuel – who becomes a great missionary sent to the Nephites at age 36. Becomes Samuel the Lamanite.Daniel and Kimi get married in 61 BC and their son (born 59 BC) will have a son (born 41 BC) will have a son (born 22 BC) who has a son (born 2 BC) is the mystery man and one of the Three Nephites and one of Christ’s Disciples at age 35. Daniel is his Great, Great Grandfather.Note: Following the Savior’s visit to the Americas there was a time when there were no ‘ites’ (no Nephites, no Lamanites, etc. Daniel’s great, great grandson was an Ammonite – member of the Church and considered a Nephite in every way. Therefore, he could be one of the three ‘Nephites’. Also, during the Zion’s Camp march the members of the party came to a large earthen mound where they found some bones (June 3, 1834 on the west bank of the Illinois River).The prophet Joseph Smith revealed that the bones were of a ***Lamanite-Nephite*** named Zelph (*a white Lamanite, a large, thick-set man, and a man of God*) who died during one of the last battles between the Lamanites and Nephites.**Locations:** D&C Section 125:3 “*Let them build a city unto my name upon the land opposite the city of Nauvoo, and let the name of Zarahemla be named upon it.”*The story makes the assumption that this city was to be built in the same location as the ancient city of Zarahemla.Modern times: * West Point, Utah,
* Syracuse High School – Syracuse, Utah,
* Hospital in Layton, Utah

Pioneer times: * Nauvoo, Illinois
* Montrose, Iowa area

Ancient times: * City of Cumeni (near today’s Boonesville, Missouri), located along the north bank of the river Meesoree (today’s Missouri River) and the east bank of the river Cumeni (today’s Chariton River) where the Chariton River flows into the Missouri River.
* The City of Manti is also located on the north bank of the Missouri River in the area of modern Kingdom City, Missouri.
* The City of Zarahemla is located near the modern city of Montrose, Iowa.
* The river Sidon is the modern Mississippi River.
* The river Meesoree (Missouri River) forms the western and southern borders of the Land of Zarahemla and the southern border of the Land of Manti. The Lamanites possess the lands west and south of the river. Meesoree River = Missouri River = (Sioux) *Town of the large canoes*
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