Ether 6-11



Jaredites Start Anew Ether 6



"Buried in the Depths of the Sea"

344 Days

Driven by the wind

Light filled the barge--continually

Air filled the barge—tight like unto a dish—like unto Noah



The Lord had responded to the brother of Jared's request and drove them safely to the promised land.



They sang praises unto the Lord all day long

"Singing such praises buoy the spirit and brings strength to the weary souls and courage to the fearful hearts."

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"Monster of the Sea—Whale"

"And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good." Genesis 1:21



No monster of the sea—no whale to mar them



"Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters."
Psalms 74:13

Read Job 21: Imagery of a Monster
The Lord points to His power in the leviathan—

"Mountain Waves"

The Jaredites had to wait for their barges to surface before they could unplug a hole and receive air.



"Shedding of Tears"

"When the heart is softened by gratitude and humility and the mind is quickened by a recognition of God's hand, the Spirit of the Lord fills the soul with joy even to tears."

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If we trust in the Lord, He will sustain us as we progress and prepare to receive eternal life

"Spiritual promptings move us on occasion to great joy, sometimes to tears.....The Holy Ghost causes our feelings to be more tender. We feel more charitable and compassionate. We are calmer. We have a greater capacity to love."

President Ezra Taft Benson



The Jaredites trusted in the Lord that He did indeed deliver them to the promised land

Populating the Land

After arriving on the land the brother of Jared, Jared, and their friends began to "multiply" and "spread upon the face of the land."

"And they were taught to walk humbly before the Lord; and they were also taught from on high."

The Gathering:

The brother of Jared –had 22 family members

Jared had 12 family members

The people desired to have a "king"

The brother of Jared began to get old



King or No King

"And now behold, this was grievous unto them. And the brother of Jared said unto them: Surely this thing leadeth into captivity."

"Suffer them that they may have a king. And therefore he said unto them: Choose ye out from among our sons a king, even whom ye will."





Kingship—a potential for abuse and wickedness—Pride

The brother of Jared realized that eventually under a monarchy they would turn from their ways of righteousness and lead their people into unrighteous practices.

Pagag

He was the first born son of the brother of Jared

He was the first choice of the people in the new promised land to be king but he declined

The people chose all Pagag's brothers to be their king but one by one they also declined

They all heeded the prophetic warning of their father against a monarchy

The sons, four of them, of Jared also declined to be the king except Orihah who ruled in righteousness



Orihah

He was the fourth son of Jared

He was anointed king, being the only one among the brothers to accept the throne, even as his father's brother, the prophet, had warned against the establishment of a monarchy

His reign was marked by his humble dedication to the Lord and his people.

He taught the people to remember the wondrous deeds the Lord had done for their ancestors, instilling a sense of gratitude and reverence within the community

He executed judgment in righteousness throughout all his days

He and the people had a long prosperous life, and his leadership brought the growth among the Jaradite nation

He had 31 children, including 23 sons and 8 daughters

His son, Kib, succeeded him on the throne



1 Samuel 8—History of Having a King

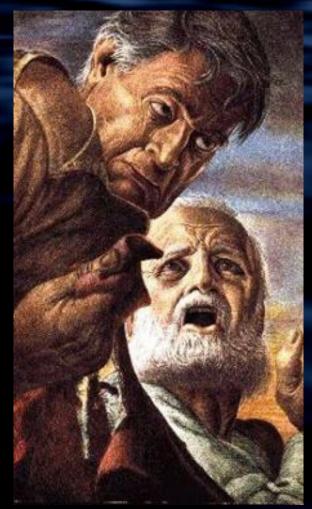
"When we come to the Book of 1 Samuel, we move from the period of the judges (Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-7) to the monarchy (1 Samuel 8.)

At Israel's insistence, they will have a king, and Saul will be the first. The ride will be short, for Israel and for Saul (40 years really isn't such a long time).

His sons will not reign after his death.

A new king, David, will reign in his place. The price for Saul is high. He loses his dynasty, his son Jonathan, and his own life. It is also high for Israel, as Samuel will clearly explain (1 Samuel 8:10-18).

If the Israelites thought that a king would give them security and uninterrupted peace, they were wrong. Under Saul's leadership, there were many terrifying moments (see 1 Samuel 13:7; 14:15)."



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What Mosiah Has to Say About Kings

"Now I say unto you, that because all men are not just it is not expedient that ye should have a king or kings to rule over you. For behold, how much iniquity doth one wicked king cause to be committed, yea, and what great destruction!"



"And behold, now I say unto you, ye cannot dethrone an iniquitous king save it be through much contention, and the shedding of much blood."





"For behold, he has his friends in iniquity, and he keepeth his guards about him; and he teareth up the laws of those who have reigned in righteousness before him; and he trampleth under his feet the commandments of God;

And he enacteth laws, and sendeth them forth among his people, yea, laws after the manner of his own wickedness; and whosoever doth not obey his laws he causeth to be destroyed; and whosoever doth rebel against him he will send his armies against them to war, and if he can he will destroy them; and thus an unrighteous king doth pervert the ways of all righteousness."

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Monsters of the Sea

"..."agon" (struggle) model, God does battle with the monsters of the sea at the beginning of the world in order to mark his sovereignty and power. Psalm 74 evokes the agon model: it opens with a lament over God's desertion of his people and their tribulations, then asks him to remember his past deeds: "You it was who smashed Sea with your might, who battered the heads of the monsters in the waters; You it was who crushed the heads of Leviathan, who left them for food for the denizens of the desert..." In this world-view the seas are primordial forces of disorder, and the work of creation is preceded by a divine combat (or "theomachy").

Creation in the "agon" model takes the following storyline:

- (1) God as the divine warrior battles the monsters of chaos, who include Sea, Death, Tannin and Leviathan;
- (2) The world of nature joins in the battle and the chaos-monsters are defeated;
- (3) God is enthroned on a divine mountain, surrounded by lesser deities;
- (4) He speaks, and nature brings forth the created world, or for the Greeks, the cosmos. This myth was taken up in later Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature and projected into the future, so that cosmic battle becomes the decisive act at the end of the world's history: thus the Book of Revelation (end of the 1st century CE) tells how, after the God's final victory over the sea-monsters, New Heavens and New Earth shall be inaugurated in a cosmos in which there will be "no more sea" (Revelation 21:1).

 Wikipedia

Leviathan — Bible Dictionary

Any great sea or land monster, such as the crocodile, either as an actual creature (Job 41:1) or as symbolic of a nation (Ps. 74:14); a large serpent (Isa. 27:1).

Dragon—Bible Dictionary

Two Hebrew words are thus rendered though they are sometimes translated whale, serpent, jackal, or sea-monster. Probably a large snake or snakelike animal.

"Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters." Psalms 74:13

Leviathan "twisted, coiled") is a sea monster referenced in the Tanakh, or the Old Testament.

The word has become synonymous with any large sea monster or creature. In literature (e.g., Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*)

it refers to great whales, and in Modern Hebrew, it simply means "whale". It is described extensively in Job 41 and mentioned in Isaiah 27:1.

Wikipedia





According to Ether, Moroni has reported that Jared's son, Orihah had ruled the Jaredite nation in righteousness, and he had many children. In his old age, Orihah had a son name Kib, and he also ruled in righteousness.



Kib had a son named Corihor. When Corihor was 32 years of age he rebelled against his father and moved over to the city Nehor taking many people with him. He also had many sons and daughters. Corihor gathered an army and went to the land of Moron (which was to be called the land of Desolation by the Nephites) and took captive his father, Kib, who was the king.





While in captivity, Shule, Kib's son, was angry with his brother Corihor. Shule became strong and went up, with others, in the mountains to Hill Ephraim and made swords. Shule and his army went to the city Nehor and gave battle and regained the city to his father, Kib. Because of this Shule reigned in his stead. Shule led the kingdom in righteousness.



Corihor repented of his sins and Shule gave him a position in his kingdom.

Both Shule and Corihor had many sons and daughters.



Corihor had a son, Noah, who rebelled against Shule and his father, Corihor and took his brother, Cohor and others and gave battle, and became king in the land where they had first landed. He also took Shule to the land Moron and held him in captivity.



As Noah was about to put Shule to death, the sons of Shule crept into the house of Noah and killed him, then they broke down the prison door and took Shule back to his own kingdom.

Noah's son, Cohor, ruled over Noah's kingdom and the country was then divided into two kingdoms: the kingdom of Shule, and the kingdom of Cohor

Ether 7:18-20

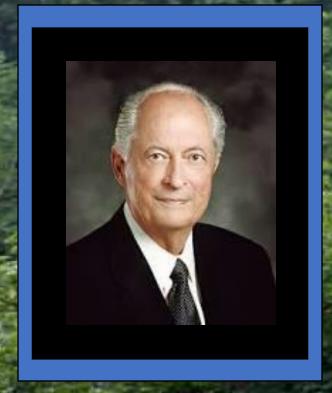


Cohor gave battle with the kingdom of Shule, who beat them and killed Cohor.

Cohor had a son named Nimrod and Nimrod gave up the kingdom of Cohor to Shule, and Nimrod was favored by Shule.



"Prophets must often warn of the consequences of violating God's laws. They do not preach that which is popular with the world. ... Why do prophets proclaim unpopular commandments and call society to repentance for rejecting, modifying, and even ignoring the commandments? The reason is very simple. Upon receiving revelation, prophets have no choice but to proclaim and reaffirm that which God has given them to tell the world."



BREAKING NEWS

Elder Robert D. Hales Reports







Shule had a son named Omer and Omer reigned in his stead. Omer had sons and daughters and had a son named Jared

Jared rebelled against his father and dwelt in the land of Heth. He flattered many people until he gained half the kingdom



Omer's sons, Esrom and Coriantumr, were angry with Jared, their brother, and gave battle to him in the night. They were about to kill Jared, but he said he would give up his kingdom to his father, Omer. Jared was 'sorrowful' because of the loss of the kingdom.



Jared's daughter devised a plan where she could redeem the kingdom to her father.

Akish was a friend of Omer's. Jared sent for Akish, and Jared's daughter danced before him and pleased him. Akish wanted her for his wife. Jared would only agree if Akish would bring him the head of his father, Omer.



Akish was introduced to the secret combinations of the 'old records' by Jared. Jared had Akish take an oath to kill Omer and regain the kingdom. Akish agreed to the plan and began a campaign of oaths among his kinsfolk based on the pattern Satan inspired Cain to use. Akish succeeded in taking back Jared's kingdom, but Omer fled. Jared gave Akish his daughter to wife. Then Akish murdered Jared on his throne.

Ether 8:15-18, 9:3-5

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Akish became jealous of his son and put him in prison and starved him to death. Nimrah, another son of Akish, was angry and gathered together a small number of men and fled out of the land and dwelt with Omer.

Akish had other sons and daughters and began to be desirous of power and money. There began to be a war among Akish's sons that lasted many years. Only 30 survived and fled to the house of Omer.



Omer anointed Emer, his son, to be king. There was peace in the land for about 62 years, they became strong and rich and prospered. The Lord did 'pour out his blessings upon this land.'

Emer anointed Coriantum and lived 4 years and died. Coriantum was righteous and built up the cities. He had no children with his first wife, but in his old age he took a young wife, and he lived 142 years, and had more children.

Ether 9:15-24



Coriantum had a son Com, and he reigned 49 years.

Com had a son, Heth and other sons and daughters. Heth began to 'embrace' the secret plans to destroy his father Com. He dethroned his father, Com, and killed him.





Poisonous serpents crawl upon earth frightening the flocks and people.

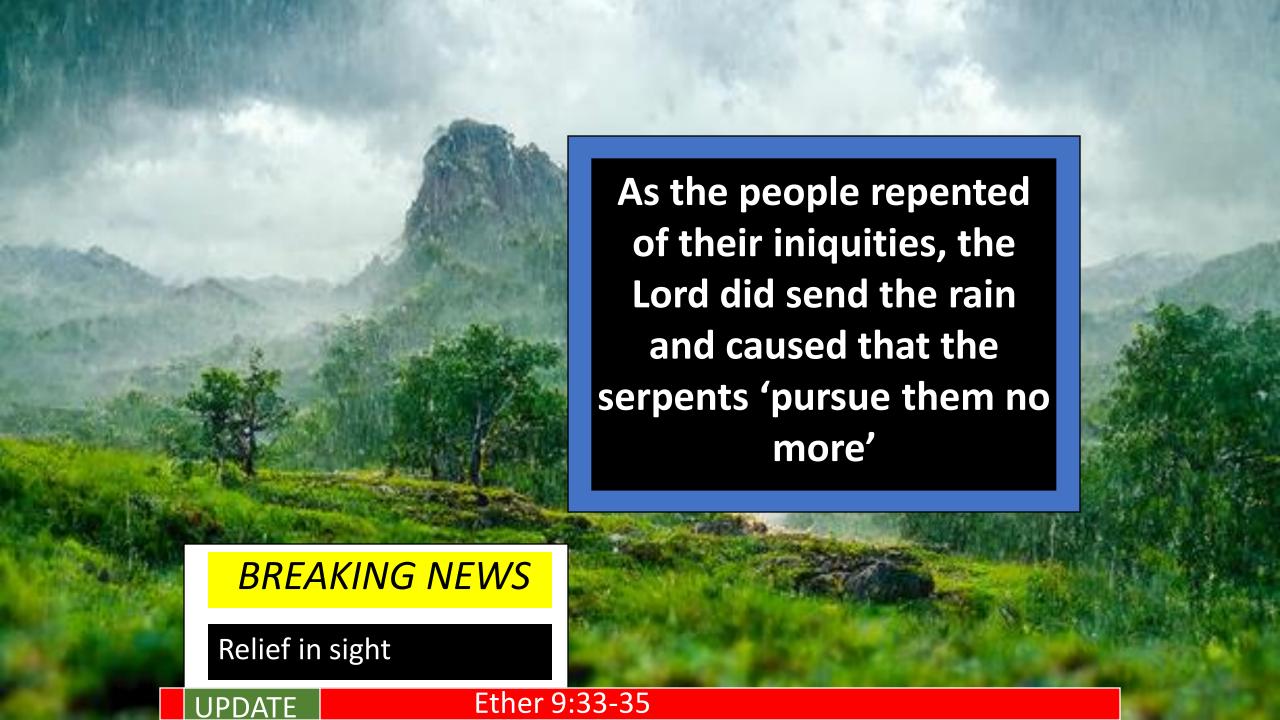
Many flee south Many perish

BREAKING NEWS

Famine and Serpents

Ether 9:30-32

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Heth died in the famine, and Shez built up the broken people. He reigned in righteousness. Shez's eldest son, Shez, rebelled against him and a robber killed the son of Shez because of his riches.

Shez had another son, Riplakish and he reign when Shez died. Riplakish ruled in unrighteousness...he had many wives and concubines and laid heavy taxes on the people. After 42 years the people rose up in rebellion against him and he was killed.

Ether 10:1-8



Morianton was a descendant of Riplakish and gathered an 'army of outcasts' and gained power in the cities.

The war lasted many years and Morianton established himself king over all the land.

He eased the burden of the people. He did do justice to the people, but his personal life was in opposition to the way the Lord would have him live so he was "cut off from the presence of the Lord" His son Kim reigned unrighteously after Morianton died.

Ether 10:9-13



Kim's brother rebelled against him and took him into captivity. When he was old Kim had many sons and daughters. He had Levi while in captivity.

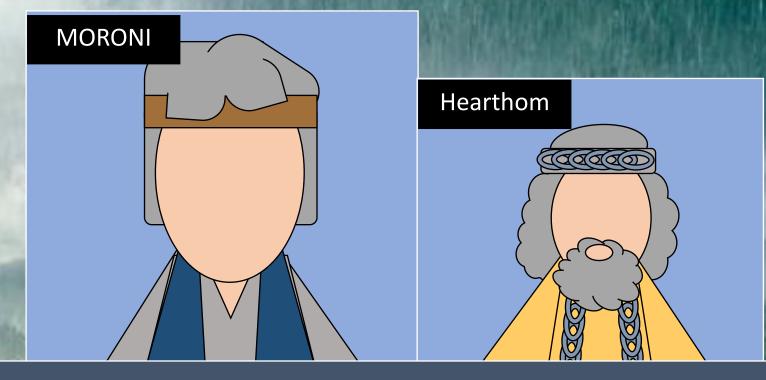
Levi served in captivity for 42 years. And then he made war with the king of the land. (Kim's brother being the king). Levi obtained the kingdom. He was righteous and the people prospered in the land.



Levi had a son, Corom and was righteous.

Corom had a son, Kish, who reigned in righteousness.

Kish had a son, Lib, who reigned in righteousness. All the poisonous serpents were destroyed. They went to the land southward to hunt for food. Lib became a great hunter. And they build a city by the narrow neck of land. The people were blessed.



Lib had many sons and daughters and then had Hearthom. Hearthom reigned 24 years and the kingdom was taken from him and he served in captivity the rest of his life.

His son, Heth also lived in captivity and he had Amnigaddah. Amnigaddah also had Coriantum, They all stayed in captivity all their lives.

Ether 10:29-31



Coriantum had a son, Com. Com drew away the half of the kingdom and began to reigned over half of the kingdom for 42 years. He gained power over Amigid (king of the Jaredites) and power over the remainder of the kingdom.

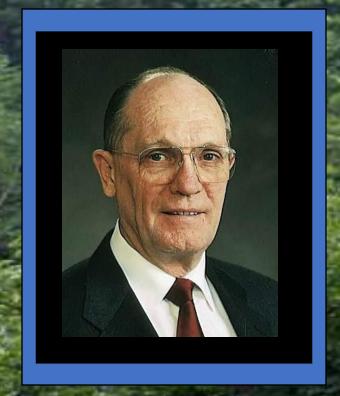
There began to be robbers in the land that brought back 'secret oaths' and sought to destroy the kingdom.

Com lost the fight against those who were rebellious.

Ether 10:32-34



"Some complain that when the prophets speak with clarity and firmness that they are taking our agency away. We are still free to choose. But we must accept the consequences of those decisions. The prophets do not take away our agency. They simply warn us of what the consequences of our choices will be. How foolish to fault the prophets for their warnings."



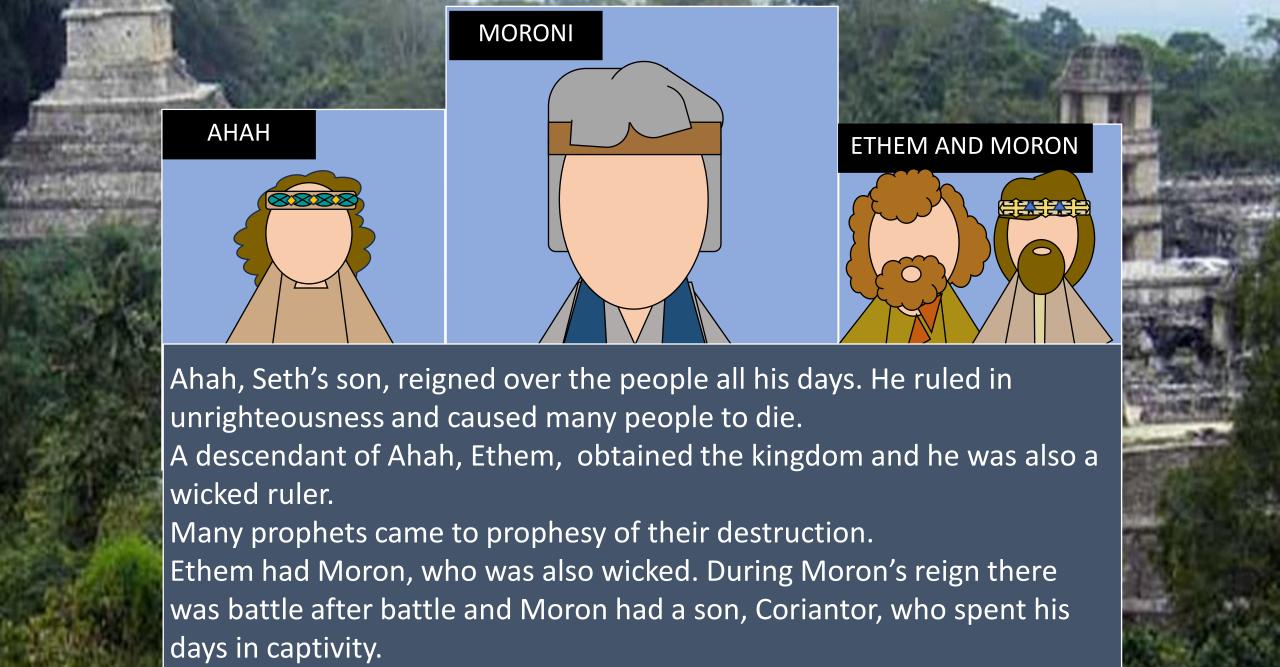
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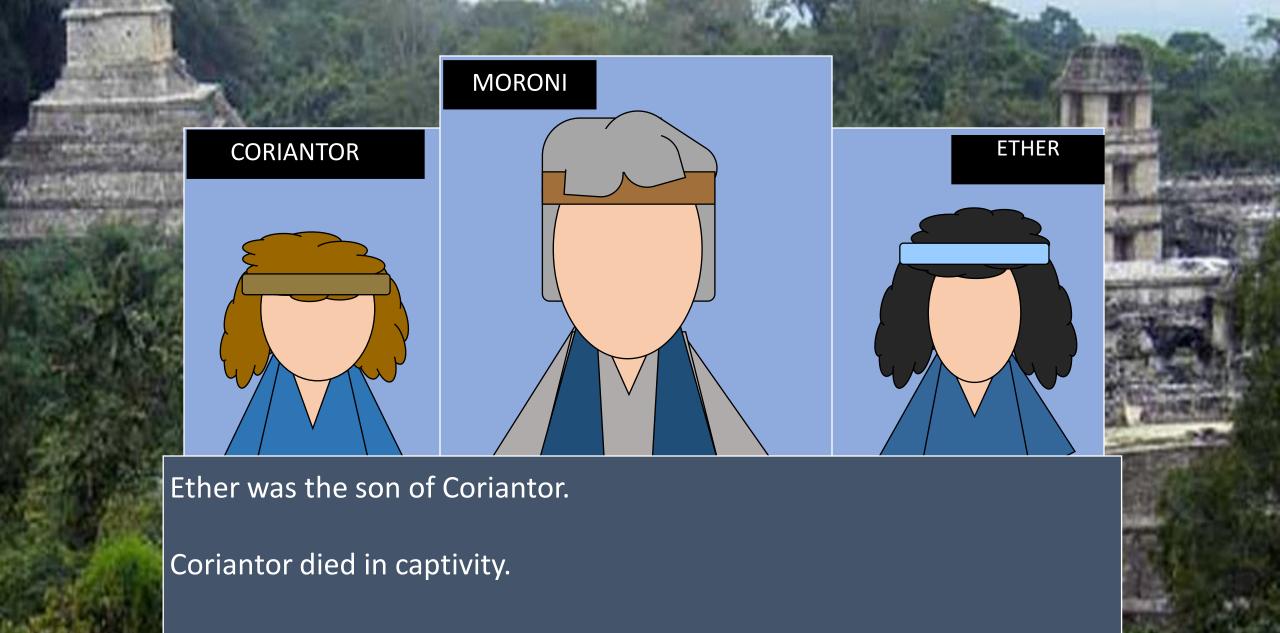


Shiblom was Com's son. And the brother of Shiblom rebelled against him and there was a great war in the land.

The brother of Shiblom caused that the all the prophets be put to death. There was much destruction during the days of Shiblom, wars and contention as never before known upon the face of the earth Shiblom was killed and his son, Seth was brought into captivity all his days.









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    Shule
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              Shez
               Riplakish
                Morianton (descendant of)
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