

# ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 10

A summons to prayer



- The prime directive: Ask Yehoveh
- The Hebrews fully accepted the notion of other gods
- Israel regularly invoked the fertility and rain gods
- Prayer is to be a regular occurrence



- ***Teraphim*** = house deities
- Not animal/people hybrids
- Ancestor Worship was the lens through which Bible era culture looked
- Saints involves the concepts of Ancestor Worship
- Modern burial practices, deceased kids becoming angels, etc.







- The use of Teraphim was an ongoing problem in Israel
- God is saying Stop! The Teraphim reveal nonsense
- Diviners are self-deceived
- We tell comforting lies... A deceased child becomes an angel, a departed loved one “watches over us”, as long as we’re good, we’re all going to Heaven



# A METAPHOR

- Sheep cannot thrive or survive w/o a shepherd
- God says His anger burns against these shepherds
- It is used here as a negative term
- These are bad/corrupt leaders
- He-goat = *attud*
- Jeremiah 50:8
- It is the He-goat that leads the flock and Judah is the flock
- He-goats are necessary





# BAD SHEPHERD

- He-goats = shepherds
- NOT Lord of Hosts. It is *Yehoveh Tzva'ot*
- *Paqad* = attend to, cared for
- *Al hara* = burns against (bad shepherds)
- God is replacing the bad leadership with Himself as leader
- First: rescue Judah
- Second: use Judah to rescue Ephraim





# LOVE & WAR

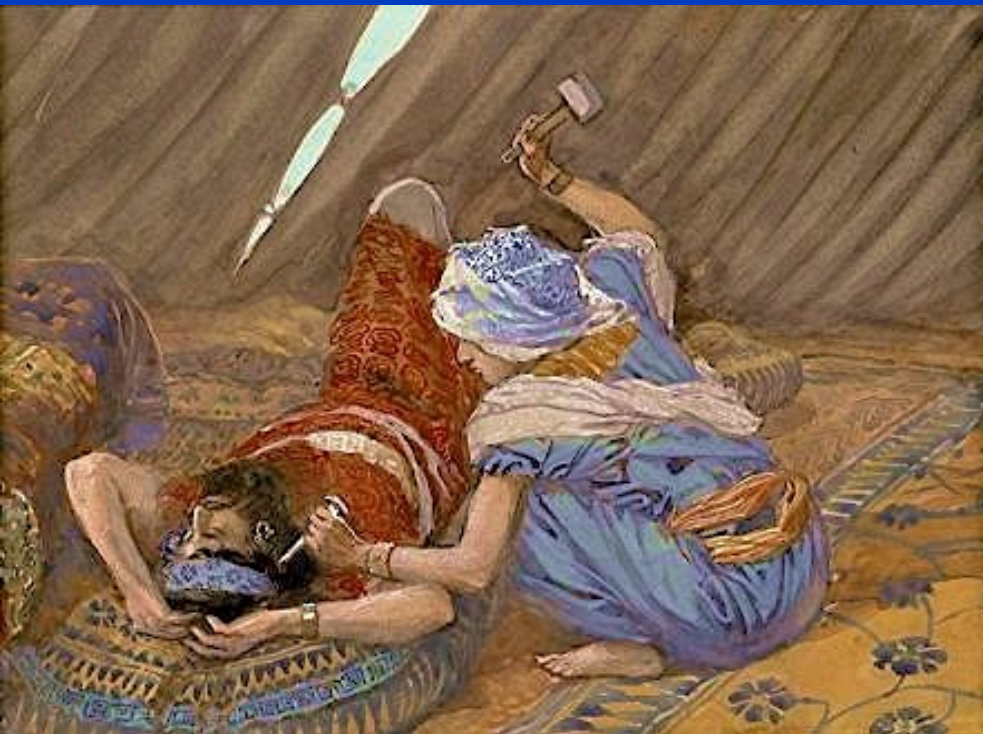


## THE 10 LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

- War horses were the ultimate battlefield weapon
- Vs. 4 Out of “them”, or out of “him”?
- Them = House of Judah
- Him = Yehoveh
- 4 things that are “out of” them
- God is going to use Judah to rescue the 10 Lost Tribes
- This is an End Times prophecy



# CORNERSTONE & TENT PEG

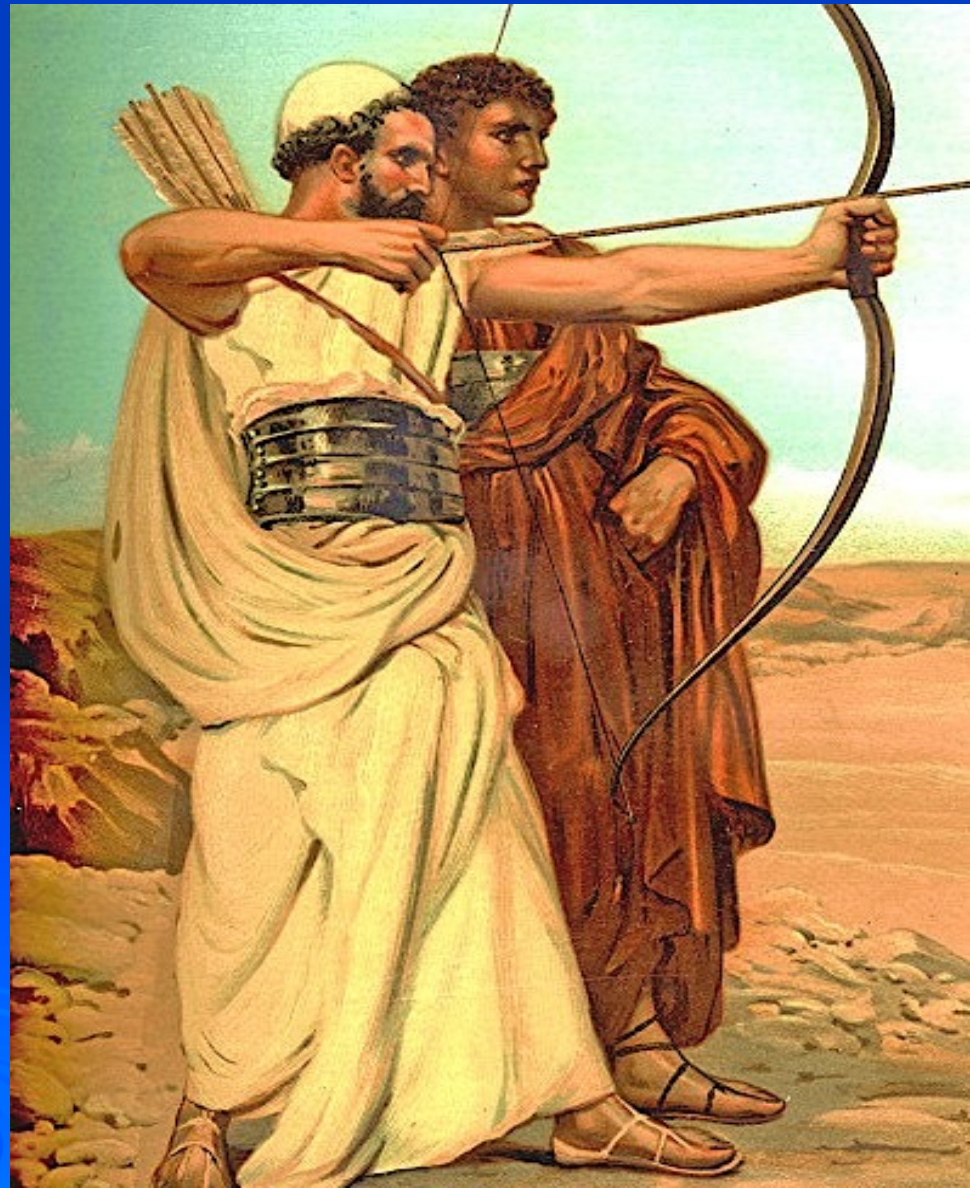


- *Pinnah* = cornerstone
- Isaiah 28:16
- A metaphor, not an exact equivalent
- If a new government, then the king is the cornerstone
- Tent peg, embedded in walls and used to hold things
- Used in tents to secure it to the ground



# JUDAH'S MIGHTY MEN

- Ezra 9:8 – 9
- A Tent peg can be seen as a secure foothold
- It alludes to a person that will be part of, or facilitate, the rule of a Davidic King (future)
- The war bow represents all weapons of war in general
- The prophecy is that a sovereign Judah will have its own army
- **Nagas** or **noges** = a military leader
- **Gibborim** = mighty men





# JUDAH WILL TRAMPLE

- Judah will fight and win because YHWH is with them
- Their enemies will be confounded
- 1973 Yom Kippur War
- Egypt and Syria attacked with superior forces
- IDF won in 3 weeks
- It will be the same in the End Times war

