

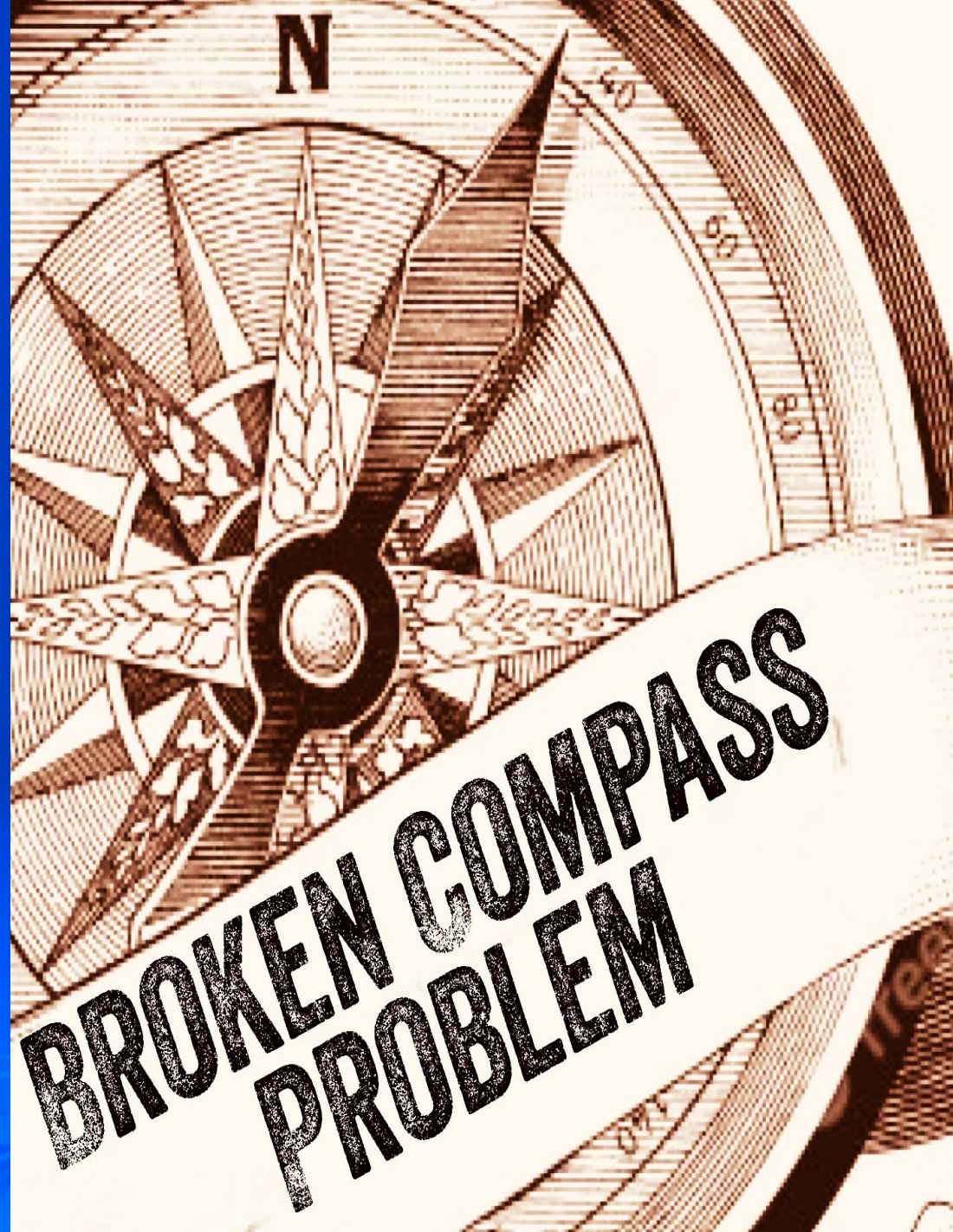
False Shepherds vs. The True Shepherd

ZECHARIAH 10



- First 5 verses of chapter 10 a contrast between God's power and the failures of false leaders
- The deceivers offer empty visions and false comfort
- God will strengthen the House of Judah, and save the House of Ephraim through them
- Knowing God's Word is not enough; we must live it!

- God puts grave responsibility on leaders
- A ship with a broken compass departs, and just gets further off course
- Those sounding the alarm get thrown overboard as heretics
- God's remedy?
Get off that ship and onto another with a working compass





- Zechariah 10:6 says that God will strengthen Judah in order to rescue the House of Joseph
- Using “Judah and Joseph” circles back to a time of Israel’s unity
- This speaks of a transition, and it is presented poetically

GOD IS THE SUBJECT



- God **MAKES** Judah mighty
- God **SAVES** the 10 Lost Tribes
- OT “saved” means to be delivered from a foreigner oppressor
- In the End Times, it means both saved from our sins, and from an oppressor
- ***Racham*** = compassion
- ***Rechem*** = mother’s womb

YHWH WILL HEAR ISRAEL'S CRIES

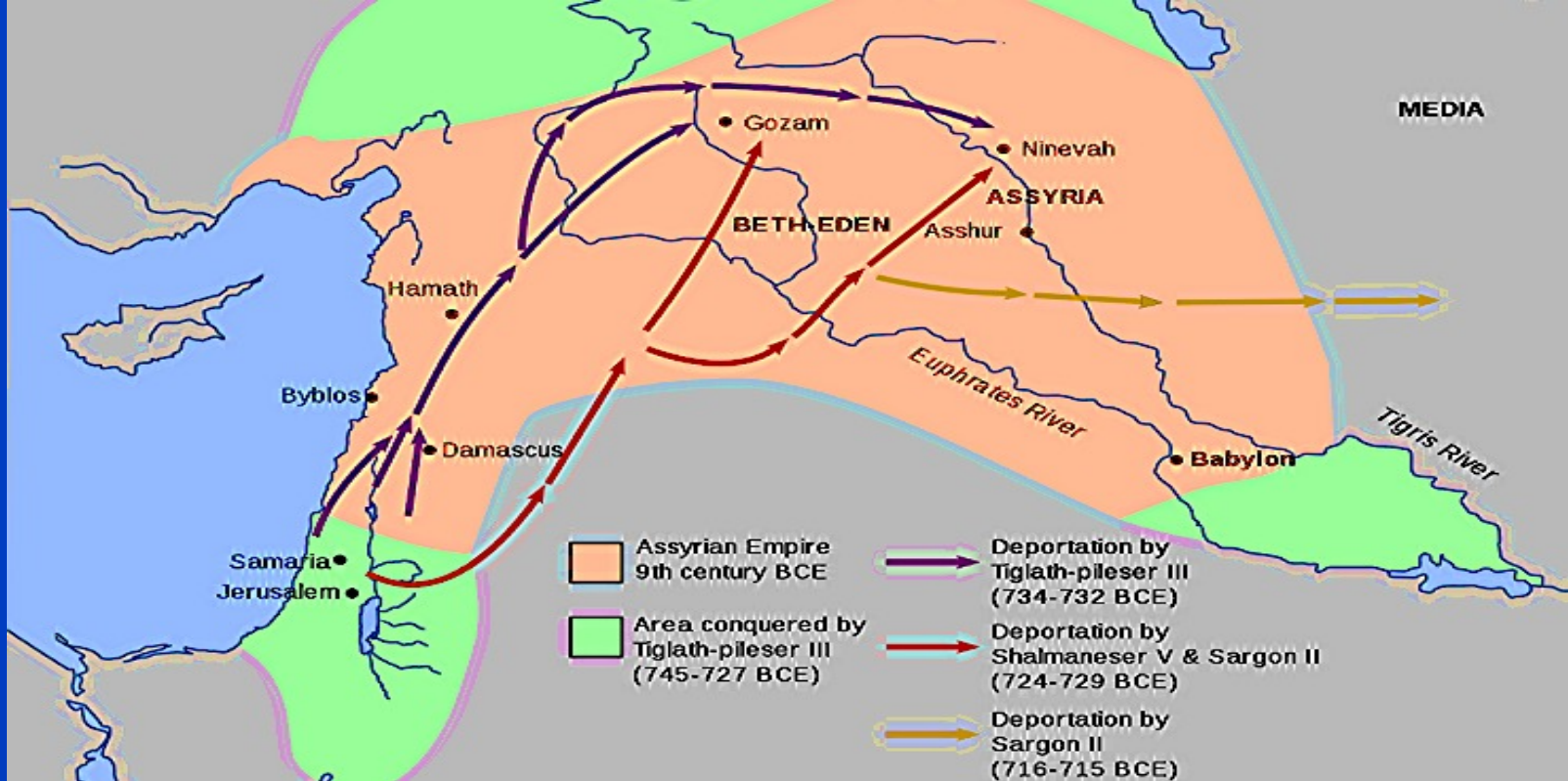


- Vs. 6 is about a reversal of Israel's condition
- God did NOT permanently reject Israel
- Vs. 7, the people of Ephraim will be like heroes
- Judah was exiled for 70 years. For Ephraim it has been 2700 years...and counting!
- Amazing that tribes of Ephraim think of Israel as their homeland... a place they have never known

“I WILL WHISTLE”



- ***Sharaq*** = whistle or hiss
- Perfect tense... ongoing action
- Ezekiel 37:11 – 14
- It is the spiritual influence of God that causes Ephraim to want to come back
- ***Padah*** = redeem or ransom, in the exodus sense of it
- Deut. 7:8
- It does NOT mean Ephraim first becomes Believers before return



- The population of Ephraim will increase during exile, and continue to increase when they return
- Ezekiel 36:9 – 11
- Zechariah 10:9 Cast into foreign lands as metaphorical “seeds” that were sown
- Israel will face a crisis of insufficient land (see Zech. 9)

THE KNOWN WORLD



- Ashur (Assyria) = north Egypt = south
- Lebanon = west Gilead = east
- The general area the 10 Lost Tribes return from
- This is the crude way a person in Zechariah's day would have understand the geography of the Earth
- They had no compasses for precise map directions



MYTHS OF THE COSMIC SEAS

- Exiles from God's view are all the Israelites still not back in the homeland
- Zech. 10:11 MUST be seen from the ancient view
- Water mysterious, scary, deities control the waters
- Psalm 74:13 - 17



Ocean Myths and Legends

- Water was life... Rivers and streams also were life
- But, God is so powerful He can control all the waters
- This means Assyria and Egypt are no match for God
- Zech. 10:12 God will make the returning Ephraimites strong because of His compassion
- This God is mobile! He could go wherever they went