

# A Tale of Two Zions...Part 3

## ...the Problem with Precepts.

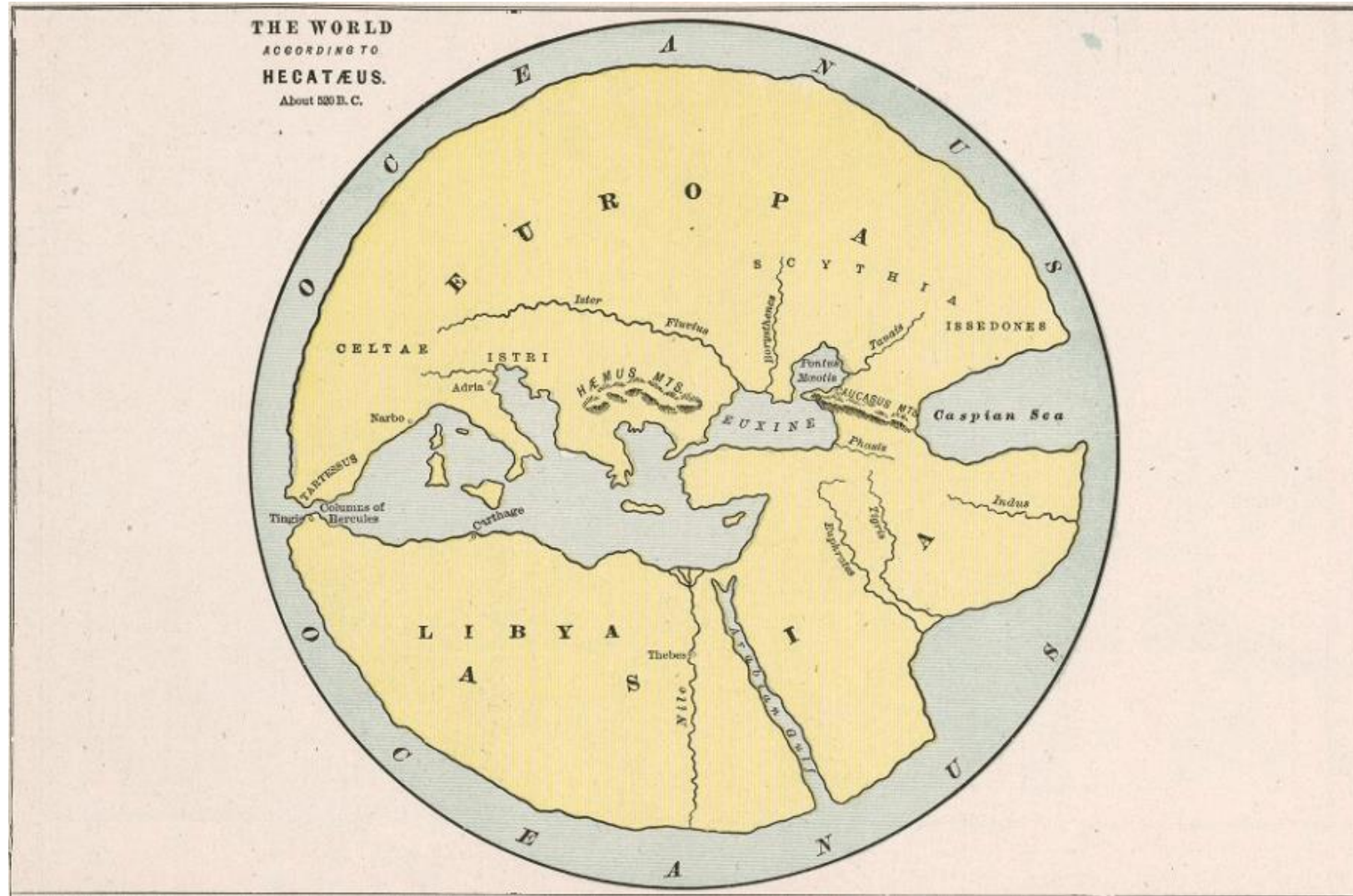


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# Historically....

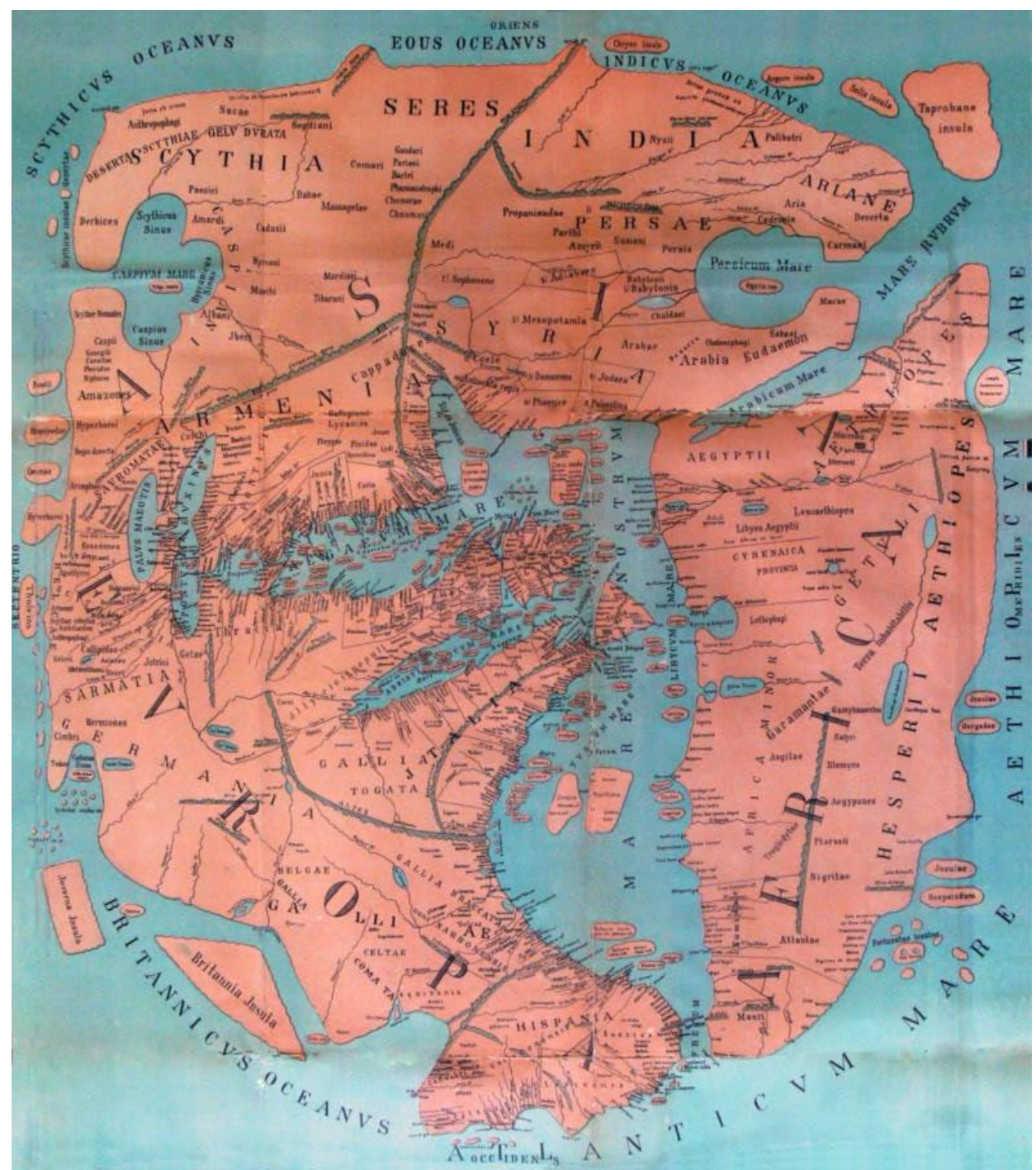
...If I wanted to navigate the world.....

# Hecataeus of Miletus' world map 500 BC





# Pomponius' world map, 43 AD.





# Ptolemy's world map, 150 AD



# Di Virga Map--1420





# Henricus Martellus Germanus-1490-1492





# Edapfel globe, 1492

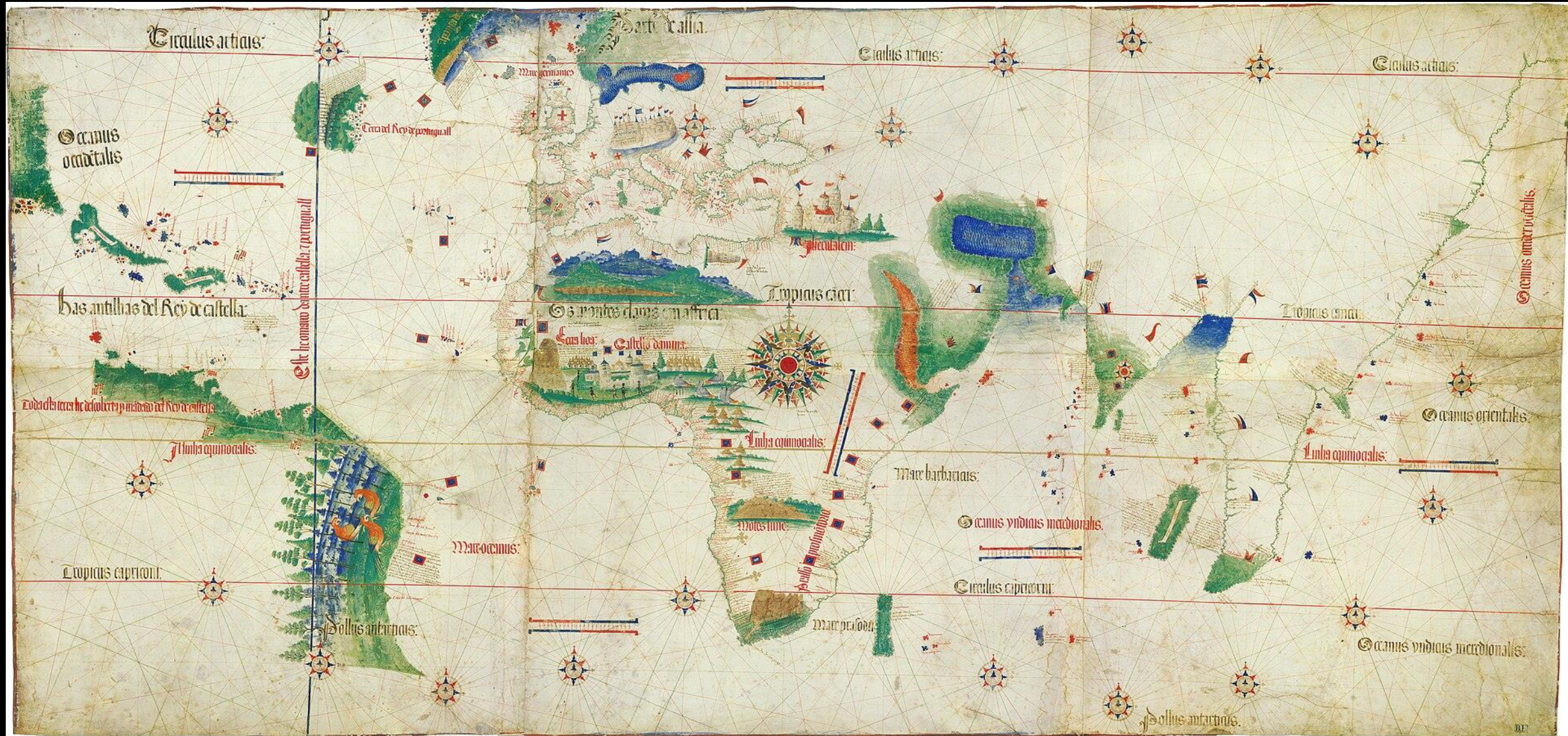
Produced by Martin Behaim in Germany in 1492.

The Edapfel is the oldest known globe, showing the world as a sphere but with the undiscovered America as an empty ocean.





# Cantino planisphere 1502



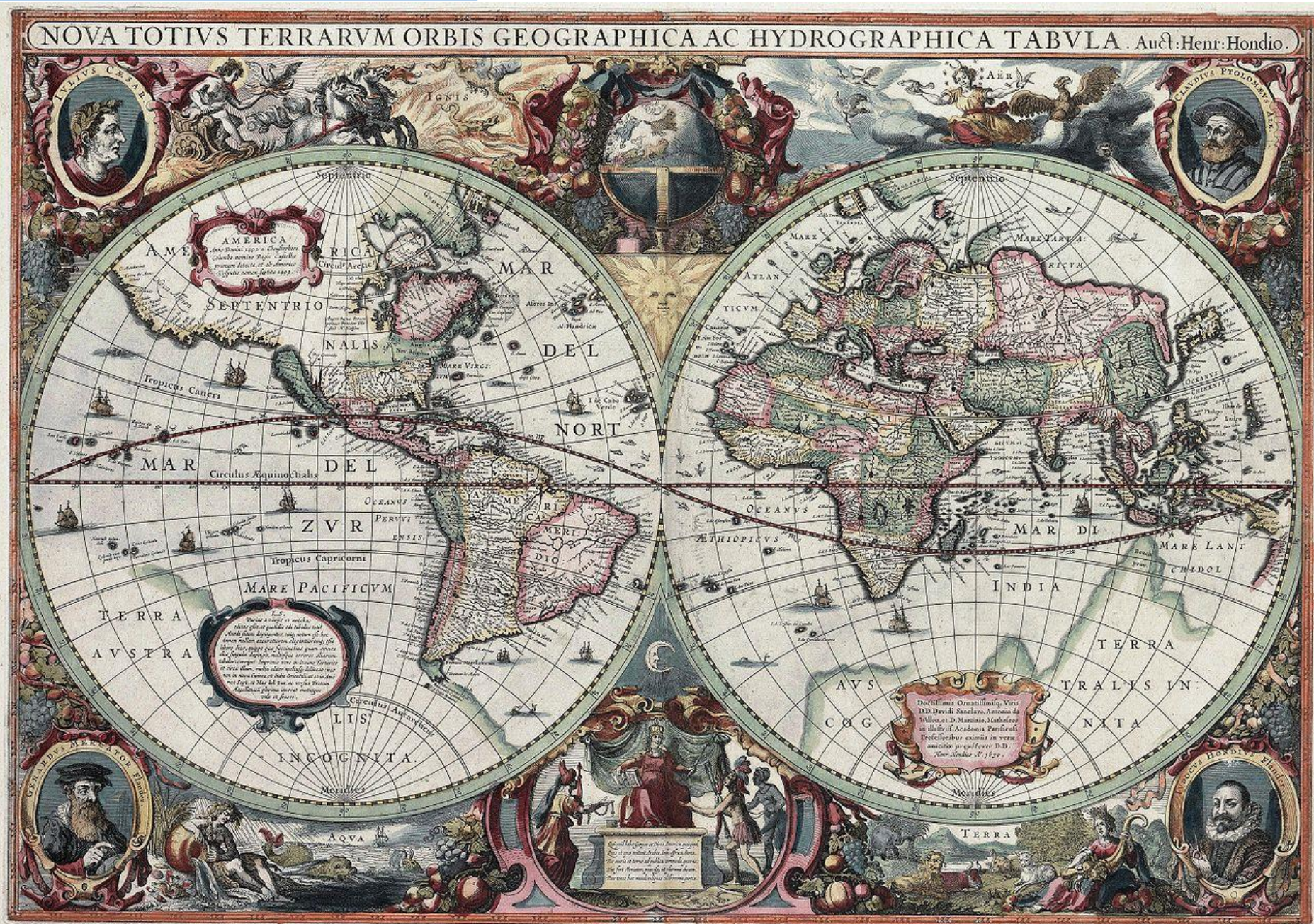


# Waldseemüller map from 1507



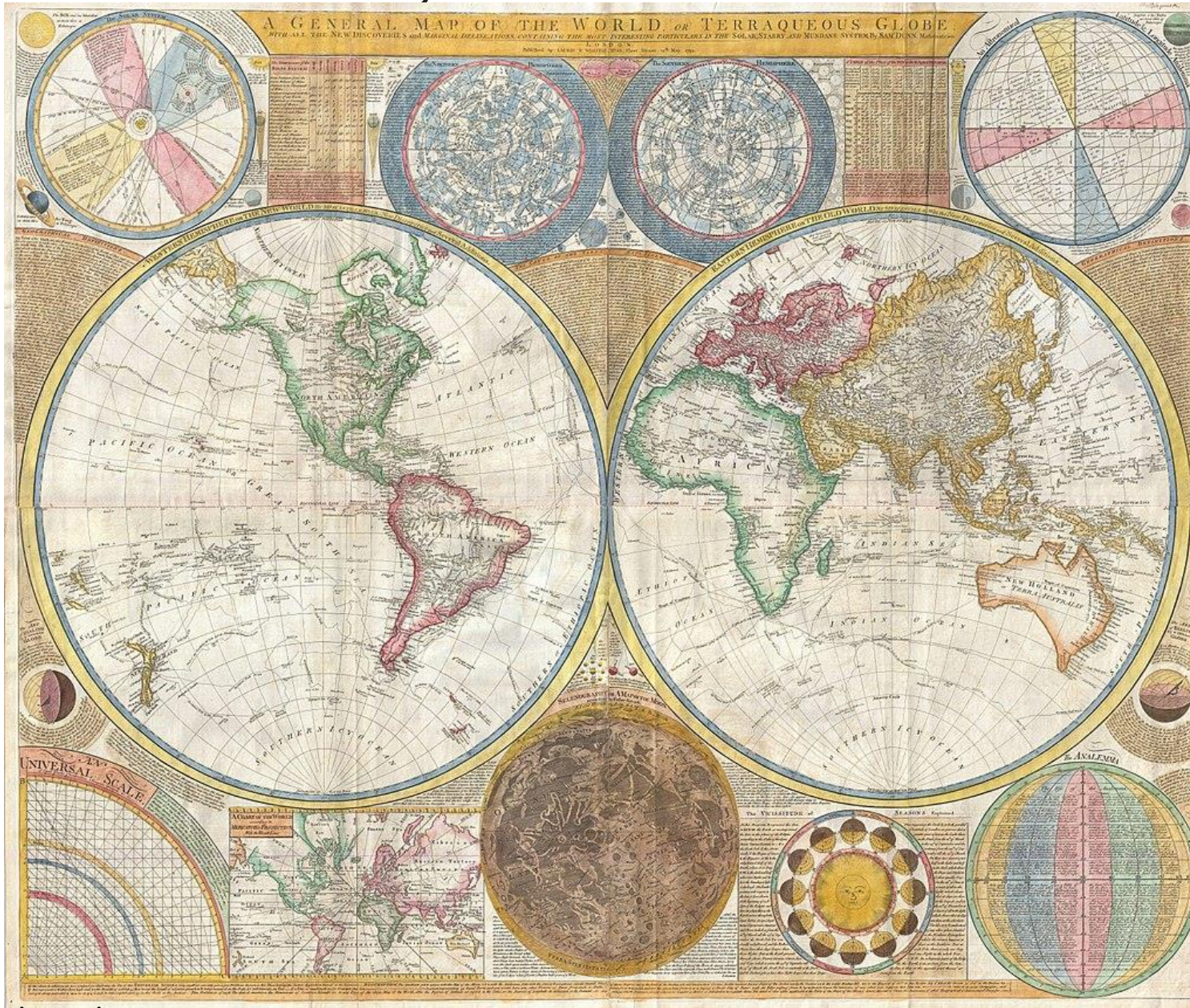


# Hendrik Hondius in 1630,





# Samuel Dunn, 1794





# What Happened?

- When maps were incorrect, men filled them with precepts.
- Facts eventually replace precepts, and maps became more reliable

# Our Precepts of Enoch City.....

- need to be replaced with FACTS from the Book of Mormon
- To leave out Abraham's covenant is like a map where America doesn't exist. It does, the mariners and cartographers just didn't understand. So they offered 'precepts.'



# Nephi's warning to (us) Gentiles about Precepts..

2 Nephi 12:12-17 (LDS: 2 Nephi 28:10-14)

Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner false and vain and foolish doctrines.

And shall be puffed up in their hearts.

And shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord.

And their works shall be in the dark.

And the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them.

Yea, they have all gone out of the way - They have become corrupted.

Because of pride and because of false teachers and false doctrines, their churches have become corrupted and their churches are lifted up.

Because of pride they are puffed up.

They rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries.

They rob the poor, because of their fine clothing.

And they persecute the meek and the poor in heart, because in their pride they are puffed up.

They wear stiff necks and high heads.

Yea, and because of pride and wickedness and abominations and whoredoms

they have all gone astray save it be a few which are the humble followers of Christ.

Nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men.

(punctuation mine)

# When we trust “Precepts”...

- The Book of Mormon says men would follow precepts instead of truth.



# What Happened?

- The Book of Mormon shares FACTS to replace our PRECEPTS.
- The Book of Mormon is OUR MAP to understand Jesus' return, his plan and Kingdom.
- PRECEPTS of Zion came by persuasive men in the 1830's.
- FACTS of Zion came by spiritual men in the Book of Mormon.

## Nephi Continues...(2 Nephi 12, LDS 2 Nephi 28)

34 For behold, he that is built upon the Rock,  
receiveth it with gladness;  
And he that is built upon a sandy foundation,  
trembleth lest he shall fall.

35 Wo be unto him that shall say,  
We have received the word of God  
and we need no more of the word of God,  
for we have enough.



## Nephi Continues...(2 Nephi 12, LDS 2 Nephi 28)

39 Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man,  
Or maketh flesh his arm,  
Or shall hearken unto the precepts of men,  
save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.

40 Wo be unto the **Gentiles** saith the Lord God of Hosts;

**For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out Mine arm unto them from day to day, they will deny Me;**

# Nephi Continues...(2 Nephi 12, LDS 2 Nephi 28)

42 "But behold, there shall be many at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them, That I may remember My covenants which I have made unto the children of men, That I may set My hand again the second time to recover My people which are of the house of Israel,

43 And also, that I may remember the promises which I have made unto thee, Nephi, and also unto thy father, that I would remember your seed, And that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of My mouth unto your seed.

44 "And My words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth for a standard unto My people which are of the house of Israel;

# Nephi Continues...(2 Nephi 12, LDS 2 Nephi 28)

73 "And it shall come to pass that My people, which are of the house of Israel Shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions.

And My word also shall be gathered in one.

74 And I will show unto them that fight against My word,  
And against My people, which are of the house of Israel,  
That I Am God and that I covenanted with Abraham,  
That I would remember his seed forever."



# Jesus Never Mentions Enoch in Bible or Book of Mormon

Instead, Jesus and others mention the  
Covenant with Abraham



# What Is the Covenant with Abraham?

- A blessing upon Gentiles and Jews to bring Christ to them, so they know true salvation.
- Remnants of Joseph return to God in Truth after dwindling
- Tribes of Israel return to God in Truth, Humility
- Jews return to God in Truth, Humility
- Israel collectively will be regathered; Joseph to America's, Jews/House of Israel to the land of Israel.
- Jews and Gentiles united as one. The First are Last and last are first.
- Only the Repentant have a covenant, but ALL the Repentant have covenant.



# Scripture Search 'Abraham' to learn about Abraham

- You won't find Enoch in the Book of Mormon.

# Jeremiah

**Jeremiah 23:3** And **I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them**, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

**Jeremiah 29:14** And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:  
and I will turn away your captivity,  
**and I will gather you from all the nations,**  
**and from all the places whither I have driven you,**  
**saith the LORD;**  
and I will bring you again into the place  
whence I caused you to be carried away captive.



# Jeremiah 32- An Everlasting Covenant

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath;  
and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be my people,  
and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart,  
and one way,  
that they may fear me for ever.  
For the good of them,  
and of their children after them:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good;  
but I will put my fear in their hearts,  
that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them  
to do them good,  
and I will plant them in this land assuredly  
with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD;  
Like as I have brought all this great evil  
upon this people,  
so will I bring upon them all the good  
that I have promised them.

# These Mention Abraham in the Book of Mormon

- Nephi
- Jacob
- King Limhi
- Mormon
- Alma
- Helaman
- Jesus
- Moroni
- Ether



# Who Discusses Covenant with Abraham in the Book of Mormon?

- Nephi
- Mormon
- Jesus
- Moroni
- Ether

# Nephi: Covenant with Abraham

**Nephi**

**[1 Nephi 5:132](#)**

Behold, He loved our fathers,

And He covenanted with them,

yea, **even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,**

**And He remembered the covenants which He had made;**

(LDS: **[1 Nephi 17:40](#)**)



# Nephi: Covenant with Abraham

**Nephi**

**[1 Nephi 7:20](#)**

And not only unto the Gentiles but unto all the house of Israel  
unto the making known of the **covenants of the Father of heaven  
unto Abraham**, saying:

**In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.**

(LDS: [1 Nephi 22:9](#))

# Nephi: Covenant with Abraham

**Nephi**

**[2 Nephi 12:74](#)**

And I will show unto them that fight against My word,  
And against My people which are of the house of Israel,  
**That I Am God and that I covenanted with Abraham,  
That I would remember his seed forever.”**

(LDS: [2 Nephi 29:14](#))



# Jesus: Covenant with Abraham in the Book of Mormon

**Jesus**

**[3 Nephi 9:63](#)**

And behold, ye are the children of the prophets;

And ye are of the house of Israel;

And ye are of **the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham:**

**And in thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed '-**

(LDS: **[3 Nephi 20:25](#)**)

# Jesus: Covenant with Abraham in the Book of Mormon

## Jesus

[3 Nephi 9:65](#) And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father **the covenant which He made with Abraham** saying:

**In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed,**

**Unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through Me upon the Gentiles,**

**Which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all,** Unto the scattering of My people, O house of Israel;

And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.

(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:28](#))



# Mormon: Covenant with Abraham

## **Mormon**

**Mormon 2:49** But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles;

**And after that they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles,**

**Behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which He made unto Abraham and unto all the house of Israel;**

(LDS: **Mormon 5:20**)

# 3 Nephi 9—Jesus Explains Covenant with Abraham in depth...

63 And behold, ye are the children of the prophets;  
And ye are of the house of Israel;  
And ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham: ‘  
And in thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed ‘-

64 The Father having raised Me up unto you first  
and sent Me to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities,  
And this because ye are the children of the covenant.

65 "And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which He made with Abraham saying

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And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.



# 3 Nephi 9—Jesus Explains Covenant with Abraham in depth...

66 "Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fullness of My gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against Me, 'I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, ' saith the Father;

67 'And I will remember the covenant which I have made with My people, And I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in Mine own due time,

68 That I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance,  
Which is the Land of Jerusalem,  
which is the Promised Land unto them forever, ' saith the Father.

# 3 Nephi 9—Jesus Explains Covenant with Abraham in depth...

69 "And it shall come to pass that the time cometh when the fullness of My gospel be preached unto them, And they shall believe in Me, that I Am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, And shall pray unto the Father in My name.

70 'Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice,  
And with the voice together shall they sing;  
**For they shall see eye to eye.**