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Let's continue our study now in Zechariah chapter 10. We have thoroughly covered verse 1 We have been looking at verse 2 where the teraphim are speaking delusion which is trouble and sorrow The diviners are Envisioning lies deceptions and They tell false dreams It's not terribly clear whether they are Telling exactly what they dreamed and the dream itself was false or if they are saying they dreamed something that they didn't dream but they are a source of falsehood But people respect the dream as a source of insight as a source of truth But it's not clear if that source itself was false or if somebody is making something up and calling it a dream and this is very much the case in the Circumstance that surrounds us today There are two things I want to reference in that regard in terms of Illustration of this very same thing happening now The first really leads to the second I get a newsletter that I Consult from time to time. I don't always read what it says, but they had an intriguing Teaser in the little email I get that says our fresh newsletter has come out and They've published an article.

This is the lion and lamb ministries. I neither Endorse nor condemn them. It's just something.

I'm not really quite sure how I Ended up getting subscribed, but I I listen What say again? From old school Lionel and well to these many years we our girls have been out of homeschool since what year Whenever that was anyway, I still get their little blurb, but I I take in input from everywhere I'm happy to hear what anybody has to say But what they have done is on their Christ in Prophecy blog And this is a Christ in Prophecy blog org Their most recent offering from two days ago as an article called rise of the nuns This is not in you ns. This is n o n e s and I alluded to this a week or two back that There is a new rising growing and thriving Classification or category of people in our country, and I want to just reference this giving it full credit here This is how it goes when Satan first endeavored to deceive Adam and Eve he did so by discrediting God His sly twisting and contradictions of God's clear instructions stoked sin in the human heart This is what Zechariah chapter 10 is Describing there is an alternate version of reality. I reject your reality and substitute my own The resulting curse consigned creation to decay and mortal man to eventual death in The generations that followed mankind strayed further and further from the Living God Recognizing the existence of a spiritual realm beyond our physical senses many cultures fashioned and worshipped false gods These folks didn't know that we're in Zechariah looking at terafeme, but I just found this an amazing coincidence Satan and his entourage of rebelling spirits lurked behind every idol crafted by the hands of men in Today's upside-down world.

There are men and women who profess to be Satanists They laud the devil as Lord and seek to purposely offend God Almighty Their eventual recognition of truth will be tragic and swift if they pass from this life adhering to such foolishness Additionally a rising chorus of people especially in the formerly Christian West Now assert their rejection of any belief in God they claim an enlightenment that frees them from belief in any deity These self-claimed atheists instead worship humanity Calling themselves Humanists, they believe that mankind will elevate

its collective consciousness Leading to a utopia without suffering want or war This next section is titled post Christian Oblivion I would put in parentheses post modern oblivion When asked about their religious affiliation in a nationwide poll more and more young people declare themselves to be nuns NONES Meaning they refuse to affiliate with any religion, especially Christianity There's a link to the pew forum since the pew polls are one of the most recent ones to demonstrate this Our own cultures slide into post Christian Oblivion was deceptively slow over the past century But lately the rush towards secularism is accelerating with shocking speed One such example of this occurred when Harvard University elected an avowed atheist to serve as its head chaplain Now I went and looked this up This guy is named Greg Epstein he's been the humanist chaplain at Harvard since 2005 and At MIT since 2018 now, they've got like 30 chaplains on the campus at Harvard They've got Catholic chaplains. They've got Jewish chaplains every stripe and flavor that you can imagine they've got Muslim and I don't know what all there's 30 different chaplains He was the humanist chaplain, which is the religion of non religion It's the unreligion Right. It's the religion of man man pulling himself up by his own bootstraps.

Well, he's been that since 2005 What's unique is that he was just elected the head of the group of chaplains there he's He's the main guy He's the representative for all the other 29 or so they elected him to be their representative and spokesperson and figurehead at Harvard the New York Times reports that his focus is quote teaching students about the progressive movement That centers people's relationships with one another instead of with God Many of us have firsthand up-close and personal experience with this attitude. It's about my Relationships with those that are close to me. There is no God to have a relationship with his book Which has this title good without God Greg Epstein has written this book.

It's called good without God It's a pointed rejection of God's testimony Because God says in Psalm 14, they have all turned aside. They have all together become corrupt. There's no one who does good No, not one Epstein's identification with the progressive movement is telling Most Americans are familiar with progressives like Sandy Cortez Bernie Sanders, etc This ultra-left fringe of American politics is committed to unlimited abortion on demand socialist policies at every level of government the sexual revolution in general and LGBTQ advocacy in particular and Condemnation of Israel the unifying inspiration for such an unholy mantra is a vehement rejection of God And by extension God's Word I would add These modern-day pagans consider the God of the Bible to be an oppressive Patriarchal white privilege relic of the past that must be rejected and opposed They ascribe to humanism They they ascribe.

I think he means they subscribe to humanism which aspires to Satan's false promise in Genesis 3 5 you will be like God reflecting on the rebels of Babel They seek to build and make for themselves a name the age-old aspiration to reach for the heavens in this context Implies a clear rejection of the true and living God Although atheism in America is growing like a cancer. There is nothing new about this lie Again, you can go to Romans chapter 1. They know him as God They do not honor him as God or give thanks their thinking becomes futile in their speculations Their foolish heart is darkened and so on God distinguished himself as the creator

and He is distinguished from created mankind But he offers the blessing of relationship our culture rejects the very idea of an omnipotent creator preferring mindless atheistic evolution instead God created man and woman Distinct but equally made in the image of God our culture rejects that binary reality and embraces self-declared gender identity God set man a little lower than the angels and commanded him to exercise dominion over the animal kingdom Our culture elevates the status of animals and treats human life born and unborn as disposable God provided the special relationship between man and woman known as marriage Defining it as the foundation for society and the rightful realm for producing and raising children Our culture rejects marriage as an unnecessary relic of a patriarchal past Even before the fall God gave mankind the gift of meaningful work our culture increasingly treats work as a four-letter word and our government Actively discourages it among those who most need the dignity and sustenance that it offers That's a great Analysis, what does it all mean in conclusion the world seems bent on pursuing foolishness? Christians should stay grounded in the truth and rooted in the one who created us all in the fullness of time He will deal with those who reject him and take counsel against the Lord and his anointed which is a quote from Psalm 2 2 The fact that our society is being given over to lusts degrading passions and a depraved mind Proves that his wrath will soon be revealed and that's from Romans chapter 1 We are living in the season of the Lord's return is the concluding line, but that was an excellent summary and Snapshot of what is currently taking place. I would simply add that for my second illustration the appeal to diviners and Terafim who speak delusions false authorities false predictions Visions that do not reflect reality is an integral part of this atmosphere and I'm going to give you an example now, I am neither a proponent or an opponent of Anything that somebody wants to try if they get sick let each one be fully convinced in his own mind and the more convinced you are the better you're going to enjoy the the Placebo effect along with whatever efficacy your particular chosen treatment or medicine has This in particular has to do with ivermectin now.

I personally know several people who were suffering horribly With the after-effects of kovat for months They took ivermectin and within 24 hours were seemingly miraculously cured as if from a touch from God Now I don't know anybody that's taken it and wasn't helped, but I'm not a double-blind study I don't have placebos and and test subjects and a wide exposure. This is entirely anecdotal What works for one person is entirely useless for somebody else. I'm just telling you that my only first-hand Knowledge of people who have taken ivermectin has been universally positive That's all I know and I take that with a grain of salt.

I don't know everybody I don't know a wide range of people. I just know that amongst my ham radio friends and my piano customers there has been a universal those that have Suffered with with kovat and it's after-effects every one of them that has taken it has been helped. That's a Limited sample, but it's all I know firsthand, but I recently saw in the press a teaser You know when you try to pull up a tab because you got to go Google something for work and there's all of these clickbait things and something said you know the Positive Impression of ivermectin is based on shoddy science Well shoddy science Caught my eye Because science is the terra theme of the modern man Science is the diviner and the dreamer for those who have rejected

God We go with the science we believe the science science is true.

Let's science be true and every man a liar right Well, how true is science? So I pulled up some of these articles and what I noticed when I clicked this and then backed up a little bit and googled Ivermectin studies, you know good or bad science shoddy science true false. What is it? the Google results that you get are page after page after page of headlines that say Shoddy science Seven studies that ivermectin fans cite to say the drug works against kovat 19 are flawed and here's why flawed shoddy Shouldn't have been published one has been retracted the database was was sketchy and all of this and You have to dig past because most people are just going to see Oh Ivermectin Anybody that uses that is following shoddy science and they're not going to click and read and get all the way through the article And when you read the article and there is another link Such as this particular article that says That there was This post or this study or whatever and you they they characterize the study and they give you the link But they characterize it one way if you follow the link and read the article in the link It doesn't say what they said It says they're daring you to click all of the links in their article and actually find out that what they say is not so And or it's heavily skewed or they're only excerpting a part and I am amazed when I follow these links that what they say the link says isn't what the link says at all So they say well, there are seven studies that were found to be flawed Out of 30 out of over 30 that they checked they found five to seven That they said there are flaws in the study. What kind of flaws? Well, what do you consider a flaw? Somebody can look at the Mona Lisa and decide that there's a flaw Somebody can look at almost anything and say there's a flaw.

I Don't like this design of the f-250 There's a flaw because the rubber weatherstrip on the bottom of my door is flopping at one end There's a flaw in this truck Okay You see that as a flaw How do you know that I didn't tear that off with a careless foot getting in or getting out? None of the rest of the weatherstrip has come off I've been in any number of other f-250s that don't have a floppy weatherstrip. You've decided that it's a flaw Well, I've got to analyze your analysis that concludes that something is a flaw before I can agree with your conclusion So if you can find anything wrong with any of the studies, it's a flaw, but here's the deeper truth Science is not monolithic In the same way that Christianity is not monolithic if you ask someone You know What should Christian churches do about openly gay or openly Openly Salacious people who are living a lifestyle of fornication or adultery or open sin of some kind Do you welcome them into the fellowship? Do you ask them to leave until they clean up their act should they come so that you can help them clean up their act? Well, you get different responses from different branches of Christianity The Word of God doesn't say what to do about a gay person trying to come to your church. It's not directly addressed you have to Interpolate you have to triangulate, right? Well, the same is true in science Some people say the science is good people the authors of the study defendant is published in a peer-reviewed journal People will say well the peer-reviewed science says X. Well, I can find you another peer-reviewed journal that says in An article why an X and Y do not agree? So if we're going to follow the science, but the science is in doubt and scientists disagree and some of them say well I don't agree with your study because your study is flawed Somebody else says well, I don't agree with your study because

you didn't have enough people in it It was from a foreign country and their standards aren't the same as ours where you can't trust results from Israel You can't trust results from Korea the and there's all of this haggling So on the face of it if somebody looks at over 30 studies and says well there's five to seven of them that that are not trustworthy and And they brush away the other, you know 22 to 25 studies that seem to indicate that it does work you get the idea that this is a tactic I am going to question the science So that people will not follow the science that disagrees with my political point of view in the same way That people in the believing world in the Christian world will explain away versus the disagree with their particular perspective or their desire that You know, it's big-tent Christianity.

Everybody's welcome. We don't hold anything against anybody all are welcome and We you know, we're just we're just Women can be pastors despite the fact that the Bible says they can't You know touch not the unclean thing hate the garments spotted by the flesh well, we don't we don't hold with that anymore etc. These are illustrations of willful suspension of disbelief Because we have this predictable Irrationality we want what we want and there is only one power that can overcome that blindness Those hard spots in our heart the rocks in the soil the stony ground our imperviousness Can only be cracked by one thing and it isn't human argumentation, it's not human wisdom It's not science.

It is the living and powerful Word of God It is so essential that we do not immerse ourselves in the news We do not immerse ourselves in the Internet ask yourself the question When it comes to rectangular screens How many minutes a day? Figure it out in minutes. How many minutes a day do I expose myself? to what the secular world produces and promotes and posts on my rectangular screen How many minutes a day is my mind and my heart and my soul exposed to that however innocuous it may seem And how many minutes a day? do I shut everything off and Resort to the oasis of the living water of the Word of God where my soul is restored Where the Holy Spirit can speak truth can Regenerate me can cleanse me the washing of water by the word Can take the road dust off? The feet that I want planted on solid ground That I want to be treading the narrow road that leads to the straight gate beyond which is life eternal a Little Word of God goes a long way, but look at the proportion Because Friendship with the world is Enemyship with God if you listen to the terror theme if you listen to the dreamers the dreams may seem harmless It's it's just a dream. It's just a narrative.

It's just a version of reality We have to be prayerful. We have to have strapped on the full armor of God when we wade through the world all of it The shield of faith sort of the spirit the helmet of salvation Waste girded with truth feet shod with the gospel. We need all of it Don't wade into this toxic poisonous World-oriented Tara theme diviner dreamer stream of consciousness world without your armor We are not conscious of many of the effects that this has it is unconscious it raises stress it Dislodges us and distracts us from the anchor of our soul from the Savior of our soul from the words and the voice of the Holy Spirit from the plan and the purpose of God the Father if we are Concentrating on the world we are not concentrating on eternity We're not concentrating on who we are and why we're here any Distraction will do look at how beautiful this fruit is that's hanging from this tree That's what Eve saw It's good to look upon and it's

desirable to make me wise Why do we appeal to the internet I? Need wisdom.

I want information Something I don't know I can find it on the internet Nothing wrong Intrinsically with going to the internet, but do not go unprepared do not go unprotected You wouldn't and no person in the right mind would plug a computer into the internet without a firewall Without some virus protection of some kind they build it into Windows now Windows Defender is Pretty much all you need They got tired of losing business to AVG and all of the other Antivirus Avira and the rest of them and so Microsoft finally caught up and said well, let's build a good Antivirus into the operating system which they should have done from the outset Soon as it was internet capable that should have been a part of the operating system. Just like the firewall is well it is now But you would never shut that stuff off You would never turn off your firewall take down Windows Defender and then go out on the internet your machine will be compromised in an Average of 28 seconds if you do that There are so many bots originating overseas as well as the fringes of this country your machine will be identified co-opted and Malware will be planted on it and an average of 28 seconds Well, why would you let your soul go unprotected into that same heinously atheistic godless pseudo-scientific Environment, it's crazy. We need to fortify ourselves In the morning at noon and in the evening with resort to the Word of God He restores my soul Do not underestimate The enemy do not underestimate his deviousness and the doctrine of demons that is just beneath the surface in news reporting in opinion and perspective and policy from the government and from the powers that be The principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness of this age have invaded every aspect of our lives They are in the food industry.

They are in the entertainment industry. They are in the publishing industry They are in the internet industry They are in agriculture All layers everywhere you look everywhere you think do not underestimate the enemy. They are the terror theme they are the diviners and the dreamers and they are taken as such as Authorities and as those to whom we appeal for truth and guidance and wisdom by default It takes conscious effort To remember who we are why we're here Who is the definition of truth? Whose power cuts through these lies and through this darkness and shines a light on our path Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Not science not blogs not the news not the government the word You heard me read from Adam Clark and the Infinitely high regard he had for God's Word.

He wanted to know exactly what it said word by word from Genesis To the end of Revelation He treasured it and he treated it as such Invested years and years and years of his life. His entire adult life was invested on a daily basis in the word That should be us. Why else are we here? What else is worth investing in? What else is going to sustain us? What other rock is going to serve as our foundation? That's what's being spoken of to God's people in Zechariah chapter 10 I Idols speak delusion the terafeme the diviners Envision lies they can't help it.

They can't see the truth They tell false dreams their comfort is Hevel Their comfort is empty. It is vapor. It disappears.

The comfort of today is gone tomorrow Therefore When their way like sheep notice the people is in italics there the terafeme The diviners and the tellers of false dreams are not shepherds. They are sheep. They are fellow sheep Why follow a sheep who doesn't any know any more than you do Therefore they when their way like sheep they are the aforementioned Falsehood purveyors They are in trouble because no shepherd Now there is a shepherd.

God is the shepherd of Israel Jesus said I am the Good Shepherd the Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep Old Testament and new there is a shepherd available What's the problem for these people? They are nuns It isn't that sight is not available It's to say we see When you are blind that causes sin to remain Jesus told that to the Pharisees. We just reviewed that Because you say we see when you really don't your sin remains because you say I know the truth, and I'm going to be a guide For everybody when you're just a sheep wandering like everybody else But you claim to know you're in trouble Because in your world, there's no shepherd in your world. You're a nun and oh any God says in verse 3 my anger is kindled against the shepherds And I will punish it says goat herds in Hebrew.

This says the goats I Will punish the goats My anger is kindled against what shepherds Those who pretend to be shepherds and are not God says there is no shepherd in this group But those who try to be shepherds who pretend to be shepherds who act like shepherds are in trouble God's anger is kindled against them. I will punish the goats They are willful sheep goats are more willful capricious and aggressive than sheep The Lord of hosts will visit his flock the house of Judah and he will make them as his royal horse in the battle He's going to lift Judah up and out. They won't be sheep anymore.

They're going to be a horse What do you know about a horse that's different than a sheep? Let me put it this way do Ancient warriors ride sheep into battle. How do you how do you tend sheep? Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me right? This is nurture and growth this is this the the viewpoint of the perspective of Helplessness and provision and care from the shepherd, right? But the role is going to change The Lord of hosts is going to visit his flock He's the shepherd they are the sheep and what's going to happen? He's going to promote them from being sheep that he shepherds and tends with his rod and his staff and leads Into green pastures and besides still waters and what new role are they going to fulfill? I Will make them my royal horse in the battle How is a horse guided the warrior is sitting astride the horse and is personally guiding them with the bridle This is a whole new thing. The horse is power harnessed for the purposes of the rider It's aggressive not defensive it is proactive not Simply to nurture and to protect this is offense not defense This is the mature people of God who are going to be a warhorse as he said earlier They're going to be a bow and an arrow.

These are weapons of offense Projection of power horses projected power and it's going to be God's power because God is going to be riding this horse From him comes the cornerstone from him the tent peg from him the battle bow from him every ruler together They shall be like mighty men notice these things speak of permanence Cornerstone, this is something permanent. This is not grass. This is not dew or rain or sheep This is a cornerstone the tent peg

those things that are Temporary that come and go are going to be affixed and achieve their strength and their stability from this tent peg Tent is useless.

If you don't have pegs to sink deep into the ground. Believe me. I've tried it There are places in Okinawa where I don't care what you've got.

You cannot pound even an aluminum tent peg into the soil It's just stone And if you haven't got a good tent peg You can't raise a shelter half much less two halves put together to make a two-man shelter. You can't do it without the pegs There is no stability. There is no strength.

There is no shape There is no resistance to wind or rain the tent peg From him comes the cornerstone from him comes the tent peg from him comes the battle bow Can have all the arrows you want if you don't have a good bow useless From him every ruler together They shall be like mighty men like gibbereme The mighty men of old who tread down the mire of the streets in the battle They shall fight because the Lord is with them and the riders on horses shall be put to shame What man thinks is riders on horses? They are chaff compared to God riding his horse Now do you think all the people of Israel are going to be a part of this picture serve as this war horse? It's the faithful remnant Just as in this age there is a faithful few most Believers in this time and in this age have not got a clue About the plan and the purpose of God Misdirected deflected distracted misinformed whole sections of scripture overlooked essential portions Where does the power come from? Well, the power comes from fellowship a threefold cord is not quickly broken So I've got to you know, get my support group. I any unbeliever can join a support group I'm believers did not have the presence of the power of God's Spirit and the might and the power of God's Word in their soul That's only us how tragic That most Christians today do not understand that simple basic foundational fundamental truth. I remember when I first got to the Naval Academy and we were issued our white works and we had to get to a formation not long after and Someone currently listening to the sound of my voice was in my squad and had been to the Naval Academy Preparatory School and When we got this Stuff and we had to put on our white works and we had to tie our neckerchief there was really only one guy in that group that knew how to do it and it was Ken and Ken said look here's what you do and he got a nickel and You tied a piece of dental floss on each side of it in the center after this and rolled The thing up and when he got it rolled he tied it with the dental floss He said this keeps the thing in a roll then you put it under this flap that goes over your back, you know the sailor the shirt and here's how you tie a square knot and He helped all of us do it there was somebody who knew how to put the uniform on because he had done it before and Those of us who were ignorant had to look to somebody who knew how to do it There's only a few of us as believers who have the benefit of God's grace and The benefit of God's Spirit and the benefit of God's Word in knowing how this life is to be lived for what purpose for what goal? Against what standard? What's coming at the judgment? What's coming after the judgment? What is on the line here? not many believers know we know how tragic if we get distracted and deflected and The world waves its hand Before our eyes while it's picking our spiritual pocket and we as much as we've been given Fail to do what is required from those to whom much is given much is required We need to make sure that our soul is constantly informed constantly

conditioned by the Word of God in The divine power of God's Holy Spirit There is no other way to get through these days and redeem the time but that The days are evil by default diviners are speaking lies and false dreams The Tara theme are everywhere false authorities giving false truths and false priorities and false policies You cannot discern you cannot see clearly you cannot identify truth Without God's power actively at work, and we need to be thinking about it every waking hour of the day.

I Cannot tell you how serious our situation is in these last days Don't underestimate don't be lulled Because we're not under active persecution. Nobody's locking us up yet. Don't be fooled.

It is a spiritual conflict and If we are spiritually neutralized, it doesn't matter that we're not under physical assault We're under spiritual assault and we need to be spiritually proactive so that we are not overtaken and The day doesn't come like a thief and rob us of our heritage and our opportunities now and in the age to come Don't be fooled the enemy like a roaring lion is seeking whom he may devour and The last thing that should happen is for any of us to be overtaken Well, we have much more to say in Zechariah chapter 10. It is so pertinent. It is so On point for the situation we find ourselves in at this very moment day by day by day You watch what's happening in our formerly Christian country? And if you don't think this is a spiritual crisis, you're not paying attention and at a time of spiritual crisis We need spiritual strength.

We need spiritual armor We need a clear head and a grip on our five paragraph order. Who are we? Why are we here? The Word of God makes it exceptionally plain. We're without excuse so On to the conflict soldiers for the right We Represent the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is the victor and we share in that victory When we remember How it was obtained? Self-sacrifice love for God ahead of love for ourselves follow Christ on that path We have nothing to worry about Let this mind to be in you which also was in Christ Jesus. Let's close here in a word of prayer Father thank you for the clear communication from your word that sets our feet on solid ground Shows us the straight path and that narrow gate that leads to life We pray that as we reflect on what we've seen your Holy Spirit will minister to our hearts effectively and In a way that will produce the fruit of the Spirit Which not only alerts us to the crisis at hand But gives us joy and peace and patience. We ask it in Jesus name.

Amen