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## What is the Magi Star?!?

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### For The King - Rocky Ramsey

Today on For The King, I am joined by Zach. Zach and I met in our undergrad (he was a senior and I was a freshman he was discipling) and we quickly became friends. He graduated with a degree in speech pathology and works in the same field. We are also novice powerlifters together.

Key texts: Matthew 2 (specifically verses 2 and 9-10), Zechariah 3 (Joshua the High Priest), Ezekiel 1 (odd wheels), 2 king 6 : 8-18 (chariots of fire), 1 Chronicles 21 : 15-16 (a massive angel with a massive sword stretched over the entire city)

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## Transcript

For The King listeners, how is everybody doing? I hope it is well, well with all of you. I wanted to do a preface to this wonky Wednesday because... I mean this one's pretty wonky. This is not just a wonky Wednesday.

This one is on a whole other level. We had a lot of fun with it. This is actually the first

time my friend Zach has been on.

Zach is one of my really close friends. We are amateur powerlifters. So keep that in mind.

The first two minutes we're just talking about milk. It's kind of like a little inside joke of just this wonderful substance that God has given us with that helps us put on weight and get strong. So we're kind of just being funny at the beginning.

We do hop up around a lot in this podcast, but there is one central theme, which is the star that the three magi see that leads them to the newborn incarnate Son of God Jesus in Matthew chapter 2. So that's the text we're going to be looking at and interacting with. But we do talk about a lot of random stuff, but hopefully you guys just find it enjoyable. And this is kind of more like a Joe Rogan podcast where you just have somebody on that has an idea and you guys talk about what they're thinking.

So Zach mentioned that he had had this idea about this star. So I was like, hey, let's just film it together and we can talk about it. So this is more discussion based, not really as formal or structured as some of my other ones are, as is expected on the wonky Wednesdays.

Yeah, I think that's really all I wanted to say. So we are speculating here. We do not claim that this is the truth or anything.

We're kind of just speculating, but we think it's at least plausible with the things we say. So enjoy it. I hope that it's just interesting and kind of funny.

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I would really appreciate it. Enjoy the show. Okay, guys, welcome to For the King podcast.

This episode is brought to you by milk. That was witty because we drink a lot of it. We do half a gallon a day or whole keeps the Gaines goblins away.

That's true. If you want to be a large, strong man, you drink half a gallon. Do you want to be big and strong? Drink half a gallon.

Because I do. It's evidence scripture. I'd like to be big and strong.

Yeah, by all means, of some use, but you need milk therapy. If you're going to get it done, you have to create a milk barrier within your body. I forgot what you guys were talking about the milk.

That kind of in cases. It creates a layer on the inside of your body that actually it speeds recovery. So promotes spiritual integrity.

You could say that it is white. It's pure. It's not by coincidence.

Jesus makes his wife. Yeah, exactly. Milk.

Connect those dots. White and fine linens. The saints are dressed in white and white line.

He takes off our dirty clothes and gives us pure vestments. Second chapter three, go read the scriptures. It's milk.

It's a milk barrier. Come out Lazarus. Awake from your take off.

Just to sleep your burial clothes. She's just reactivated the milk barrier. And brought him out.

Come out, Lazarus. Take off your death bandages. What does he actually say? He says something to the effect of like take off.

Take off some of the nasty stuff. You actually got wrapped up in because you were literally dead. He was dead.

I don't remember actually. It's something like take those off. He does say take.

Because it's. He was arriving for like three days. Jesus delayed like three days.

Become healed that guy. He was a court. And why do you think he did three days? Yeah, there's some symbols in there folks.

Pretty interesting. Jonah was three days in the belly of the whale. But the clothes thing is.

It's sanctification, right? Yeah. Like he regenerates. He justifies.

And then he tells you to take your nasty death garments off. Put off. Put off.

The old self. Put on Christ. Put off.

You need to take the old clothes off that you wore in your burial. Have you read Zechariah 3? Joshua the high priest. And Satan's accusing him.

And then God says take off your pure vest. He says take off your turban. I'll give you pure vestments.

And Satan's accusing him. And then God says I'll give him pure vestments. He says this.

This one's a brand plucked from the fire. And then Satan goes away defeated and God

saves him. It's like really epic.

Honestly. No. He gives him a new clothes.

And then God comes up and says, did you not know this is one brand plucked from the fire? And then God gives him new clothes. Satan says you're dirty. And he gives him new clothes and then he saves them.

It's like a really random piece of text. So he doesn't have much to do with him. She had Joshua touch his tongue on the coal.

Joshua the one that let him in the Promised Land? No. I was just connecting it to Isaiah. That's what he does.

Oh yeah. Here. Put this thing in your tongue and your sins will be atoned for.

What he said. What? One that I always thought was weird in the Old Testament with the major prophets is when he makes Ezekiel lay on his side and eat cow dung for like a couple of days. Remember when he prophesied over that city? He has to lay on his side.

I forget which side he lays on but he makes him eat cow dung and prophesy and curse the city. That guy's going to bring judgement down. It's really odd.

Yeah, you're bringing up parts of the scripture that I speak in a weird stuff in scripture that I think you were going to not familiar with. I think you were going to enlighten us. Speaking of weird.

You have something you wanted to share with the listeners? Oh my. You wanted to edify the church, didn't you? Yeah, so I'm actually legally required to put out some disclaimers before I document this. First being, never with that, this is speculative in nature.

It is not interpretation. It is not teaching. It is not something that you should take away as truth.

It's a theory. Okay, it's an inference. It's a theory that I'm making but I'm holding my theory loosely in my hand.

Open hands. Open hands. And it could be snatched right out of there by God himself.

And I pray he does if it's wrong but here we are. Also, secondly, part of the legally required disclaimer is that my wife strongly disagrees with him. So she is not to be associated with this in any way, shape or form.

And it's caused some sharp conflict in the home. Of which I am the head. There's domestic disputes.

Even that of which I am the head, there has come sharp conflict due to what's coming

out of my mouth. So, yeah, I think those are the main things. Don't forget that as we go through this.

Brother Smith, there will be grace from the listeners. Wow. Give Brother Smith the benefit of the doubt.

Yeah, take it with a grain of salt. I think that's kind of sums it up. But let's do it.

Let's get into the text. Let's exegete the text. If it's not in the text.

This speculation. If it's not in the text of scripture. It is to be rejected.

Zach's never let me down yet. If it's not in the text of scripture, get it out. Get it out of there.

Get it out of there. Out of your head, out of your mind. Throw it in the garbage where it belongs.

Curse it. You're going to Romans for this? No. Oh, this was just one of your words.

Nah, nah, nah. Just some light reading from Romans. Oh, he doesn't know where I'm going.

And now I'm just like scrolling. It's very and I want to just he's got me on my toes. I wanted he said it's a new take.

Anto eyes a little bit. It's not. Oh, I'm teasing me.

It's in tea. But where's he? Let's get those. Is it this is it? Is it this call? Phil.

Jude. That's one. No one reads.

Jude's awesome. It's all about false teachers. I don't think.

I don't think I even like. Is Jude apocryphal? Get out of here. Sorry.

I'm just really drawing this out. Well, I certainly don't read it. So Matthew, really? Yeah, dude.

Matthew chapter. Two. What? Oh, my goodness.

Okay. Okay. Okay.

Okay. Okay. Okay.

Okay. Okay. Maggie, dude.

Okay. Okay. We're not sure where you're going.

All right. This is the NASB by the way. Here we go.

Yeah. NASB 1995. Yikes.

Do not read the new edition of the new American Standard Bible. You need the 1995 edition. Don't click on it if it doesn't say NASB 1995.

All right. Thank you, brother Smith. You're welcome.

That's due to gender capitulation language translation decisions. And I do that too. That is a bunch of crap that you don't need.

Don't do it. Just go ahead and buzz off. Don't do it.

Tell it to buzz off and throw it in the trash. All right. So this is the word of God and it is eternally true.

Matthew two verse seven is where we start. Then Herod secretly called the Magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. Uh-huh.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child." And when you have found him, report to me so that I too may come and worship. This guy is lying straight through his teeth. He doesn't want to worship him.

He wants to kill him. He wants to strangle that babe. The first abortion.

Herod killed a lot of babies to try to find that one baby so that he could kill him. Yeah. So Herod's lying here.

We know that. After hearing the king, they went their way. But these Magi are smart and they could tell that he was lying.

Actually, which is cool. After hearing the king, they went away and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Go ahead and make the inference. What the heck? Go ahead and go there. Is that star, dude? You want me to give you my take? What is it? I can tell you exactly what I think it is.

You first or me first. We'll save you for the finale. Fair enough.

This is what I thought in the past whenever I read that text. There was a constellation, if you read before, that the Magi initially saw. These are like fixated stars in the sky.

And then when they get there, there's this other odd light that does move in response to their location. Stars don't do that in the nice sky, even if you travel a long distance. So

the initial constellation they see, the star of... Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.

So that star is a legit... I think that's a literal star. Now, I think God... But what I'm confused about is what about a star in the east that they claim appeared. Later on they say... They didn't tell me from the exact time the star appeared.

The star appeared. Yeah. They've been studying the stars.

What Luke is saying is this star that told them the birth of a child was happening... Yeah. ...appeared. Yeah. That's... And I'm hearing you out.

I'm not rejecting it. But what I'm saying is I don't think any of this language is pointing to natural star astrological phenomenon. I agree.

So, okay. Here's another layer to this. The Magi were Zoroastrians.

Okay. Cool. That's a religion that was based in Iran around Jesus' time.

Monotheistic. It was a monotheistic... well, kind of. It was a dualistic.

There was Ahura Mazda, which is the good, and then there was... I forget the name of the evil one, so there was two gods. Oh, wow. I'm going to sound so dumb now.

They just perfectly opposed each other. You're going to edit that out, right? No, you're fine. Well, most people claim that it was monotheistic, but I do a whole... I did a whole report in my undergrad on it.

Of course you did. I think it was actually a dualistic. It's kind of split 50/50 in terms of academia.

So, like, their devil is like... Equal in power. Equal in power. Okay.

They perfectly like balanced it out. Yeah, that's dual. Okay, so... I agree with you that it's odd.

The first people to come and worship Jesus, first of all, were pagans. How humiliating is that? They were Zoroastrians from the east. That's so humiliating.

It's prophetic, Rocky. I know. His people, the Jews didn't even realize he was coming, which is super sad.

And third of all, they're super pagan, obviously, but they have some kind of occultism to them. And I think that they were able to read signs and things like that in such a way where... The first thing they say is, "We've come to see the king that's been born of the Jews." So somehow, in their occultism, they were able to interpret a sign that some really important figure for a different religion was born. How weird is that? I think... Isn't that so

weird? I think God is speaking to them.

Until I know this is my son. Go see him. Look at this star that has appeared in the east.

This is a sign that the king of the Jews has been born. Go see him. How else do they have any of this information? It doesn't tell us in the text why I'm just speculating.

We're all speculating here. That was my disclaimer. That's true.

That was a whole... That was my first... I labored to help people understand that we're speculating. We're going beyond the text as elementary teachers are wont to say. He struggles to go beyond the text and make inferences.

We're making inferences. We're going far beyond the text. That would be my take.

I actually... I guess I would agree with you because that would kind of leave the door open for universalism. Anybody can come to know who the king of the Jews is. No.

God... Probably there was a lot of angel messenger activity happening on that time. I imagine just like the shepherd, the angels appeared to the shepherds that come and worship Jesus after the Magi. It probably was a similar thing than they came to see his star.

The star that moves though, that's also something spiritual weird. These dudes did not think that it was weird that God told them to go follow the star because they were probably used to demons telling them what to do. Yeah.

How 100%? They were occult. They were connected to the spiritual realm, the unseen realm, which we're about to probably get into a little bit. Yeah.

So when they hear God speaking to them, you know, however he did, inside their heads, whatever he did, they're like, "Oh, yeah, bet. Let's go do it." That's not weird. Let's do it.

And let's bring gifts while we're at it. Yeah. Hey, he's a king.

Might as well bring gifts. Maybe we can... They'll give us some favor. Exactly.

Exactly. I bet that's what they were thinking. They're not... Yeah, they're not like... These aren't pure men.

They're not Jews. They don't know the law. It is odd.

It's very odd. That's part of the story. Well, Rocky, what I think it means is from the beginning, you have the Gentiles in view.

Yeah. And throughout Jesus' whole ministry, where do you see success? In en masse, his success is with Gentiles. He touches Samaria through a woman who in that day doesn't



have testimony in a court of law.

Yeah. She is, yeah, she is objectively an immoral woman. Yeah.

And she goes back and says, "There's a prophet who told me everything I've ever done. Yeah. Come check him out." And they all... I know.

They won't let Jesus leave. Yeah. And he goes to his hometown and they say... Nothing good comes out of here.

You're a carpenter's son. Yeah. Get lost.

Buzz off. How humiliating. Jesus was treated with scorn.

You see, the greatest commendation of faith is a Roman centurion. Yeah. A Gentile.

All of it's pointing to what's about to happen. Yeah. And the woes are pronounced on the Pharisees.

The Pharisees and seven woes. Seven woes pronounced to the leaders of the Jews. They burden the people rather than lifting their burdens.

Blind guides. You venomous snakes. Sad.

Yeah. So I think that's why the Magi are the first to worship him. Because it's telling us something.

About the Gentiles. Yeah. So we're also in agreement that it must have been a divine act of God sending a messenger angel to tell them about Jesus's birth.

Now let's get to the star. What the heck is that star, dude? I think it's that dumb star, dude. It appeared and it's moving with them as they walk.

It's not a... Okay. First of all, let me... Can I establish one more thing real quick? Yeah, I do it. I'm going to call it throughout scripture.

What does... Okay, let's just go to Stephen. When Stephen is the first martyr, has a speech, and what does he say at the end? You stiff-necked people, you always persecute these people, whatever. And then he says, you exchanged basically worshiping God for worshiping what? The sun, moon, and stars.

So in scripture, the ancient Hebrew view of what a star is, is it's a spiritual being. They looked at the... the stars were always referred to as the heavenly host. They're always thought of as the angels or demons.

Well, what are... Stars. Look at constellations. Yeah.

They're people. Yeah. They correspond to beings.

Yeah. Gods. So that is littered all throughout scripture, that the stars, the sun, moon, and stars that they worship, what are they worshipping? Well, they're worshipping demons.

When they exchange worshipping God to worship created things, the sun, moon, and stars. They're worshipping a God, lowercase G, which is angels or demons. Well, why does Hebrews... Why does Hebrews, the letter to the Hebrews labors to say in the first few chapters, "Jesus is superior to angels"? Yes.

Why? They had a habit of worshipping angels. They were worshipping freaking angels, like idiots. Yeah.

So you're spot on. They were doing that. Hebrew demonology and angels study is like... You want to find a wormhole that you'll never get out of.

Yeah, scripture's so vague on it too. All the angels stuff is super weird. Talk about going beyond the text.

Yeah, 100%. They have to. What we're doing right now is what they went headlong into.

For a thousand years. In an idolatrous way. Yes.

Yeah. They were overly concerned about it. We're just having a nice little 30 minute discussion on a star.

Nothing crazy. No, I mean... But we might do like five or six follow up episodes. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

We would never go too far. Two to three hours. Nothing crazy.

We would never go that far. Maybe for aliens. So you were saying... I guess the whole point of talking about is to equip the church that we have biblical ways of thinking about this stuff.

Yeah. So what's the biblical way to think about a star? A weird star in the universe. And there's a much broader context that you and I have talked about that answers like why even care about this? Yeah, exactly.

And we've been talking about how there's just a lot of documentation coming out about encounters of the third kind like you guys were saying in the other episode. Just in the sky. That move in a way that we can't explain.

That kind of public documentation has the potential to present... What do I want to say? Like problems or unaware Christians? Yeah. You're going to think it's a problem. So like problems for new Christians.

But just like there's always new developments where Christian apologetics has to say we have dominion over that too. Yeah. Right? Yeah.

So like the mandate is go and baptize the nations. Disciples the nations. Bring everything under the dominion of Christ including whatever documentation there is about weird fringe stuff.

Yeah. Right? Yeah. Like that's our heart.

We're not fringe anymore if the government is talking about it or using documents. We need to not stigmatize it anymore. How fringe is it? I think people want it to be fringe.

Here's what I would say. I think people desperately want it to be fringe because they don't know how to handle it. We're providing weight.

It's like we've been talking about philosophers and the skeptics. Yeah. Hume.

I think they don't talk about skepticism anymore because they don't know how to handle it. Yeah. They're just not interested because well that's a couple hundred years ago and nobody's reading it anymore so who cares.

Yeah. But it doesn't make the problems go away. Yeah.

In the same way you may not like talking about say unidentified flying objects. You may not like thinking about people being abducted. You may not like people going on DMT trips that they shouldn't be going on and having real encounters with spiritual beings.

But you not liking it doesn't make it not real and it doesn't make it go away. It's going to come knocking at your door and you're going to be unprepared. Not the aliens knocking at your door.

The subject. Hopefully they don't come knocking at your door. That would be bad.

You better be prepared to encounter a demon. You need to have a personal home defense fire off. No I'm talking about a Glock.

Okay. I'm talking about a PPK. What if bullets don't work on such a thing? That's a fair.

Yeah. No that's actually a fair question. You're right.

You got the Holy Spirit. If they have what we're proposing they have guns aren't probably going to do a whole lot. Yeah.

100%. Anyways it's going to come knocking at the door. Yeah.

That's the broader context of why I even care about this. Because if you're a Christian and you're interested in advancing the kingdom of Christ in all areas of thought and

discourse then you should probably care a little bit. Because people are talking about it.

New age people are obsessed with this. We should be a part of every conversation. There is just like, there's like, you could watch hours of YouTube videos about aliens.

Yep and it's all new ages. Days worth, months worth. I don't know how actually how much information there is.

Visual information in terms of videos on YouTube talking about aliens. Thousands of hours. And kids are watching this.

Like you can say, well my worldview doesn't care about aliens. But you've got unbelievers with their souls dead. They're enemies of Christ and they're going to YouTube for entertainment and then they're watching hours of stuff about aliens.

So that's the reality. And we're trying to deal with that reality. Exactly.

And they show their true colors when they, you can watch videos of them going and doing seances to encounter the aliens. It immediately becomes a spiritual thing. They never purely keep it material where, oh this is just a being from a material being that evolved on their own biological processes on another planet to hyper intelligence.

It always gets super weird and spiritual. And it's the same thing even with top scientists like at CERN. They have a Hindu god outside of their particle accelerator facility.

So it's like, why? Why would you do, why would you engage with a religion like that if apparently you're a secular atheist that's a materialist? No, they're not. The people at the top are not secular atheist materialist guys. Like don't think that way.

It's a spiritual battle. Nobody actually takes atheism seriously. It's all the people at the bottom trying to dumb down the public so that they have no meaning and purpose and they don't rise up to basically fight the people that are at the top.

Because if you don't have any meaning and purpose you have no reason to fight. So they want to keep you thinking, oh what about atheism? This is like a heavy hitter. It's just not.

In academia it's just not. Nobody thinks that. Darwin is dead.

Exactly. Some of the lower tier professors will think that but the dudes at the very top, the guys and gals at the very top of the hierarchy in academia, they are either Luciferian or New Age. They're not, they don't, they understand the inconsistencies of atheism.

Yeah. And again, Satan is a powerful force that will give you what you want. You know, he'll, he'll, he'll tempt you and give you the nations right.

Like he did to Jesus. He'll give you what you want as long as you don't follow Christ. So that's why it's important.

It's a spiritual battle we need to fight. Anything to add to that? We gotta get back to that star. We will get back to that star.

We didn't disclose the star yet. Yeah, we're kind of, we're kind of teasing that a little bit. We are.

Which I think. We keep acting like we're going to come back to it. I think.

It's maybe a little cruel. Makes it interesting though. It does.

Yeah. You never know when we're actually going to hit it or not. Maybe we'll never hit it.

I actually did have a, I did, I didn't have anything to add to what you said. I agree with all of that. I had a question about CERN.

Is that where they're doing the collider? Yeah. The HADREN. The particle accelerator.

The HADREN Large Collider. HADREN at CERN. CERN is in Switzerland I think.

So get this. Yeah. I took a basic like acoustics class.

So like physics of sound. Okay. Because it was related to speech pathology.

It's like, I don't know, like you have to understand how sound works. How sound works and stuff. I don't know.

Things fire. The air vibrates. Yeah.

That's basically what you need to know about that. Yeah. No.

And we had a professor who worked at on the HADREN collider. Really? Yeah. Interesting.

It's like, why are you teaching? Acoustics. And this dude had to have been making. Yeah.

Just so much bank over in Swiss. Yeah. Eating Swiss cheese.

Swiss chocolates. Why not be in Switzerland? Don't go too far into the Swiss. Buying Swiss watches.

Yeah. I'm not sure about the Swiss or like. I'm very confident that it's in Switzerland because that's what I remember about it.

Okay. Well, I think it is. I think you're very right.

Perfect. But it was just, that was my fun digression. Yeah.

It's like. You've encountered the scientists actually worked on it. This guy was way, like way above what he was doing.

It was like he was probably, it felt like to him he was teaching the ABCs to kindergarteners. And we're all like struggling with how sound works. This dude is studying particles colliding and what we're learning about quantum physics from it.

Right? So that's amazing. I'm trying. I can't remember his name.

It was cool. And his name was just like his name was cool. And he was from Canada and he had a Canadian accent, which I really liked.

Yeah. The accent said he's cool. Yeah.

Canada is not a good place, but Canadians are good things. I like Canadians. Like true.

Not like city Toronto liberal Canadians that have migrated there. Those aren't Canadians. Yeah.

You understand? Yeah. I'm talking about Saskatchewan. They live in the snow.

Canadians and they play hockey. Yeah. I like those people.

I agree. Anyways, what is that star dude? What's that star all about? Do we have a definitive ID on the star? We don't have a definitive ID, but let me throw out. It hit me with something I've never heard before.

What I think it is. I still have heard this. I'm on edge just as much as you guys are.

I think you guys are at the edge of your seats. You've been waiting for 30 minutes for us to disclose the star and to put it to rest. There's no more debate after this.

What is the Bethlehem star? We'll put it to rest. So if it's not in the text, throw it in the trash. Right? Yes.

That's a good axiomatic principle. So, trying to organize my thoughts. It's okay.

I can always cut this out. You might have to. Here we go.

So people are very popular and I think it's a pandering perspective. One more P. Perspective of people. People have this pandering perspective.

Yeah, because the P pops. It's a strong consonant. P pops.

It does. Pops. All right, continue.

It's a plosive. Okay, the E is not silent. That's the technical phonetic term.

It's a plosive. As an explosive, like it's that there's a little root word there. There's a root there.

For plosive. Plosive. Plosive.

Because you have air. This is also an F-A-G podcast, guys. Speaking out from the pressure that your lips create, right? Yeah.

Okay, so. A little bit etymology for you. There you go.

I did minor in linguistics at Indiana University. In Bloomington where we met. That's where Zach and I met.

Back when Rocky was a wee fresh one. Zach sat me down in a Chinese restaurant and railed me on the doctrines of grace. Grilled him.

I was a raging Armenian. Zach sat me down and set me free. A flaming free willer as John Piper would say.

Zach pretty much exposed me in public around a bunch of Chinese people. I stripped you naked. I know.

I was spiritually bare. I laid you bare. Yeah.

I had to rebuild my foundation. What a beautiful moment. But Christ is the foundation.

I'm surprised. That was a great one. Because I was so cage stage and not capable of handling that with nuance and grace.

Yeah, it was pretty. That you. In retrospect it was harsh but I needed it to be harsh.

Very harsh. I think I needed it to be though. And I apologize for that.

You did. You did years later. But the thing is I'm like that too so it works on me.

You just got lucky that I was the kind of guy I was. I was lucky that it had its effect and that was God's providence. But I have matured a lot and am way more capable of handling stuff better.

Civil dialogue. Yeah. I was like vengeful.

I had a hatred of Arminianism at that time. I wanted to like exercise you. Not exercise.

If you're an Arminian please. Exorcize. We consider you a fellow brother.

But your theology can improve. Be careful. Yeah, it can improve.

We can say that. It can improve. We'll leave it there.

Greatly. He had to keep. Did they get the last one in there? No, you're right.

You're right. If you're an Arminian. Fellow brother.

An Arminianist, fellow brother and sister in Christ. You are a brother. You are a sister.

We love you. We would love to. Talk with you.

We would love to talk with you. Take you out for some orange chicken. And sit you down.

And grill you. But and grill you. That's actually an open invitation if anyone's in the India area.

True. The Arminian. Seriously, owl.

Happily. For the king podcast at gmail.com. Hit me up and say, all right, I'll take you up. We'll buy it.

Zach and I'll buy it. Just sit you down. If you are not robed in the plush mink.

That is the doctrines of grace. I invite you. They're free.

They're free. It is. You don't have to pay for them.

We will pay for your meal. They're free. The rest is free.

And they are real guys. They're real comfortable. And they're better than what you've got on right now.

The plush. We're looking for the just. Close.

Close. And plush. And I'm talking about like the finest vestments of.

Soteriology of of see so terriological. Understanding. So yep.

Yeah. We've hit a lot of this podcast, but we need to circle back to that star. What the heck is that star? Right back about the star because I'm still curious exactly what are you.

We've laid a good groundwork of Calvinism of, you know, I'm not sure that anyone's still interested in this. I know some people, but we're going to hit the star because that's what we started. We started.

We started. We started with the star. The star.

And we're going to visit the star. And I think you have some knowledge to draw. Yeah.



So I think we're so. I think we're so removed. Yeah.

It's awesome. I think we're so removed from the text that I'm going to read it again. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, I mean, I'm sorry, seven, Matthew to seven.

Then Herod secretly called the Magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. All right, guys. The word star of the Greek is appeared.

Yeah. Appearing. Seems to me to assume that at one point it was not appearing.

Yeah, it wasn't there. Am I crazy? The night before there was no star there. That star wasn't there.

And then it appeared. When we say something appears, it generally assumes that it wasn't there. Yeah.

Right. There's first point. Yeah.

We're just walking through the text. We're literally just walking through this. Anyone can do this.

I have half a half of exegesis is walking through the text, letting it say what it actually says. It prophesied to be the birth town of Messiah Messiah Messiah Messiah and said, go and search carefully for the child, capital C child. And when you have found him, report to me so that I too may come and worship him after hearing the King, they went their way and the star, which they had seen in the East past tense.

Well, where did you just split up for the text there? After hearing the King, they went their way and the star, which they had seen in the East past tense. They had seen it over there in the East, went on before them. The star went on before them, leading them until it came and stood over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. Okay, here's my first thing. A lot of people are trying to figure out how these astrologically oriented people were just like using a normal star and or comet out in like beyond our atmosphere to track where they needed to go to get to the child.

But I have no less likely than what you're going to propose. I think it's, I think it's far less plausible. I think given the specific language, which I found, I find very odd.

I think the language stands out. That's why I, that's why I reread it. That's why I reread it is like, it is weird the way it's being described.

Star came and stood at the place that we're going to end up at. Went on before them, went on. What does that mean? I'm trying to picture it how I would.

If it's a comet, don't comets move pretty fast or would it be too slow? Yeah. Okay, but so maybe it's a comet. But even if it is a comet, how is the comet, how is it standing over the place? It's like it's moving and then it stops.

A comet is continually goes across. It's just still moving. It's going to keep moving and it doesn't stand over anything.

Okay. How do they know when it, when it, if it didn't stop, how do they know where it's standing over the place? That's actually an interesting argument. But also, but also even if it was a comet that stopped, how, what tool, maybe I'm just not familiar with their level of like sophistication of astrology back then, but how would they sit there and say and coordinate and say, okay, where the comet is in the sky, we can draw a straight line from that comet out in space down to the ground on earth and say it's standing over this specific spot.

Is that even possible? I don't think it is. I don't think it is. So here, so I, I'm going through all this to say what I think from the language that is actually most plausible is that this is a thing within the atmosphere.

Yeah. I agree that they only have the language to call it to describe as star. Yeah.

One thing that I think puts stock in your argument is I don't know of any astrological celestial body that moves for a time and then stops and rests in an area. And the language is certainly pointing to it stopping. How else has it, did it stand over the place? It went on before them and it stood over the place where the child was.

And you could track vertically down if it was within the atmosphere. Exactly. Just like you see something tall in the distance and you go to it and you, once the, as it gets less tall, less small, it comes into vision.

You're gaining ground. It has to be. But you don't do that with stars.

It has to be close over the thing. For them to be getting closer, quote unquote, getting closer. You never get closer in the night sky, no matter how much you walk.

You don't get closer to a star because they're too far away and you don't actually get any movement. You can't coordinate. Yeah.

You can walk all you want in the night sky and look at a specific star. It will never change the position. How are you going to coordinate it to a specific spot on the planet? Yeah.

It's just, it's, it's, it's ridiculous. That's where it like, and I love my wife, but that's where she is. And I'm like, okay, you're saying you think yours is more possible, but I literally can't work out how your position works.

Yeah. I don't know how they do this. I can't work it out.

I don't even know if we could do that without satellites right now. Yeah. I don't think we can.

I just, uh, so, so we don't have any, we don't have any challenge with the miraculous in the gospel accounts. Yeah. It's filled with miraculous.

Uh, so if I can't work out how it's an actual star outside of our atmosphere, light years away or comment, even within our solar system, still too far away and doesn't stop. I'm left with the option of a thing emitting light within our atmosphere. That's moving in the sky, guiding these men to a specific spot in Bethlehem.

Right. Yes. So what is that thing? The answer is.

It is an interdimensional spacecraft from the spiritual unseen realm. It was so hard to say the straight face. All of it sounds so good up until that moment.

Then when you have to say it, it never gets old. It's just when I look at your face, I promise I'm not joking, but I can't say that. They've Jerry.

Yeah. They've Jerry. Yeah.

I think, I think this laughter is going to really, really rob from this. It's a moment. It makes the sound like now we're like, we're joking.

We're trying to be funny. We're being serious, but we just know us. This is pretty good.

It's pretty good. How it sounds. It's really nice.

Spacecraft from the unseen realm. And the language, the language of that is so specifically chosen. It's really precise.

It's really precise language there. They know exactly what you mean. The language leaves no doubt.

That's what you're trying to say. So that, that, that's, that's kind of the big reveal, right? But that leads us into a larger conversation that I don't know if you think, I don't know if you think, okay, well, let me stop because, let me stop because we need to hear what you think about that. What does Rocky Ramsey think about? You know, we'd interact with that.

I want you to interact with that immediately. Okay. Let's see.

What's the really precise language I would use? I think a fearful and wonderful being again, like Zach said, from the unseen realm is manifesting in its holiness and otherness. Okay. In our realm for a supernatural message given to pagans, pagan men, the magi.

Yeah. How was that? That's bearable. So that's actually my like, that's like my number

two.

I would say is that it's not a craft, but the actual being, well, an actual angel itself. There's actually plenty of scripture. And we know angels, like probably in their own bodies can fly around.

Yeah. Well, here's the thing. There's plenty of scriptures.

Zach, Zach, there's a lot of scripture that angels actually have vehicle apparatus that allows them to be mobile in a different way, in a different way where their own bodies will allow them originally. So we see first of all, in Ezekiel, there's wheels that they're traveling in, which is an odd thing. There's a song.

That's all they had to describe. You know, exactly. And again, and what does the Psalm say about what God comes in with his host, his host are writing in what? Cherry.

It's a fire. So they're, they're just using the language they know to describe something. Seriously, it's a fire or what they, what the dude sees on the mountain too.

We talked about that earlier. Oh, the Elijah. It's one of the Kings.

I know what you're talking about. They see that. And he's with the prophet and it looks like they're going to get just wrecked by this army and the prophets.

Like there's more of us. There's more of us. Yeah.

And then the King is his eyes are opened and he can see all of these chariots of fire. Where the angels and them on the mountain. Yeah.

So we know there's, there's technology that they have in the form of a chair. A chariot was super advanced back in their day. A chariot is like the equivalent of a tank.

It was unbeatable. What kind of language do they have? What kind of vocabulary do they have to describe what they're seeing? So they see the angels equipping something that allows them to move in a weird fashion in battle or when they're just flying around the wheel thing in Ezekiel. So I don't think it's far fetched to say that I don't know what it's made out of, but I don't think it's far fetched based on scripture that there's weird objects that angels also can harbor and use for their own benefit to move around in the physical realm.

Basically we have evidence that that angels have technology. Exactly. Well, there's another, would I bring up more text real quick? That's the basis for like most of my inference here is there's all kinds of Old Testament evidence of the messengers of God when they're coming into contact with people having technology.

It's not just their bodies. Yep. Right? They have tools at the very least, which to me

suggests that the spiritual unseen realm has intelligence development of its own technology and material.

It's physical. The spiritual realm is not cloud-like. It's not a bunch of clouds.

It's concrete. I think that's the word for it. It is a concrete reality.

It's everything that we like touch and feel that's hard and like everything that we come into contact with. That's exactly how they experience their realm. But they're not humans.

I think they're actually more advanced than us intellectually. Sure. Otherwise physically probably like there's just other stuff going on.

They're more powerful in and of themselves. Yes. And we already have the evidence that they use tools.

They use implements to get things done. They don't just use their bodies. They have weapons.

They have things to get around in like the chariots of fire, which we don't even really know what that means. But we know it's describing something that they use, a tool that they use. So can I bring up one more time? Sorry, not aliens, which kind of the point of what we're talking about though is to have a Christian construct by which to filter the information about so-called aliens and alien spacecraft through.

How are you as a Christian going to handle this in your worldview? How are you going to have categories for it? I think we're telling you they are angels and they are demons and you're not a kook for saying these things have technology that are way more advanced than ours. Yeah, 100%. And like I, first of all, I think it's completely internally consistent to the Christian worldview to claim based on everything that we've given from the scriptures that angels can manifest material in a weird way that allows them to do something that they wouldn't do in and of themselves in this realm.

So what I mean by that is they can, if they want to move around in an unhumanlike manner, they can manifest a spacecraft that can move like that. They could do that. Yeah.

If they can manifest physical bodies, then I'm sure they could manifest some type of metal that they can form into a weird ship that they can get around in. And one text that makes me think that in, I forget which king it is, but again, it's in, I think it's in second Kings or one of the Samuels, one of the Chronicles, but Israel is getting judged and there's an angel that appears over the city and it's described as having a sword that stretches the length of the city. So that's miles guys.

So somehow it manifested, first of all, it's massive. It's as big as a city. It can wield a sword that's as long as a city.

This is like a giant. It's as strong as I know. That's what I'm saying.

They're very strong. They're stronger than what we think. And it's man, it manifested itself somehow that large first of all.

And it's also wielding a sword that interacts as it slashes its victims. I think it was the angel of death. It makes me think of a material interacts with each little house.

It hits in the clay rooms and it destroys the clay rooms with its sword that it manifested that has, it's made up of some, I don't know if it's Adams. It's made up of something that can interact with material in this realm when it slashes its sword. Wow.

Um, you already get weird, get real weird with it right now. We're going there. Makes me think of a Marvel Cinematic Universe's character, Iron Man.

Uh-huh. You know what I mean? Like it might not even been the angel's body. Oh yeah.

But like a technology that he was wielding like an exos, like an exosuit, like a big massive, mechanized thing. Exosuit that he could intricately control and wield this city sword. Yeah.

I don't know. I don't know, dude. I'm just playing around.

I don't know. Wait, there's one other thing I wanted to say. We're speculating, guys.

Can you speculate with us? Can you just come alongside us and just have fun? Come alongside me and have fun. What was I going to say? This was actually an important point I wanted to make. You were talking about the sword, old testament stuff.

Oh, in the, so you're talking about technology and stuff in the book of Enoch. Guys, not scripture, not canon, not necessarily true. We're supposed to talk about Apocrypha.

I'm talking Apocrypha and I'm also talking non-scriptured, non-canonized and also not pertaining to the story arc of salvation, of God's story whatsoever in no way, shape, or form. But I also want to say that there are human written books that contain some historical truth to them and I want to maintain that here by quoting this Enoch. So in Enoch, in Enoch's first book, it talks about how there was this special group of angels that came down from heaven called the Watchers and they met on Mount Hermon.

Mount Hermon is quoted in scripture a lot and I don't know, it just says that they came down to Hermon and they taught mankind things like cosmetics, makeups for women. They taught mankind how to do certain music things, certain things with, they basically just taught them technology. So there's a historical document.

These are demons. They're demons and they're basically giving stuff like cosmetics, it's so internal, prideful and all this stuff. I think they're giving humans tools that they can use in their depravity.

Think about cosmetics in the application of sexual immorality. Yes, exactly. They were bolstering that.

They knew humans had a proclivity for this so they came down and they basically played on that. How can a woman enhance, how can we help women enhance their beauty so that they might seduce men much easier? Yeah, exactly. But think about just the concept of cosmetics today and how much a woman can change her physical appearance.

She can look totally different. She can be completely fake. You can look nothing like the way that you were born and nobody will know.

It's that well done now. Yeah, it's crazy actually. So I just want to bring that out.

There's a historical document that, a spiritual historical document that sure, it's not scripture, it's not authoritative in any way, shape or form. We're not claiming that. I'm just saying if something weird happened in history where somebody had an encounter with a weird demon thing that came down from on and met them on a mountain similar to, I don't know, maybe Muhammad, the prophet that started a world religion that's led millions astray.

I don't think Muhammad is crazy guys. I bet he encountered a demon and I bet the demon told him information that he was very compelled with the information he was given, that he was getting a message from "Allah". But remember guys, Satan comes as an angel of light.

Allah. So I'm thinking that obviously demons want to lead humans astray. Obviously spiritual entities have a weird way to manifest themselves.

They can do it materially. They can teach us things. They can tell us things that's otherworldly in nature.

They have a weird knowledge that we don't have. So it's not out of the playbook that they would do something. I think it's also that they don't die like we do.

Yeah, they just accumulate. They live. They are old.

They know. Think about if you or I could live for 2,000 years. How smart would this be? Plus, how much would you know? How much would you know by that time? So yeah, it may not even be that they started with more capacity.

But just being alive for that long. You're going to have a lot of time on your hands to

learn stuff. There's some guys, some humans in history, guys like Nikola Tesla.

He only lived until he was like 50. Give him another 20 years and he could have sped us up to 21st century electromagnetic frequency information transfer. He could have figured out Bluetooth in the 19th century and sped things up a lot quicker if he wouldn't have been prematurely killed.

So I imagine the angels have figured out things obviously that some people, they needed the extra time and weren't able to have it because they were human. Well, didn't Nikola Tesla get his ideas from demons? Yeah, I did bring that up once. Well, there's just odd things in his diary.

If you go read his diary, he talks about not having these ideas. They were given to him by he would have nightmares and see these weird spiritual entities and then all of a sudden he had the idea. It was almost like it was implanted.

Interesting. And he's the father of modern electromagnetic. Yeah, radiation and frequencies.

So you have alternating current. Yeah, because of Nikola Nikola Tesla. Yeah.

So, I don't know. I just don't think it's far. We have like testimonies of people interacting with demons this way.

So I don't like there's a reason why there is a notion of selling your soul to the devil. Like he will give you success and he will give you innovation. He'll give you innovation.

He'll give you some engine. He'll give you ingenuity just to keep you from Christ. But we have a better, we have a better king.

We have a better mind in Christ. The one mind that we have in Christ, the renewal of the mind. Much better.

Yeah, that's a good thing to conclude on is just saying these speculations encourage us because we're not going to be unprepared when the unbeliever comes to us and says, "You've seen that new government document with the thing that flies real fast and we can't explain it?" And it's like, well, I can explain that. Actually can. Yeah.

It's not a problem for me. Yeah. You know, or, you know, that's the kind of thing I'm thinking through in terms of this isn't something new.

This isn't presenting a problem to us. And I think that a lot of Christians either avoid it or when they do encounter this topic, they are genuinely fearful. Intimidated by it.

Intimidated. And if they were to be pressed and say like, "What would you say if someone asked you about this?" I have no idea. I have no idea.



And I think most of them are tempted to say, "Well, it's just all fabricated." You know, like go into some extreme ditch or some extreme rejection of what might potentially be true when they don't have to. You know? Yeah. 100%.

So, it's not a threat. Like we said, Christ commands us to take dominion, subdue the earth under his dominion and angels and demons and all of their technology is under his sovereign reign. And I do think it is worth saying there's things that we're obviously not supposed to know with certainty.

The scripture touches on so much and is the source of, the only source of certainty from an epistemological standpoint. The only source of certainty of knowledge, right? Because it actually comes from God. The only non-foulable being? Yeah.

That is the privilege of having God's word. Like it's such a nice thing to fall back on and say, "Hey, I'm not sure about this and that's fine, but I know what I can be sure of." So God is what the meaning of being a human is, where the earth comes from. It answers all the questions of worldview, meaning, purpose, morality, destiny.

You always have perfect presuppositions which lay the foundation for logically reasoning through everything else. It may not, the scripture is silent on a lot of things, but it doesn't mean it doesn't touch those things. Wow.

Sorry. Leave that in there. Sorry.

Leave that in there. It provides us the foundation for understanding everything else. It is the starting point of knowledge.

Is the fact that God is and has revealed himself. That's how you solve skepticism. That's how you solve solipsism.

It's how you solve skepticism writ large. Zach and I are going to do a lot of this stuff, follow up episodes. We're going to talk about skepticism.

We're going to talk about presuppositional apologetics. We're going to talk about post-millennialism. We're going to collab a little bit.

We just, unless you guys say you don't like this guy. We're not afraid. Yeah, you don't have to like me.

I don't really care. That's true. I'll probably have him on no matter what.

Rocky likes me. I do. I approve.

I do. I do. I do.

I think about it. So we have asserted our dominance over the topic of so-called aliens

and their so-called spacecraft for the glory of God. We just subdued every argument against God.

They're going to use it as an argument against God. That's the point. We're doing it prior.

That's the point. And we know that's coming. We see it from a mile away because what isn't used as an argument against Christianity.

So yeah, just hopefully this is a starting point for you to not fear this topic and to know that you can. It fits nice and neat right into the scriptural worldview. There's no problems.

It actually falls right into our lap and we say, yeah, we've got all kinds of categories for that. We've already got pre-existing knowledge and textual evidence to say, that's not a problem. I can file that right into my Christian worldview.

Let me just find the folder of otherworldly alien-like beings. Unseen realm. What's my file for that? Oh, as a Christian, I do have a file for that.

Because there's a spiritual realm. We're not materialists at all. That's why we reject it.

When they say this is a problem for you, I say, no, it's not. Your presupposition is that it is a problem. My presupposition is that it's not.

And I reject your presupposition and I don't need to adhere to your worldview. My worldview beats you. Your worldview is drastically inferior to mine.

Yeah. Because yours is false and mine is true. Exactly.

Yep. Also I want to say we're not claiming that this is like authoritative or orthodox Christian teaching or whatever. We're just saying, listen, as Christians, if the world's going to try to come at you with something, you need to have an answer and say, oh, is this feasible? Can we do away with it feasibly based on our own presuppositions? And we presuppose in the Christian faith that there's a spiritual realm with unknown attributes to us.

And if we see unknown attributes physically happening in our realm, then we can logically just file that under that category and say, oh, I can't understand all of it, but I can't understand that you using it as an argument, you presupposing that it's an argument against God against Yahweh, the creator of all things. You better be kidding yourself. So foolish.

You're kidding yourself. Yeah. I don't have to presuppose that whatsoever.

It doesn't make any sense. It doesn't. It's just foolishness.

But that's really the point of the sense. God in scripture establishes the spiritual realm. Yeah.

Everywhere it talks, it talks about the spiritual unseen realm. Yeah. It's like I said, it's playing into our hand.

And so be confident, be confident in the word of God and in your Christian faith, knowing that it truly is an unstoppable worldview. And it's unstoppable because it is true because Jesus Christ is the truth. Amen.

Amen. I'm just going to end it there. Wow.

That was epic. That was epic. Amen.