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Week 10 summary

In regards to that student that ended up in a conversation with someone who tried to tell her that God is a woman, I can testify that engaging people like that won't amount to anything and they probably just want to start a fight. But back to the main lesson. One thing to keep of note is that the scrolls are not always clear on what the messiah will be like. The term Mushiach is far more present in the Hebrew Bible than it is in texts from the Second temple period.

Apotropaic prayers are prayers asking for God to keep spirits off of certain individuals. There aren't any specific apotropaic prayers until early Judaism. It is also suggested that part of the Lord's prayer functions as an apotropaic prayer. Jewish homes have Mezuzah's in the doorways of their homes to ward off evil spirits. They are basically little writings of scripture. The Hamsa is also something used to ward off evil spirits in Judaic culture. From Babylon and Persia, there is a tier system of angelic figures as well as for demonic figures. And after the Israelites come back from these places, these tier systems permeate through the Bible. In the Dead Sea Scrolls, they focus on Belial and his lot being punished. No one really cares about Satan (lol). For the angelic rebellion mentioned in Enoch, the angelic rebellion had Semi, Kaza and Azazel. Satan isn't mentioned. The character of Satan in Job differs from the character. One thing to note is that in the Old Testament, it refers to adversary not necessarily the individual. He is also referred to as part of the court of beings before God. A strange thing of note is that the character of Belial is

much more clear cut than the character of the messiah that we are given in the Dead Sea Scrolls. In Dr. Notley's history of studying the synoptic gospels, the professor said he and him take a similar approach in that Luke in how they approach the issue of Luke being independent in its traditions. Mark according to some New Testament scholars is considered to be the oldest Gospel written. Matthew never has quoted from any of the gospels so we don't know for sure where he got his source from. It's possible he came into contact with a pious priest like Ananias who had received Jesus teachings or he hung around a community of people who received Jesus teachings. Melchizedek seems to have become such an important figure especially early on in Qumran that he influenced the order of the meal so that it was turned over. What is also mentioned in Hebrews is God saying You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. None of the readers of the laws whether it be Israelites or Judaeans, read the texts in a linear fashion. Also The Garden of Eden is apparently Jurassic park which personally, I wouldn't mind. The creation museum also has dinosaurs in it. Also just letting you know since you're reading this, I think the dinosaur you were thinking of is a Plesiosaurus. There are many variants of the manuscripts we're using but the variance among them Is good.