

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT ANGELS

"For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
to guard you in all your ways." (Ps. 91:11)

BIBLE STORIES involving the appearance of angels

All texts from the New King James Version (NKJV)

Gen. 3:24 **Expulsion of Adam & Eve from Eden.**

So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Gen. 16:7-12 **Birth of Ishmael**

- 4 *So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.*
- 5 *Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."*
- 6 *So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.*
- 7 *Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.*
- 8 *And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."*
- 9 *The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand."*
- 10 *Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."*
- 11 *And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.*
- 12 *He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."*
- 13 *Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"*
- 14 *Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered.*
- 15 *So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.*

Gen. 18 **Abraham & three visitors**

- 1 *Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.*
- 2 *So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,*
- 3 *and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.*
- 4 *"Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.*
- 5 *"And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."*
- 6 *So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes."*
- 7 *And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.*
- 8 *So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.*
- 9 *Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."*
- 10 *And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)*
- 11 *Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.*
- 12 *Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"*

- 13 *And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'"*
- 14 *"Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."*
- 15 *But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"*
- 16 *Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way.*
- 17 *And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,*
- 18 *"since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"*
- 19 *"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."*
- 20 *And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,*
- 21 *"I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."*
- 22 *Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.*
- 23 *And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"*
- 24 *"Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?"*
- 25 *"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"*
- 26 *So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."*
- 27 *Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord:*
- 28 *"Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it."*
- 29 *And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."*
- 30 *Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."*
- 31 *And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."*
- 32 *Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."*
- 33 *So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.*

Gen. 19:1-26 Two angels visit Lot in Sodom

- 1 *Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.*
- 2 *And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square."*
- 3 *But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.*
- 4 *Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.*
- 5 *And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."*
- 6 *So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him,*
- 7 *and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!"*
- 8 *"See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."*

- 9 *And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.*
- 10 *But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.*
- 11 *And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.*
- 12 *Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city; take them out of this place!"*
- 13 *"For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."*
- 14 *So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.*
- 15 *When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."*
- 16 *And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.*
- 17 *So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."*
- 18 *Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords!"*
- 19 *"Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die.*
- 20 *"See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live."*
- 21 *And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.*
- 22 *"Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.*
- 23 *The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.*
- 24 *Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*
- 25 *So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.*
- 26 *But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.*

Gen. 21:9-19 Hagar & Ishmael expelled

- 9 *And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.*
- 10 *Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac."*
- 11 *And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.*
- 12 *But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.*
- 13 *"Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed."*
- 14 *So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.*
- 15 *And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.*
- 16 *Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.*
- 17 *And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.*
- 18 *"Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."*
- 19 *Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.*

Gen. 22:10-12 Isaac on the altar

- 10 *And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.*
- 11 *But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."*

12 *And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not*

Gen. 28:12 Jacob's Ladder

- 10 *Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.*
 11 *So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.*
 12 ***Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.***
 13 *And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.*
 14 *"Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*
 15 *"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."*
 16 *Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."*
 17 *And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"*
 18 *Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.*
 19 *And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.*
 20 *Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,*
 21 *"so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.*

Gen. 32:1, 24-30 Jacob's wrestling match

- 1 *So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.*
 2 *When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.*
 24 *Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.*
 25 *Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.*
 26 *And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"*
 27 *So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."*
 28 *And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."*
 29 *Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.*
 30 *And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."*
 31 *Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.*

(Hosea 12:4)

Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us;

Exodus 3:2 The Burning Bush

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Acts 7:35

- 35 *"This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.*
 36 *"He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.*
 37 *"This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'*

- 38 *"This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,*
 39 *"whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected.*

Exodus 14:19-20 **Exodus - Pillar of cloud**

- 19 *And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.*
 20 *So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.*

Num. 22:21-35 **Balaam's donkey**

- 21 *So Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.*
 22 *Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.*
 23 *Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.*
 24 *Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.*
 25 *And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again.*
 26 *Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.*
 27 *And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.*
 28 *Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"*
 29 *And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!"*
 30 *So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."*
 31 *Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.*
 32 *And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me.*
 33 *"The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live."*
 34 *And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back."*
 35 *Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.*

Joshua 5:13-6:5 **Joshua at Jericho**

- 13 *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"*
 14 *So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"*
 15 *Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.*
 6:1 *Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.*
 2 *And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.*
 3 *"You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.*

- 4 *"And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.*
- 5 *"It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."*

Judges 2:1-4 Angel speaks to the nation

- 1 *Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.*
- 2 *'And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?*
- 3 *"Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'"*
- 4 *So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.*
- 5 *Then they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the LORD.*

Judges 6:11-23 Gideon's call

- 11 *Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.*
- 12 *And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"*
- 13 *Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."*
- 14 *Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"*
- 15 *So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."*
- 16 *And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."*
- 17 *Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me.*
- 18 *"Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back."*
- 19 *So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them.*
- 20 *The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.*
- 21 *Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.*
- 22 *Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."*
- 23 *Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."*
- 24 *So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace.*

Judges 13 Samson's birth

- 1 *Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.*
- 2 *Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.*
- 3 *And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.*

- 4 *"Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean.*
- 5 *"For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."*
- 6 *So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.*
- 7 *"And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"*
- 8 *Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."*
- 9 *And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.*
- 10 *Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!"*
- 11 *So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And He said, "I am."*
- 12 *Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?"*
- 13 *So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.*
- 14 *"She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."*
- 15 *Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You."*
- 16 *And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)*
- 17 *Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?"*
- 18 *And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?"*
- 19 *So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on;*
- 20 *it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar; the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.*
- 21 *When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD.*

2 Samuel 5:22-25 David's battle

- 22 *Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.*
- 23 *Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.*
- 24 *"And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."*
- 25 *And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.*

2 Samuel 24:16, 17 Judgment for David's pride

- 16 *And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.*
- 17 *Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father's house."*

1 Chronicles 21:15, 16

- 15 *And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.*

16 *Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.*

1 Kings 19:5-8 **Elijah's lunch**

5 *Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."*
 6 *Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.*
 7 *And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."*
 8 *So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.*

2 Kings 2:11,12 **Elijah's ascension**

11 *Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*
 12 *And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.*

2 Kings 6:15-18 **Elisha at Dothan**

15 *And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"*
 16 *So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*
 17 *And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*
 18 *So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.*

2 Kings 7:6 **Arameans vs Sameria**

5 *And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.*
 6 *For the LORD had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses; the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!"*
 7 *Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact; their tents, their horses, and their donkeys; and they fled for their lives.*

2 Kings 19:34, 35 **Sennacherib vs. Hezekiah**

32 *"Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it.*
 33 *By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,' Says the LORD.*
 34 *'For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"*
 35 ¶ *And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead.*
 36 *So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh.*
 37 *Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.*

2 Chronicles 32:20,21

9 *After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem..., to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying,*
 10 *"Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: 'In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?"*

- 11 *Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"?...*
- 18 *Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city.*
- 19 *And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth--the work of men's hands.*
- 20 *Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven.*
- 21 *Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.*
- 22 *Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.*

Isaiah 6 **Isaiah's call**

- 1 *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*
- 2 *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.*
- 3 *And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"*
- 4 *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*
- 5 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."*
- 6 *Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.*
- 7 *And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."*
- 8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*
- 9 *And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'*
- 10 *"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."*
- 11 *Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate,*
- 12 *The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.*
- 13 *But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."*

Daniel 3:25 **Fiery Furnace**

"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." [or "a son of the gods"]

Daniel 6:22 **Daniel in the lion's den**

- 19 *Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.*
- 20 *And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"*
- 21 *Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!"*
- 22 *"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."*

Daniel 8-12 **Daniel's prayers and visions**

8:1 *In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me; to me, Daniel; after the one that appeared to me the first time.*

- 15 *Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.*
- 16 *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "**Gabriel**, make this man understand the vision."*
- 17 *So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."*
- 18 *Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.*
- 19 *And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.*
- 9:1 *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;*
- 2 *in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*
- 3 ***Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.***
- 4 *And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,*
- 5 *"we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.*
- 19 *"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."*
- 20 *Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,*
- 21 *yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.*
- 22 *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.*
- 23 *"At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:*
- [specific prophecy re: return of the Jews to Israel, rebuilding of the temple, coming and death of Messiah, and destruction of Jerusalem.]*

[DANIEL CONTINUED]

- 10:1 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.*
- 2 *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.*
- 3 *I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.*
- 4 *Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,*
- 5 *I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!*
- 6 *His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.*
- 7 *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.*
- 8 *Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.*
- 9 *Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.*
- 10 *Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.*

- 11 *And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.*
- 12 *Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.*
- 13 ***"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.***
- 14 *"Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."*
- 15 *When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.*
- 16 *And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.*
- 17 *"For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."*
- 18 *Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.*
- 19 *And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."*
- 20 *Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.*
- 21 ***"But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.***
- 12:1 *"At that time **Michael** shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.*
- 2 *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Luke 1:11-20 Zechariah

- 11 *Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.*
- 12 *And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.*
- 13 *But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*
- 14 *"And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.*
- 15 *"For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*
- 16 *"And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.*
- 17 *"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*
- 18 *And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."*
- 19 *And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.*
- 20 *"But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."*
- 21 *And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.*
- 22 *But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.*

Luke 1:26-38 Mary

- 26 *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,*
- 27 *to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*
- 28 *And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"*
- 29 *But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.*

- 30 *Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*
 31 *"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.*
 32 *"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.*
 33 *"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."*
 34 *Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"*
 35 *And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*
 36 *"Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.*
 37 *"For with God nothing will be impossible."*
 38 *Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

Matt. 1:20-2:19 **Joseph**

- 18 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.*
 19 *Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.*
 20 *But while he thought about these things, behold, an **angel** of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*
 21 *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."*
 22 *So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:*
 23 *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*
 24 *Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,*
 25 *and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.*
- 2:13 *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."*
 14 *When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,*
- 19 *But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,*
 20 *saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."*
 21 *Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.*

Luke 2:8-14 **Shepherds**

- 8 *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.*
 9 *And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.*
 10 *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*
 11 *"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*
 12 *"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."*
 13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*
 14 *"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

Matt. 4:11 **Jesus' temptation**

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Luke 22:43 **Jesus in Gethsemane**

- 41 *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,*
 42 *saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*
 43 *Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.*
 44 *And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

Matt. 28:1-8 **Jesus' resurrection**

- 1 *Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.*
 2 *And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.*
 3 *His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.*
 4 *And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.*
 5 *But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.*
 6 *"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*
 7 *"And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."*
 8 *So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.*

Mark 16:5-7 **Jesus' resurrection**

- 1 *Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.*
 2 *Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.*
 3 *And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"*
 4 *But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large.*
 5 *And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.*
 6 *But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.*
 7 *"But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."*

Luke 24:1-8 **Jesus' resurrection**

- 1 *Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.*
 2 *But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.*
 3 *Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*
 4 *And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.*
 5 *Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"*
 6 *"He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,*
 7 *"saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.""*
 8 *And they remembered His words.*

John 20:11-13 **Jesus' resurrection**

[after Peter & John visit the empty tomb, and leave]

- 11 *But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.*
 12 *And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.*
 13 *Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."*

14 *Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.*

Acts 1:10,11 Jesus' ascension

- 9 *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*
 10 *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,*
 11 *who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

Acts 5:17-20 Apostles released from prison

- 17 *Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,*
 18 *and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.*
 19 *But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,*
 20 *"Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."*

Acts 8:26 Philip

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

Acts 10:1-6 Cornelius

- 1 *There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,*
 2 *a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.*
 3 *About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"*
 4 *And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.*
 5 *"Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.*
 6 *"He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."*

Acts 12:1-10 Peter released from prison & execution

- 1 *Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.*
 2 *Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.*
 3 *And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.*
 4 *So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.*
 5 *Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.*
 6 *And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.*
 7 *Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.*
 8 *Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."*
 9 *So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.*
 10 *When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.*

Acts 27:23 Paul

- 21 *But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss.*
- 22 *"And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.*
- 23 **"For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,**
- 24 *"saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*
- 25 *"Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.*
- 26 *"However, we must run aground on a certain island."*
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I. DEFINITION: Angel = "messenger"

Hebrew: "MALAK" Jal m' NB: *Malachi* = "My Messenger"

Greek: "ANGELOS" αγγελος

II. NATURE OF ANGELS: (What are angels like?)

A. When were the angels created?

[vs. popular belief – incl. Mormonism – that angels are dead people.]

(1) Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

(2) Exodus 20:11

11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

(3) John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

See also:

Job 38:4-7

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

*7 **When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?***

Ephesians 6:12

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in **the heavenly places.***

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

*2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago; whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows; such a one was caught up to **the third heaven.***

3 And I know such a man; whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows;

*4 how he was caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

B. Who created the angels?

(1) Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

(2) Psalm 148:2-6

2 *Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!*

3 *Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!*

4 *Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!*

5 *Let them praise the name of the LORD, **For He commanded and they were created.***

6 ***He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.***

(3) Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host,...

(4) Job 38:4-7

4 *"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.*

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1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

2 *He was in the beginning with God.*

3 *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

(6) Colossians 1:16

15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

16 *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

C. Angels are spiritual beings

(1) Psalm 104:4

Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

(2) Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

(3) Luke 24:39

[Jesus said:] "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

(4) Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

D. Angels do not marry (they are not sexual creatures). (vs. Mormonism)

(1) Matthew 22:30

"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven."

(2) Mark 12:25

"For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven."

(Consider a popular heresy relating to Genesis 6:1-4)

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- 1 *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,*
- 2 *that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*
- 3 *And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."*
- 4 *There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

NIV

- 1 *When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,*
- 2 *the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.*
- 3 *Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal ; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."*
- 4 *The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.*

E. Angels do not die (they are immortal).

[vs. JW and SDA heresies against the eternal existence of hell.]

Luke 20:36

"nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

See also Psalm 148:

- 1 *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!*
- 2 *Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!*
- 6 *He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.*

**F. Angels are different than people, but sometimes angels share human form and activity.
[What about white robes & wings?]**

- (1) Genesis 18:2-8 [Abraham's three visitors – **EATING!**]
- (2) Genesis 19:1-26 [Lot's two visitors – **EATING!**]
- (3) Genesis 32:1-3, 24ff [Jacob's wrestler]
- (4) Numbers 22:31-35 [Balaam]
- (5) 1 Kings 19:5-8 [Elijah's lunch]
- (6) Daniel 3:25 [Fiery furnace]
- (7) Matthew 28:3 [Resurrection: rolled the stone, spoke to women]
- (8) Mark 16:5-7 [Resurrection: a young man sitting in the tomb]
- (9) Luke 24:1-8 [Resurrection: two men standing spoke to the women]
- (10) John 20:10-13 [Resurrection: two men sitting in the tomb, speaks to Mary M.]
- (11) Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Where angels do not appear in human form:

(12) Exodus 14:19 [Pillar of cloud]

(13) Ezekiel 10 [vision]

(14) Daniel 10:5-6 [vision]

(15) Acts 7:35 [burning bush] (see Exodus 3:4)

(16) Revelation 10:1-3

1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

G. Angels are rational (they have limited knowledge and intellect).

(1) Genesis 19:12

Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city; take them out of this place!"

(2) 2 Samuel 14:20

"...my lord [the king] is wise, according to the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the earth."

(3) Matthew 4:5-6 [Satan, the evil angel, knows and misquotes Scripture]

(4) Mark 13:32

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

(5) Luke 24:4-6

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

(6) 1 Corinthians 13:1

...the tongues of men and angels...

(7) 1 Peter 1:12

*To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; **things which angels desire to look into.***

H. Angels have wants and desires (they have a will).

(1) John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

(2) 1 John 3:8-10

8 *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

9 *Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.*

10 *In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

(3) 1 Peter 1:12

*To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; **things which angels desire to look into.***

I. Angels have power.

(1) Job 1:6 - 2:10 [Job's calamities, with God's permission]

(2) Psalm 103:20

20 *Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.*

21 *Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*

(3) 2 Kings 19:35

35 *And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses; all dead.*

36 *So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh.*

(4) 2 Thessalonians 1:7

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

(5) 2 Peter 2:11 (see Jude 9)

10 *and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,*

11 *whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.*

J. Number of angels (how many are there?).

(1) Deuteronomy 33:2

And he said: "The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came with ten thousands of saints [holy ones]; From His right hand Came a fiery law for them.

(2) 2 Kings 6:14-17 [Elisha at Dothan]

(3) Psalm 68:17

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

(4) Matthew 26:53

"Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? (6,000 x 12 = 72,000)

(5) Luke 2:13

*13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

(6) Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

(7) Revelation 5:11

*11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,
12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"*

K. Rank and Type of Angels.**THE FORMER CHIEF ANGEL**

(1) Isaiah 14:12-15

*12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!
13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'
15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

(2) Ezekiel 28:14-18

*14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.
15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.
16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.
17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.
18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.*

(3) Revelation 12:7-9

*7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,
8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.
9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

See also "Holy Angels and Evil Angels" and "Fallen angels" further down this outline.

THE CHERUBIM (singular: CHERUB)

(1) Genesis 3:24 [Eden]

(2) Exodus 25:18-20

18 *"And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.*

19 *"Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat.*

20 *"And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.*

(3) Psalm 80:1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

(4) Psalm 99:1

The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

(5) Ezekiel 1:4-10

4 *Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.*

5 *Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.*

6 *Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.*

7 *Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.*

8 *The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings.*

9 *Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.*

10 ***As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.***

11 *Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies.*

12 *And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.*

13 *As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.*

14 *And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.*

(6) Ezekiel 10:6-22

6 *And the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and took some of it and put it into the hands of the man clothed with linen, who took it and went out.*

7 *The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.*

8 *And when I looked, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub; the wheels appeared to have the color of a beryl stone.*

9 *As for their appearance, all four looked alike; as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.*

10 *When they went, they went toward any of their four directions; they did not turn aside when they went, but followed in the direction the head was facing. They did not turn aside when they went.*

11 *And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four had, were full of eyes all around.*

12 *As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "Wheel."*

- 13 *Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.*
- 14 *And the cherubim were lifted up. This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar.*
- 15 *When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them.*
- 16 *When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when one was lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the spirit of the living creature was in them.*
- 17 *Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.*
- 18 *And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.*
- 19 *This is the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they were cherubim.*
- 20 *Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.*
- 22 *And the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces which I had seen by the River Chebar, their appearance and their persons. They each went straight forward.*

(7) **Revelation 4:6-9**

- 6 *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*
- 7 *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*
- 8 *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*
- 9 *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*

THE SERAPHIM

Isaiah 6:1-7 [Only reference to seraphim]

- 1 *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*
- 2 *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.*
- 3 *And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"*
- 4 *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*
- 5 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."*
- 6 *Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.*
- 7 *And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."*

THE ARCHANGEL (Michael = "Who is like God")

(1) Daniel 10:13,21

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia

"But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

(2) Daniel 12:1

- 1 *"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.*
- 2 *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

(3) 1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

(4) Jude 9

- 1 *Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.*
- 2 *Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"*

(5) Revelation 12:7-9

- 7 *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,*
- 8 *but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.*
- 9 *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

(Note a popular heresy concerning the identity of Michael “ = Christ” as SDA)

MESSENGER ANGELS

Gabriel = "God's Hero" or "God is Great"

- (1) Daniel 8:16
- (2) Daniel 9:21-23
- (3) Luke 1:19,26 [Zachariah, Mary]

Unnamed messenger angels

- (4) Genesis 18 & 20 [Abraham's 3 and Lot's 2]
- (5) Exodus 3:2 [Burning Bush]
- (6) Judges 2:1-4 [preacher angel]
- (7) Judges 6:11-23 [Gideon]
- (8) Judges 13:2-22 [Samsom]
- (9) Matthew 1:20 [Joseph – birth of Jesus]
- (10) Matthew 2:13 [to Egypt], 19 [from Egypt]
- (11) Luke 2:8-14 [Shepherds]
- (12) Acts 10:1-6 [Cornelius]
- (13) Acts 27:23 [Paul on ship]

WARRIOR ANGELS

Seen or heard by humans

- (1) Genesis 3:24 [Eden]
- (2) Genesis 32:24-30 (Hosea 12:4) [Jacob's wrestler]
- (3) Joshua 5:13-6:5 [at Jericho]
- (4) 2 Samuel 5:23-25 [David]
- (5) 2 Kings 6:15-18 [Elisha at Dothan]

- (6) 2 Kings 7:6 [Arameans – heard noise of an army & split]

Angelic battles in the unseen spirit world

- (7) Daniel 10:13,21 [Michael vs. Prince of Persia]
 (8) Revelation 12:7-9 [Satan expelled from heaven]

Our participation in the unseen angelic battle

- (9) Ephesians 6:10-20

10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*
 11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
 12 ***For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***
 13 *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
 14 *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*
 15 *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
 16 *above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*
 17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*
 18 *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;*
 19 *and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,*
 20 *for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

See also Daniel 8.

HOLY ANGELS AND EVIL ANGELS

- (1) Matthew 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

- (2) Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

- (3) Mark 8:38

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

- (4) Luke 11:15-26

15 *But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."*
 16 *Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven.*
 17 *But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.*
 18 *"If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.*
 19 *"And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.*
 20 *"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*
 21 *"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.*
 22 *"But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.*
 23 *"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*

- 24 *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'*
 25 *"And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order.*
 26 *"Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."*

(5) Luke 9:26

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

(6) Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

III. THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS (What do angels do?)

A. Angels worship God.

(1) Psalm 103:20-21

20 *Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.*
 21 *Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*

(2) Psalm 148:2

Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

(3) Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

(4) Luke 2:13-14

13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*
 14 *"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

(5) Revelation 4:8

8 *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*
 9 *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*
 10 *the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*
 11 *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

B. Angels watch over children.

Matthew 18:10

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

C. Angels protect and serve God's people.

- (1) Genesis 16:7-10 [Hagar, pregnant with Ismael]
 (2) Gen. 21:17-19 [Hagar & Ishmael]
 (3) Genesis 22:10-12 [Isaac on the altar]

(4) Exodus 14:19 [Pillar of cloud]

(5) Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

(6) Psalm 34:7

The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

(7) Psalm 91:11-12

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(8) 2 Kings 6:16-17 [Elisha at Dothan]

(9) Daniel 3:25 [Fiery Furnace]

(10) Daniel 6:22 [Lion's den]

(11) Luke 16:22

“So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

(12) Acts 5:17-20 [Apostles released from prison]

(13) Acts 12:5-8 [Peter released from prison]

(14) Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

D. Angels watch over all people (spectator angels).

(1) Luke 15:10

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

(2) 1 Corinthians 4:9

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

(3) 1 Timothy 5:21

I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

E. Angels minister to and proclaim Christ.

(1) Matthew 2:13 [Joseph to Egypt]

(2) Matthew 4:11 [temptation]

(3) Matthew 28:2-4 [resurrection – roll away the stone]

(4) Luke 2:10-11 [shepherds]

(5) Luke 22:42-43 [Gethsemane]

(6) Acts 1:9-11 [ascension]

(7) 1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

F. Angels carry out the judgment of God.

(1) Genesis 19:1,12-13 [Lot in Sodom]

(2) 2 Samuel 24:16 [David's census] (1 Chronicles 21:15-16)

(3) 2 Kings 19:34-35 [Assyria's army] (2 Chronicles 32:20-21)

(4) Matthew 13:39-42,49-50

39 *"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.*

40 *"Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.*

41 *"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,*

42 *"and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

47 *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,*

48 *"which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.*

49 *"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,*

50 *"and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."*

(5) Matthew 16:27

"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

(6) Matthew 25:31

31 *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

32 *"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

(7) Mark 13:26-27

24 *"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;*

25 *"the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

26 *"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*

27 *"And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.*

(8) Acts 12:23

21 *So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.*

22 *And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"*

23 *Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.*

(9) 1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

(10) Revelation 16:1

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

IV. THE FALLEN ANGELS

A. Lucifer, the fallen angel.

(1) Job 1:6 - 2:10

- 6 *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*
- 7 *And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*
- 8 *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"*
- 9 *So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"*
- 10 *"Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.*
- 11 *"But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*
- 12 *And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

- 2:1 *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*
- 2 *And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*
- 3 *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."*
- 4 *So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.*
- 5 *"But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*
- 6 *And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."*
- 7 *So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.*

(2) Isaiah 14:11-15

- 11 *Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you.'*
- 12 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*
- 13 *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*
- 14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*
- 15 *Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

(3) Ezekiel 28:14-18

- 14 *"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.*
- 15 *You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.*
- 16 *"By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.*
- 17 *"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.*
- 18 *"You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.*

(4) Zechariah 3:1-2

- 1 *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.*
 2 *And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"*
 3 *Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.*
 4 *Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."*
 5 *And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.*

(5) 2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

(6) Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

(7) Revelation 12:7-9

- 7 *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,*
 8 *but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.*
 9 *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

B. The Devil and his angels.

(1) Matthew 9:34

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

(2) Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

(3) John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Romans 1:25

- 24 *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,*
 25 *who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

(4) John 12:31

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

(5) Ephesians 2:2

- 1 *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*
 2 *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

(6) Ephesians 6:11-12

11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

(7) 1 John 5:19

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

C. Evil Angels (Demons) are harmful.

(1) Genesis 3:5 [Temptation of Eve]

(2) Matthew 4:8-9 [Temptation of Jesus]

(3) Mark 5:1-15 [Demoniac of the Gadarenes]

1 *Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.*

2 *And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,*

3 *who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,*

4 *because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.*

5 *And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

6 *When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.*

7 *And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."*

8 *For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"*

9 *Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."*

10 *Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.*

11 *Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.*

12 *So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."*

13 *And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.*

14 *So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.*

15 *Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.*

(4) Luke 13:11,16

11 *And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.*

16 *"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound; think of it; for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"*

(5) 2 Corinthians 4:3,4

3 *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

4 *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

(6) 1 Peter 5:8,9

8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

- 9 *Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

D. Are Satan and the demons still in heaven?

- (1) Job 1:6 - 2:10 [The council; see IV.A above]
- (2) Ephesians 6:12

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in **the heavenly places**.*

- (3) 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

- 2 *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago; whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows; such a one was caught up to **the third heaven**.*
- 3 *And I know such a man; whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows;*
- 4 *how he was caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*

E. Scriptural cautions regarding angels.

- (1) 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

- 13 *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*
- 14 *And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*
- 15 *Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.*

- (2) Galatians 1:8

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

- (3) Revelation 22:8,9

- 8 *Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.*
- 9 *Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."*

V. CONCLUSION:

- (1) John 3:16-17

- 16 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*
- 17 *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

- (2) John 10:10-15,27-28

- 10 *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*
- 11 *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*
- 12 *"But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.*
- 13 *"The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.*
- 14 *"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*

15 *"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

27 *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

28 *"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

(3) John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(4) John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

(5) 1 John 5:12-13

12 *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

13 *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*