

COURSE: Angels

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Angels are powerful creatures who have significant roles to play in Gods unfolding plan for mankind

Angels were present at the creation of the universe, the proclamation of the birth of Jesus, (*Luke 28-14*) and will return with Christ's heavenly army to establish his Millennial Kingdom

The Bible specifically referred to angels about 294 times, and records them showing themselves to man about 104 times Angels are notable beings with an important role, and do take on human form for the purpose of delivering messages and ministry to man.

Angels have complete spiritual knowledge; they cannot repent or change spiritual decisions.

WHO AND WHAT ARE ANGELS?

Angel-Mal'ak (Hebrew trans. Old Testament) Meaning to dispatch, as a deputy, ambassador or messenger.

Angel-Angelos(Greek trans. New Testament) meaning spiritual beings Messenger. Angels ability to take on human form for the fulfillment of Gods plans and purpose.

Angels are also referred to in the Bible as:

Guardians (*Gen. 24:7, Psalms 91:11*)

Sons of the Mighty (*Psalms 89:6*)

Sons of God (*Job 1:6*)

In addition, other references throughout the Bible such as the congregation of the Mighty, Saints, Host, Spirits, and Elect.

Five names of Angels are known to be recorded in the Bible:

Michael (The Archangel or Chief)

Gabriel (Appeared to Daniel, also announced the birth of Jesus)

Palomi (The numberer) named in the original language of the book of Daniel.

Apollyon (fallen, a destroyer, named by John in the book of Revelation.)

Satan (fallen, or Lucifer)

Various places in scriptures tell about their physical features:

Heads, faces, eyes, mouths, hair, hands, feet.

Angels have emotions, appetites, passions, desires, will power, language, intelligence, knowledge, wisdom, patience, meekness, modesty and according to Matthew 25:31 they are Holy

Gen. 19 Angels ate with Abraham.

Psalms 78:24-25 David tells us that the manna supplied in the wilderness is the "Angels food", "the coni of heaven," so angels do eat in heaven.

THE FALLEN ANGELS

Lucifer (Isaiah 14.12) The "I" wills of Satan"

Ezekiel referred to Lucifer Chi 28 as the "Prince of Try"

Fallen angels fall into two different groups The first category consist of those angels "who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own habitation" As Jude 6,7 describes them and who are now chained in darkness.

Genesis Chapter 6 recounts how fallen angels were the reason God had to destroy the Earth with a great flood

Genesis 6:2 Violated the Law of God

The purpose of this sexual abomination would be to try to demonize all humanity, in an attempt to stop the birth of the Holy Messiah.

Genesis 6:4 Giants on the Earth

It is possible that these offspring angels led to the <u>demigods</u> of Greek literature and the many legends of ancient history of gods, coming to earth and mixing with humankind,

Numbers 13:32, 33 David slew Goliath. I Samuel 17, 2 Samuel 2 1:19 and his brothers who were giants.

Many Christians, upon reading the account of the Israelites taking possession of the Promised Land, have been troubled by Gods command to totally annihilate all the inhabitants of Canaan. If these people of Canaan were the offspring of demonic angelic-human relations, no wonder God said to wipe them out. There are many scriptures which show that these people were not normal humans (*Numbers 13:32-33*, *Deuteronomy 2:10-20*).

The second category of fallen angels did not participate in that sin before the flood and are still free to wage spiritual warfare with the believers. (*Ephesians 6:12*)

Revelation 20:1-3 this last group will be defeated at the Battle of Armageddon.

WHAT IS THEIR ROLE IN HEAVEN, AND OUR LIVES?

In *Luke2:8-14* the Scriptures record the most important message ever delivered by these messengers. (The birth of Jesus)

When we get to Heaven and look back on our life with the complete spiritual insight of God, we will be astonished to discover the many times angels have intervened to protect us without awareness

Hebrew 13:1 "forget to entertain strangers' for some have entertained angels unaware."

As spirit beings angels are usually invisible to animals such as in *Numbers 22:22-27* (the donkey of Balaam)

Angels are taught wisdom through their observation of God's unfolding plan in the church. (*Ephesians 3:10 NIV*)

Angels have Ranks and Hierarchy:

Joshua 5:1 3-15 Commander of the Army of the Lord

Archangel (Michael) he will announce the Lords return. The Scriptures tell us that they are vitally interested in the affairs of mankind, salvation and most of all, the subject of prophecy. (*Ephesians 3:10*)

Warring Angels *Joshua 5:13-15, Kings 6:17*. They are very powerful on one occasion a single angel destroyed 1 85,000 Syrian soldiers.

Cherubim- (*Ezekiel 1:5-14*) Seraphim-(*Isaiah 6: 1-7*) are a special class of angels which surround the throne of God in Heaven. (*Revelation 5:11*) There is also a group of these angels that are fallen

Angels are created beings (*Psalms 148:2, 5, Col 1:16*) and can never die because they are immortal (*Luke 20:36*)

They have many responsibilities in the government of God. They Minister to men, ct of God, and rule the nations.

Angels wage actual physical warfare against the enemies of God, the Antichrist and his fallen angels.

Ephesians 6:12 reminds us of this continuing spiritual warfare. They will participate in the climactic Battle of Armageddon. (*Zechariah 17-11*) They ride heavenly horses

One of their roles is to guard the gates of New Jerusalem to prevent anything unholy from entering. Their numbers are described as "Myriad's of Myriad's" of Millions of Millions.

Angels all around us (Psalms 34:7)

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