

# Angels – Ministering Spirits - Part 2

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## Classes of Angels

- Angels are mentioned all throughout the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation- over 300 times
- Angels are spirits- created and had a beginning like us- they are eternal beings
- They were there, witnessing the birth of the universe as it was being created
- Job 38:7, “*while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?*”
- Angels are symbolically referred to in the Bible as stars – speaking of their beauty/dignity
- We see three arch-angels or high ranking angles in Scriptures

## Lucifer

Before mankind came on the scene, there was the dispensation of angels where their free will was tested like us. Sadly, Lucifer led a rebellion and convinced 1/3 of the angels to join him.

- Rev 12:4, “His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth”
- **Please Read: Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:1-2, 11-19**
- Notice the “Double Reference” principle of the “Ruler of Tyre” vs the “King of Tyre”

**Luke 10:17-20**, “The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- The Lord dealt quite swiftly and decisively with that rebellion
- As a consequence the earth became formless and void- the first flood

**Genesis 1:1-2**, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth became formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

- Satan is not hell like many believe with red skin, cloven hooves and a pitch fork
- Ezekiel 28:12- “You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty”
- The world system 1 John 2:15- is a reflection of his vanity and lust for power

## 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

- Ephesians 2:2 KJV call him the “prince of the power of the air”
  - o NIV- “Ruler of the Kingdom of the air”
- 2 Corinthians 4:4- the “god of this age”; **Luke 4:5-6- stole dominion from Adam**
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7- “For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work”
- Ephesians 3:10- “the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms”
- 1 Corinthians 2:6- the “Rulers of this Age”

**Ephesians 6:10-12**, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

- AMP translations: master spirits and world rulers of this present darkness
  - o Wicked spirits in heavenly places- speaking of the earth’s atmosphere – 1<sup>st</sup> heaven
- Fallen angels are not permitted to take on human form- when they do = one way trip
  - o The real nasty ones are kept bound in the abyss- Luke 8:31

## Jude 6

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home — these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

**Revelation 9:15**, “And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.”

**Revelation 9:1-2, 11**, “The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.”

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- I believe that “Heaven” in Revelation 12:7 is referring to the first heaven- earth’s atmosphere
- There are three heavens mentioned in Scripture- 2 Corinthians 12:2
  - o 1<sup>st</sup>- Earth’s atmosphere | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Outer space | 3<sup>rd</sup> – the throne of God
- **Please Read: Revelation 20:1-3** - **Satan bound for 1000 years**

## Gabriel- The Messenger Arch-Angel

- The term “Angel of the Lord” is used 65 times in the Bible
- **Please Read: Luke 1:5-20** Foretold the coming of John the Baptist
- **Please Read: Luke 1:26-38** Foretold the coming of Jesus
- **Please Read: Acts 7:30-37** Gabriel Instrumental in the giving of the Law
  
- Gabriel- was key in carrying God’s prophetic end time message
- **Please Read: Daniel 9:20-27**
  - o Seventy –Sevens = 490 years total until the end of Satan’s rule
    - Seven – Sevens = 49 years from the decree to rebuilding Jerusalem
    - Sixty Two – Sevens = 434 years until the crucifixion of Jesus
    - 483 years has passed, leaving 7 years for the anti-christ for the tribulation period
- **Please Read: Daniel 10**

## Michael- The Waring Arch-Angel

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- Michael- the warring angel, who in particular protects Israel
  - o Daniel 10:21, “*No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.*”
- **Please Read: Exodus 14:19-20; 23:20-23** *Angel protecting Israel*
- **Please Read: Joshua 5:14-15** *I believe this to be Michael*

**Jude 8-9**, “In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’”

- As awesome as angels are we do not worship them
- If an angel appears to you and accepts worship- it’s not an elect angel of God

**Col 2:18**, “Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize.”

**Rev 22:8-9**, “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

## Elect Angels

- Like us they are created beings who had their time of testing before Adam and Eve
  - o 1/3 rebelled and 2/3 remained faithful
- Angels are highly intelligent, powerful, rational beings with a will - 1 Pet. 1:12
  - o 2 Peter 2:11, *“yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful”*
- Angels play a major role in God’s kingdom from Genesis – Revelation
  - o They serve God’s purpose in the earth by serving us
- The worship of angels is forbidden- Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8-9-test of an elect angel
- There are a countless number of elect angels in existence- Revelations 5:11; Matthew 26:53
- Rev. 5:11, *“numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.”*
- Angels respond only to our faith in God’s Word in order to fulfill it

**Psalms 103:20 NASB**, “Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!”

**Hebrews 1:14**, “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

- They can look like regular people

**Hebrews 13:2-3**, “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.”

- Many serve as guardian angels- assigned to each of us to for our protection

**Psalms 91:11-12**, “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

**Matthew 18:10**, “See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”

- There are other classifications of angels that serve God in Heaven
- Cherubim occurs around 73 times in the Bible- appear to have wings- Ezekiel 10
  - o Overshadowed the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant

**Heb. 9:5**- “Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover.”

**Genesis 3:24**, “After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”

- Seraphim- **Please Read: Isaiah 6:1-8**