

## 4. Are There Angels?

Yes, the Bible informs us about angels. God created large numbers of angels long before He created the physical world. Angels are mentioned 273 times in the Bible so they are considered to be very important. They are spiritual beings therefore we cannot see them.


This slide outlines several Biblical references, which inform us about the nature and character of angels.

Originally, angels waited upon, served and worshipped God. Now they also minister to Christians.

### Angels; Heavenly Beings Created By God





Created By GOD Before Earth and Mankind

Referred to 273 Times In The Bible!!



*Angels are:*

- Spiritual Beings who Serve the Saved..... Hebrews 1:13 - 14
- Created ..... Colossians 1:16
- Immortal ..... Luke 20:36
- Holy ..... Matthews. 25:31
- Innumerable ..... Hebrews. 12:22
- Wise ..... 2 Samuel 14:17 - 20
- Powerful & Obedient ..... Psalms 103:20
- Do Not Marry ..... Matthew 22:30
- Invisible (Incarate at times)..... Numbers 22:22 – 31, Genesis 18:2 - 8
- Emotional ..... Luke 15: 10
- Not Perfect ..... Job 4:18
- Organized in Ranks and Order ..... Isaiah 6:1 – 3, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Angel 1



#### **Hebrews 1: 13 – 14**

To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

#### **Colossians 1: 16**

For by Him all things are created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

#### **Luke 20: 36**

And they can no longer die; for they are like angels . They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

#### **Hebrews 12: 22**

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.

Notice that they do not marry. So we can deduce that there are a fixed number of angels. There are lots of them but we do not know how many.



They sometimes visit Earth in the form of people. An example of this is recorded in Genesis 18:1 - 2:

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**Hebrews 12: 22**

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**II Samuel 14:17 – 29**

And now your servant says, "May the word of my Lord the king bring me rest, for my Lord the king is like an angel of God in discerning good and evil. May the Lord your God be with you.

**Psalms 103: 20**

Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey His word.

**Matthew 22: 30**

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given marriage; they will be like angels in heaven.



*"The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground"*

Further study of this encounter tells us that these three "men" were angels in human bodies.

Angel 3

**Numbers 22: 22**

But God was very angry when he (Balaam) went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field.

**Genesis 18: 2**

Abraham looked up and saw three men (angels) standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

**Luke 15: 10**

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Job 4: 18 – 19a**

If God places no trust in his servants, if he charges his angels with error, how much more those who live in houses of clay.

God uses angels to send messages to us. In addition to frequent mention of angels in the Old Testament, there are also records of their appearance on Earth as messengers in the New Testament.



Most imagery we have of angels are of cherub looking humans dressed in white robes and equipped with wings. These are man imagined features rather than Biblical. As indicated

earlier, they may appear to us as regular people dressed in clothes just as we wear. In other words, they will blend in rather than appear different from regular folk. Hebrews 13:1, 2 says; *“Keep on loving each other as*

*brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it”*

Angel 4

#### Isaiah 6:1 – 3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs (angels) each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the LORD Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.



## Ministry Toward Believers

1. Guide .....Genesis 24:7,40
2. Provide For ..... 1 Kings 19:5,8
3. Protect ..... Psalms 34:7
4. Deliver ..... Acts 27: 7,11
5. Comfort ..... Acts 27: 23,24
6. Minister To ..... Hebrews 1:14



Angels have a free will and, like us, can make poor choices.

Lucifer was an angel of high standing in the Heavenly ranks. Yet he aspired to be great like God. He wanted to be recognized as equal to God. As a result, he was cast out of Heaven to Earth.



Angel 5

**Genesis 24:7**

The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me (Abraham) out of my father's household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, "To your offspring I will give this land" – He will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there."

**1 Kings 19:5 – 6**

Then he (Elijah) lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

**Psalms 34: 7**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.



Angel 6

**Acts 27: 7**

We (Paul) made slow headway for many days and had difficulty arriving off Cnidus. When the wind did not allow us to hold our course, we sailed to the lee of Crete, opposite Salome.

**Acts 27: 23 – 24**

Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.

**Hebrews 1:14**

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

**God's Messengers**

- Announced The Birth of Christ ..... Luke 2: 8, 14
- Instructed Shepherds Where To Go .... Luke 2: 8, 12
- Announced Christ's Resurrection ..... Matthew 28: 2, 7
- Escorted Peter and John from Jail ..... Acts 5:19
- Will Be with Jesus at His Return ..... I Thessalonians 4: 16



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**Luke 2: 8 – 10**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the LORD appeared and the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Luke 2: 13 – 14**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests"

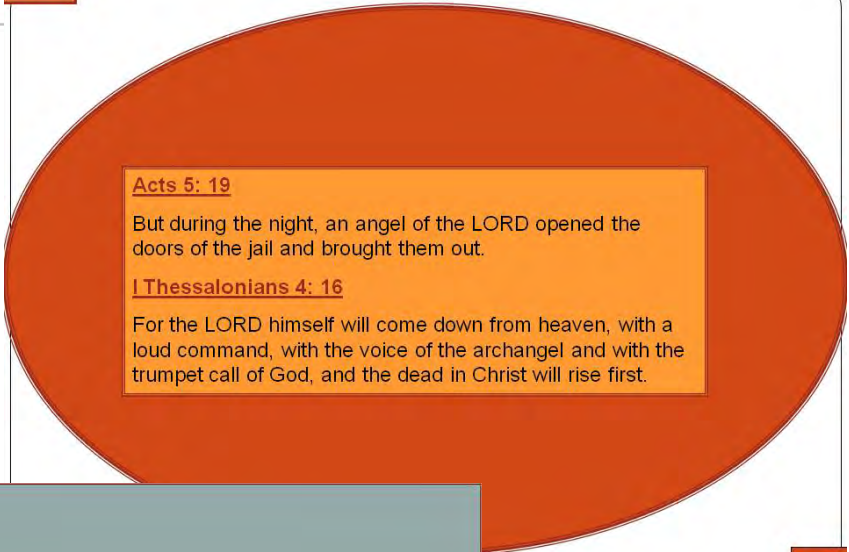
**Matthew 28:2 – 4**

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the LORD came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of Him that they shook and became like dead men.

The account of war in Heaven is recorded in Revelation 12:7, 17. In this story, Lucifer was called the great dragon. The Bible calls Lucifer by several other names; Satan, god of this world, Devil, Evil One, etc. His angelic followers, which made up about one third of the angels, are now called demons. God prepared a special place

Angel 8

for Lucifer and his demons and it is called Hell. Matthew 25:41 tells us; *"Then he (Jesus the Son of God) will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire (Hell) prepared for the Devil and his angels.'"* This place called Hell has several



**Acts 5: 19**

But during the night, an angel of the LORD opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

**1 Thessalonians 4: 16**

For the LORD himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

## Fallen Angels

*Cast From Heaven to Earth Before Mankind*

1. From Pride ..... Isaiah 14:12 - 15 and Jude 6
2. Seen By Christ ..... Luke 10:18
3. Make War on Saints ..... Revelation 12: 7 - 17
4. Imprisoned ..... 2 Peter 2:4
5. Everlasting Fire Prepared for . Matthew 25:41



other names as well but this will be covered later in the course.



Why should a Christian believe in angels? We need to be aware of and believe in angels because are mentioned often throughout the Bible and the Christian will eventually be living with

Angel 3

**Isaiah 14: 12 – 15**

How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

**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.

**Luke 10:18**

He (Jesus) replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. "

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Angel 10

**Revelation 12:7 – 9**

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon (Lucifer or Satan) and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down -- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels (demons) with him.

**II Peter 2:4**

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to Hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment .... Of what is going to happen to the ungodly?

**Matthew 24**

Then he will be cursed, into

hosts of angels in Heaven

As Christians, we have probably encountered angels, but did not recognize them as such. Continually be alert to the possibility of encountering angels.

**Why Should You Believe in Angels?**

*Because GOD's Inspired Word  
Of Truth Tells us About Angels  
273 Times !!*

