Angels and Angel of The Lord

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This document is directed at an understanding of what the Bible tells us regarding angels and in particular “The Angel of The Lord”. It uses the 1611 KJV version in searches as it includes the Apocrypha, in addition the book of Enoch, Jasher, Baruch2, Bel & Dragon, Jubilees, Susanna, Song of three children, Additions to Ester, and Epistle of Jeremiah are also examined. Scripture presented is from the KJV except for the Apocrypha.

1. Definitions

The word angel is defined as Strong’s numbers H4397 and G32.

H4397 – malak, a messenger of God, a teacher, a prophet, a priest, an ambassador, a king. Root meaning is to dispatch.

G32 – aggelos, a messenger, to bring tidings

In God’s use of the term it is a messenger sent with a purpose given authority by God to carry out some task.

The next word is messenger, is also G32, it has various meanings and can be the same as angel sent from God or even from Satan, but it can also refer to a man appointed as a prophet to speak God’s words. It also means a regular person delivering a message to others at times. One needs to look carefully at the context in order to understand the use of the word.

2. Cherubim

The next word is Cherib, it is H3742 – kerub, an imaginary figure. However this word needs further investigation using scripture. First it was a figure placed upon the two ends of the Ark of the Covenant that Moses had made with instructions from God.

We find that Bezaleel, from the tribe of Judah, was filled with the spirit of God for being able to construct the Tabernacle and all accessories including the Ark of the Covenant.

Exo 31:2  See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
Exo 31:3  And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
We have a description of the two Cherubims on the two ends of the mercy seat. Their wings were spread out and their faces were towards each other over the mercy seat.

Exo 37:7 And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;
Exo 37:8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
Exo 37:9 And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

The information for the construction of these Cherubims came to Bezaleel directly from God. This then is a reflection of the Ark in Heaven and the mercy seat.

Going into revelations we obtain further information first on some special type of Cherubims.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
Rev 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
Rev 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Rev 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

It appears that the four Beasts that are around the throne in heaven are in fact very special types of Cherubims, having six wings. One is like a lion, one is like a calf, one is like a face of a man and the last like a flying eagle. All have eyes in front and behind. They speak and say Holy, Holy, Holy and do not rest day or night. These Beasts are likely personal guards of God, and are always with Him.
Examining Ezekiel we obtain further information on Cherubims, although at first they are referred to as four living creatures. The following is when Ezekiel was by the river Chebar.

Eze 1:4 And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Eze 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

Eze 1:6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

Eze 1:7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf’s foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

Eze 1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Eze 1:9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Eze 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Eze 1:11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

Eze 1:12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

Eze 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

Eze 1:14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Eze 1:15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

Eze 1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

Eze 1:17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

Eze 1:18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

Eze 1:19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

Eze 1:20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

Eze 1:21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

Eze 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

Eze 1:23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side,
And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. 

And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Each had four faces and four wings, they had straight feet and soles like a calf which sparkled like polished brass. They had hands of a man on four sides under their wings. They each had the face of a man and a lion and the face of an ox and an eagle. They were electrifying with lights like rings of fire going up and down them and lightning flashing. They had wheels within wheels possibly describing a gyroscope. Their wings sounded like the noise of a water fall. Above them was a throne and a man was on it.

It is difficult to obtain a full picture of what is described. Following on there is more description and these living creatures are now called Cherubims.

Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.

And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. 

And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof; and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the
colour of a beryl stone.

**Eze 10:10** And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

**Eze 10:11** When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

**Eze 10:12** And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.

**Eze 10:13** As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

**Eze 10:14** And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

**Eze 10:15** And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

**Eze 10:16** And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

**Eze 10:17** When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

**Eze 10:18** Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

**Eze 10:19** And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

**Eze 10:20** This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims.

**Eze 10:21** Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

**Eze 10:22** And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

Previously, these were called living creatures now they are called Cherubims. We are told that these Cherubims had hands of man under their wings. Each had four faces, one was the face of a cherub, one was a face of man, one was the face of a lion and the fourth was the face of an eagle. By deduction from above the fourth face of a Cherub is either that of a calf or an ox. It appears that Cherubims have a function to do with transportation as well as protection. These are not messengers or angels, they are another class of beings that were created by the Father for specific purposes. Most likely for protection, being why they spanned across the arc of the Covenant and they could see in all directions at once. The faces being Ox, man, lion and eagle are all predatory beings. This suggests strength in fighting.

Other scriptures as follows tell us that God sits between Cherubims.

**Psa 99:1** The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.
Isa 37:16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Further king Solomon decorated the temple that he built with Cherubims.

1Ki 6:23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.
1Ki 6:24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

1Ki 6:27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

The measure of 10 cubits is 14.6 feet, the size of the inner house was 20 cubits wide or 29.2 feet and 14.6 feet high.

3. Names of Angels

A few specific angels have names that we are told. The first is Gabriel,

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

Gabriel, H1403 – man of God, an archangel

Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

Luk 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
Luk 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Dan 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.
Dan 10:13  But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Michael, H4317 – who is like God, an archangel

Dan 10:20  Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

Dan 10:21  But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince

Dan 12:1  And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Dan 12:2  And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Scripture does not identify the angel that came to Daniel, but we are told Michael came to help this angel fight with him, most likely against Satan. This logically identifies this angel talking with Daniel as an archangel most likely being a key messenger to men, who is Gabriel.

Jud 1:9  Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Archangel, G743 – chief angel

Rev 12:7  And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8  And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Rev 12:9  And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 9:10  And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:11  And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Abaddon, G3 – a destroying angel

Isa 14:12  How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
Lucifer, H1966 – morning star, sense of brightness
The above scripture is the only one in the entire Bible that mentions Lucifer, but is referred to further in 2Cor 11:14 below.

The Mormons have an angel of prominence that they call Moronia that is an angel of light. This can be seen on the top of the Mormon temple. This sounds a lot like Lucifer.

In 2014, April 27 in Saint Peters Square, Pope Francis declared to the entire world that Lucifer is the God of the Catholic Church.

2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Satan, H7854 – an opponent, arch enemy of good  G4567 – the accuser, the Devil

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Luk 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Devil, G1228 – false accuser, slanderer, specifically Satan

From Enoch, which is a questionable book that we have obtained in today’s time, we are given information on angels that keep watch. The first is Uriel is a holy angel of the Spirits of men. Next is Raguel who is an angel of vengeance for the world and also for vengeance on the lights. Third is Michael is in charge of the best of mankind and in charge of the nation, likely Israel. The fourth is Saraqael in charge of spirits of men who cause the spirits to sin. Then Gabriel in charge of Serpents, the Garden and the Cherubim. These would most likely be archangels that head legions of angels under them. However we are told of the war in heaven and 1/3 of the angels were defeated and thrown out, Rev 12:4 and Rev 12:9. Thus there were three main archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer. So these other angels from Enoch might not be correct and definitely do not fit as archangels. Also it appears that the Cherubims are directly under The Fathers control. Later in this study we are told from the Holy bible that the names of angels are secret, with the exceptions of Gabriel, Michael and Lucifer. Therefore it is best to discount the book of Enoch.

It would appear that the angels under each archangel are programmed to follow the instructions of their leading archangel. This is similar to legions in armies, they take directions only from their chief commander or army General. This would explain why at the mid point of the
Tribulation, Satan and his angels fight against Michael and his angels and likely Gabriel and his angels also pitch in to help Michael.

Since from what we are told there are only three archangels, thus other angels like the one in charge of the bottomless pit, Abaddon, likely belong to either Gabriel or Michael. Others we are told of are the angels to the seven churches, again are likely under Gabriel.

The following verse as it is written tells us that the Lord Himself will pass through Egypt on the night of the last plague. Since the person dealing with Moses is Yeshua, the Lord referred to is Yeshua. Know from the book of John that no one has seen or heard the Father.

Ex 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

This verse also refers to the destroyer. Since Yeshua was the one that gave life, He is the one that can also take life. The destruction of the Israelites at mount Sinai when Yeshua was angered at Korah and others then sent forth a plague in order to destroy them is another example, Num 16:46.

4. Angels of the Lord

In the New Testament there are 10 verses that have the term “angel of the Lord”. In the Old Testament there are 52 verses. First a summary of the New Testament verses will be made.

Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

The above scripture is the first time the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph. The second time the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph was to warn him that Herod was seeking to destroy the young child Yeshua, and to flee to Egypt. The third time was when Herod died, Joseph was told to return to Israel. At these times the angel appeared in a dream.

Other events have to do with the rolling of the stone from the door of Yeshua’s burial tomb. Next Zachariah was told that he would have a son. Next the shepherds were told by them of Yeshua’s birth in Bethlehem. The apostles when placed in prison the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors for them and led them out. Stephen’s speech recounted the angel of the Lord in the flaming bush that Moses saw. Next it was the angel of the Lord that directed Philip to find the Ethiopian Eunuch. It was the spirit of the Lord that caught Philip and took him away after baptizing the Eunuch. When Peter was sleeping between two soldiers in prison, the angel of the Lord woke Peter and had the chains fall off of him and led Peter out of the prison. The last act told to us in the New Testament is when Herod was being praised by the people saying that it is the voice of a god and not of a man, at that point the angel of the Lord smote Herod and he was eaten by worms and died.
As a result of the large number of occurrences in the Old Testament only some key occurrences will be addressed. Sarai, Abraham, and Moses all experienced the angel of the Lord in messages to them. Balaam and his donkey were blocked by the angel of the Lord. In Bochim the angel of the Lord spoke to all the children of Israel chastising them for not driving all the inhabitants out of the land they were to posses. In a Song of Deborah she sings about the angel of the Lord in helping them in victory. The angel of the Lord came to Gideon and was directed in going forward for the Lord. Gideon continued to receive instruction that came from the Lord. In this case it was likely the angel of the Lord, giving directions to assemble only 300 men and that he would be given victory. Consider the verses of Gideon below.

Jdg 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

Jdg 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

Jdg 6:13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Jdg 6:14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

Jdg 7:7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

Therefore the messengers or angles of the Lord took messages to specific people either directly speaking to them or indirectly in dreams. So the context of the added word “Lord” can also refer to an angel delivering a message in one form or another. It does not always need to be given to us as “angel of the Lord”. A message can be delivered by the term an angel or by the term an angel of the Lord, these terms being interchangeable. The angels always deliver or speak the Lord’s message.

Continuing, the mother of Samson had an angel of the Lord appear to her informing her of a son she would conceive and the rules for his upbringing. The husband, Manoah had an interesting interaction with the angel and scripture gives us some insight as to why the angels name is not used.

Jdg 13:16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

Jdg 13:17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

Jdg 13:18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name,
seeing it is secret?

So we learn that the names of the angels of the Lord generally were to remain secret. We do not know if there was one or a number of different angels delivering messages or carrying out commandments for the Lord.

2Sa 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

2Sa 24:17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

In this case the angel of the Lord is in the capacity as a destroyer and David saw him.

When Elijah was fleeing from Jezebel. First an angel came and touched him told him to rise and eat, then again it came back a second time, but now described as an angel of the Lord.

1Ki 19:5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

1Ki 19:6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

1Ki 19:7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

The angel of the Lord on various occasions spoke to Elijah and directed him to be a messenger for God. A typical scripture follows.

2Ki 1:3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

At times an angle of the Lord was sent out to protect Jerusalem according to the following.

2Ki 19:34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

2Ki 19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

The census taken by King David displeased God and He gave David a choice conveyed to him by Gad. As one of the choices the Lord would send the angel of the Lord out to destroy throughout the coasts of Israel.

1Ch 21:11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee
Either three years’ famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtake thou; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord, and the size of the angel was enormous, having a sword stretched out over Jerusalem with his hand. The angel stood between heaven and earth.

David saw the angel of the Lord and the size of the angel was enormous, having a sword stretched out over Jerusalem with his hand. The angel stood between heaven and earth.

When the king of Assyria, Sennacherib, was going to attack and take Jerusalem from Hezekiah the king of Judah, the Lord sent an angel that protected Jerusalem.

And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

Zechariah had a number of interactions with the angel of the Lord being shown various horses which are the four spirits of heaven and also Joshua and the high priest.

The following scriptures In the New Testament tell us of the angel of the Lord that appears in a dream to Joseph a number of times, directing him with respect to the protection of Yeshua. Again in scripture we are told that it was the angel of the Lord that rolled the stone opening the tomb where Yeshua had been placed.
Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Mat 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Zacharias saw the angel of the Lord informing him of having a son, being that of John the Baptist.

Luk 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
Luk 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

The shepherds saw an angel of the Lord at the time of Yeshua’s birth.

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When the Apostles were in prison the angel of the Lord woke them and opened the doors of the prison and led them out.

Act 5:18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
Act 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

It was the angel of the Lord in a dream that directed Philip to the Ethiopian eunuch.

Act 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
Act 8:27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

When Peter was in prison it was the angel of the Lord that freed him and led him out.

Act 12:6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
Act 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

As we see from scripture and angel of the Lord at time appears in person and at other times appears in a dream. The angel of the Lord is always sent with a specific purpose, either to deliver a message or to carry out some action.

5. Angels Sent with Assignments

The following scriptures identify angels being sent with a specific message or purpose but are not addressed as angels of the Lord.

First examining the three men that appeared to Abraham, who are angels, but are not identified in scripture as angels. A question is did Abraham identify them as men or as angels?

Gen 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

Gen 18:2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

Gen 18:3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

Gen 18:4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

Gen 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

Here we are told one of the three was the Lord and He talked to Abraham telling him what was about to happen to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

Gen 18:21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

As the two other men went on their way to Sodom, Abraham pleaded with the Lord not to destroy the city if some good men were in it.

Gen 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but
Abraham stood yet **before the LORD.**

**Gen 18:23** And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

**Gen 18:24** Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

**Gen 18:25** That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

**Gen 18:33** And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Now we are told that the two men were angels, again the question is did Lot know they were angels? Lot addresses them “my lords”, which would seem to indicate that he did not seem to recognize them as angels, also he only bowed to them which would have been socially accepted practice.

**Gen 19:1** And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

**Gen 19:2** And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant’s house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

**Gen 19:3** And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Now a difficult passage, where Lot offers his two virgin daughters to the group of men outside his door in order to protect the two men in his house. Is this because of middle east policy of a social unwritten rule to always protect your guests or is it because at this point in time he knew they were angels?

**Gen 19:7** And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

**Gen 19:8** Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

Right after this the angels smote the men outside the door with blindness, and then told Lot what they were sent to do, which means now at this point Lot definitely knew they were angels. Lot was to go and inform his Sons in Law who married other of his daughters to leave with him the next morning. Therefore we know Lot had at least 4 daughters.
And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

Generally what we see is that angels walking as men are not recognizable until they make themselves known in some manner. Those that are being visited might suspect from conversation that they are either holy men or angels. This means man can be visited by an angel that appears as a man and not know or recognize that it was an angel.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Let us next examine Balaam, as he rode his donkey. The donkey saw the angel, it would appear that animals could be more sensitive to seeing angels or it could be the angels make themselves appear to some animals. Note before leaving this thought, in the case of Saul before he became Paul, He saw Yeshua but those with him did not see Yeshua.

And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Balaam could not see the angel of the Lord until the angel revealed himself to Balaam.

Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

There are other incidences where angels interacted or were sent with specific assignments, but there have been enough scriptures used to address this sub topic.

8. Some Further Insight on Angels
We are told that man was made a little lower than the angels, but that he has ability to do work with his hands and all the animals are under his control.

Psalm 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Psalm 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
Psalm 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

The following indicates that children have an angel assigned to look over them.

Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Also we know that where two or three are gathered in Yeshua’s name, He is there in hearing them.

Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Thus it would appear that many if not all that are God’s set apart people including children have an angel assigned to them, looking over them and listening to what they are saying and doing. It is also reasonable to assume that at specific times in a person’s walk that these angels protect those that they watch over, especially if God has predestined a future role to be fulfilled by that person.

Upon the resurrection we are told by Yeshua that we will be like the angels.

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

In addition we are told that once resurrected there is no marriage or being given in marriage. Also we known that man was made in God’s image, later God made woman to be mans companion and to populate the world. We are also told that some angels came down from heaven to earth to mate with women. All of the events of being told of angels interacting with people, the angels were male. Yeshua was male. Thus logic indicates that being made in God’s image, man was made as a male and when God made the angels, they were all made as males. In the resurrection all will be reborn as spirit in God’s image, being like the angels, all being male.
Devils

There are many different uses of the word devils, these are summarized as follows.

**Lev 17:7** And they shall no more offer their *sacrifices unto devils*, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

H8163 – saiyr, a he goat or kid. Used in term of sacrificing.

**Deu 32:16** They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

**Deu 32:17** They *sacrificed unto devils*, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods* that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

H7700- shed, a daemon. Again in terms of sacrificing.

**Mat 4:24** And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were *possessed with devils*, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

G1139- daimonizomia, to be exercised by a daemon.

**Mat 8:31** So the *devils* besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

G1142- damon, a supernatural spirit of a bad nature.

**Mat 10:8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

**Luk 8:2** And certain women, which had been healed of *evil spirits* and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went *seven devils*,

**Luk 8:30** And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many *devils were entered into him*.

G1140- daimoniom, a daimonic being, a devil or god.

What we are show is that there are a number of different terms used for devils, but they generally all refer to evil spirits. They are supernatural and from other information we know that they belong to Satan and are most likely a class or type of bad angels. It would also appear that these demons or angels possess abilities that are different from the abilities that powerful angels possess. Thus it would appear that various angels possess different abilities. Some can transform to human flesh and can appear and disappear while these other demons apparently cannot, so
they need to enter into humans or animals to have a place to stay that is not in the great void or empty firmament. These devils cannot return to heaven from where they likely came from, which makes them fallen angels of Satan, but remain in the spirit world which would be a great void. They therefore feel much more comfortable residing in a human or an animal than in the void. It appears that after the flood things changed and only angels set by God have the ability to transform into human form.

9. Angels of the Seven Churches

We are told that there are specific angels that are attached to seven churches. In today's time there are many branches of the same church, therefore it is likely that there is one chief angel and many sub angels each attached to one branch for that Church and reporting back to the chief angel for that specific Church.

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

10. Sons of God

We are told in Genesis that some of the angels left heaven and came down to earth and mated with earth women producing giants as offspring.

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

This outcome resulted in an offspring of wicked people, leading God to destroy all but Noah and his family and start over.

Examine for a moment the angels that came down form heaven to mate with earth women, means that they were able to transform from spirit into a physical male person in order to produce offspring. The offspring were called N’filim or Nephites or Nephilim, the word from Strong H5303 means bully or tyrant. The offspring were human and were giants or men of renown.

The sons of God in many scriptures refer to angels, as according to the following.
Job 1:6  Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 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.

Job 38:4  Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:5  Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6  Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

Job 38:7  When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

Another theme in using the term **sons of God** applies to man, those who walk forward properly. These are adopted sons of God.

Hos 1:10  Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye are the **sons** of the living God.

Joh 1:11  He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12  But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:

Rom 8:14  For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**.

Rom 8:15  For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16  The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the **children of God**;

Rom 8:17  And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Gal 4:4  But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5  To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption of sons**.

Gal 4:6  And because ye are **sons**, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Gal 4:7  Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but **a son**; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
**Php 2:14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

**Php 2:15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the *sons of God*, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

**1Jn 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the *sons of God*: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

**1Jn 3:2** Beloved, now are we the *sons of God*, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

The following scriptures apply to Yeshua as being so much better than the angels, who are his fellow companions. The Father anointed Yeshua.

**Psa 45:6** Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

**Psa 45:7** Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Note the Scriptures verse for Psa 45:7 from the Scriptures Bible.

**Psa 45:7** You have loved righteousness and hated *wrongness*; Therefore Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. (TS)

**Heb 1:1** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

**Heb 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Heb 1:4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**Heb 1:5** For unto which of *the angels* said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

**Heb 1:6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the *angels* of God worship him.

**Heb 1:7** And of *the angels* he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

**Heb 1:8** But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

**Heb 1:9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

**Heb 1:13** But to which of *the angels* said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make
thine enemies thy footstool?
Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

All the angels are to worship Yeshua who is made so much better than the angels (Heb 1:4) and Yeshua is the first begotten that was brought into the world. Yeshua made the worlds, He is heir of all things. Note Heb 1:14 it tells us that the angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to man that are sons of God. Administering to man has a connotation of being assigned to God’s chosen as a guardian angel.

11. Apocrypha

2. Esdras

The following is telling us what the spirit of an unrighteous person will see after the spirit has returned to the Lord after the person has died and before the spirit is judged.

85: The fifth way, they shall see how the habitations of the others are guarded by angels in profound quiet.

We are told that those who died and were following Gods commandments have an angel guarding their spirit in a chamber of habitation.

The following is a reflection of the Israelites in the wilderness, they were given the bread of angels.

19: I pitied your groanings and gave you manna for food; you ate the bread of angels.

The book of Enoch has been commented on previously. The book of Jasher seems to tell us more with instruction coming from angels particularly to Joseph in the Egyptian Jail, but it does not conflict with names or mainstream Bible verses. Again in the book of Tobit there are a number of names of angels. There is the occasional mention of angels in other books but they do not give us any additional insight as to what has been covered in this document.

12. Seraphim

There is one other term, it is Seraphim, found in Isa 6:2. The definition from Strong’s number is H8314 – Saraph, burning of fiery serpent. What we are told in the description by Isaiah, having 6 wings, unique faces and singing Holy, Holy, and in the presence of the throne. These have enough similarities in location and described appearance to be Cherubims.
13. Summary

We are told a fair amount of detail about angels, some and transform from spirit to material taking the form of a man. Some appear in dreams, others in human form. The Devils or fallen angels seem that they cannot transform and prefer to be in a living human or animal. Some angels are directed to deliver a message, others to carry out some activity, usually being to prevent something or to destroy. However we are still limited in what we know about the spirit world and those that reside there. We still have many questions that remain, but we will not have answers until our resurrection.

It would appear that if you are one of God’s chosen people, either a son or a daughter, you have an angel assigned to you, in other words you have a guardian angel.

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