

Revelation 10:1-4 (NKJV)

“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. 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, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."”

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

“But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'””

II Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV)

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

I Timothy 1:3,4 (NKJV)

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.”

II Timothy 4:3,4 (NKJV)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

Angels

Examining what the Bible teaches without venturing into speculation

- Their characteristics
 - Spirit beings

Hebrews 1:13,14 (NKJV)

“But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

Mark 12:25 (NKJV)

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

Luke 20:34-36 (NKJV)

“And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. "But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; "nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.”

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 - Created beings

Psalm 148:1-5 (NKJV)

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.”

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)

“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.”

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 - Spirit beings
 - Created beings
 - Innumerable

Hebrews 12:22 (NKJV)

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

Revelation 5:11 (NKJV)

“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,”

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 - Higher order than men

Hebrews 2:6,7 (NKJV)

“But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.”

II Samuel 14:20 (NKJV)

“To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the earth.”

Matthew 24:36 (NKJV)

““But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

I Peter 1:9-12 (NKJV)

“receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 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.”

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Genesis 18:1,2 (NKJV)

“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. 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,”

Genesis 19:1 (NKJV)

“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.”

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV)

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

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 - Have rank

Jude 9 (NKJV)

“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!"”

I Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV)

“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.”

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 - Have freewill

Jude 6 (NKJV)

“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;”

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Matthew 25:41 (NKJV)

“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:”

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- Their activity in the Old Testament
 - Abraham
 - The Angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar in the wilderness - Gen 16:7-14; cf. Gen 21:17
 - Angels appeared to Abraham - Gen 18:1-2
 - The same two angels appeared to Lot before destroying Sodom - Gen 19:1-22
 - The Angel of the Lord prevented Abraham from sacrificing Isaac - Gen 22:11-18
 - Abraham was confident that an angel would guide his servant in finding a wife for Isaac -Genesis 24:7, Genesis 24:40

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 - Jacob
 - In his dream at Bethel, Jacob saw angels ascending and descending on a ladder up to heaven
 - The angel of God spoke to him in a dream, telling him to return to Canaan

Genesis 28:12 (NKJV)

“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.”

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 - Angels of God met him on his return at Mahanaim - Genesis 32:1-2
 - He wrestled with a "Man", who is later called as "the Angel" –Genesis 32:24-30, Hosea 12:4

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 - Moses
 - The Angel of the Lord appeared to him at the burning bush

Exodus 3:1-2 (NKJV)

“Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 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 7:30 (NKJV)

“And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.”

Acts 7:35 (NKJV)

“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.”

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- Their activity in the Old Testament
 - Moses
 - The Angel of the Lord appeared to him at the burning bush
 - The Angel of God led the Israelites out of Egypt

Exodus 14:19 (NKJV)

“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.”

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- Their activity in the Old Testament
 - On the way to the promised land
 - God's angel led Israel through the wilderness

Exodus 23:20-23 (NKJV)

“Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. "Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. "But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. "For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.”

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 - On the way to the promised land
 - God's angel led Israel through the wilderness
 - The Angel of the Lord appeared to Balaam's donkey, and then to him -Numbers 22:22-35
 - Angels assisted with the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai

Acts 7:53 (NKJV)

“who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”

Galatians 3:19 (NKJV)

“What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.”

Angels

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- Their activity in the Old Testament
 - In the period of the Judges
 - Through Deborah the Angel of the Lord tells Israel to curse Meroz-Judges 5:23
 - The Angel of the Lord appears to Gideon -Judges 6:11-24
 - The Angel of the Lord appears to the parents of Samson-Judges 13:1-23

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II Samuel 24:15-17 (NKJV)

“So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. 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. 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."”

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I Kings 19:5-7 (NKJV)

“Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 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. 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."”

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II Kings 1:3 (NKJV)

“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 to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

II Kings 1:15 (NKJV)

“And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So he arose and went down with him to the king.”

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 - The Angel of the Lord sent Elijah with messages to the king of Samaria
 - The Angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men of the army of Assyria

II Kings 19:35 (NKJV)

“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.”

II Chronicles 32:20-22 (NKJV)

“Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. 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. 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.”

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 - Nebuchadnezzar praised God for sending His Angel to deliver Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego

Daniel 3:28 (NKJV)

“Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!”

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 - Gabriel interpreted several visions for Daniel
 - References to them from the Psalms

Psalm 8:5 (NKJV)

“For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.”

Psalm 34:7 (NKJV)

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

Psalm 35:5,6 (NKJV)

“Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.”

Psalm 78:25 (NKJV)

“Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.”

Psalm 78:49 (NKJV)

“He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, By sending angels of destruction among them.”

Psalm 91:11 (NKJV)

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

Psalm 103:20 (NKJV)

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

Psalm 104:4 (NKJV)

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

Psalm 148:2 (NKJV)

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

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- **Next week:**
 - Angels in the life of Christ
 - Angels in the first century church
 - Angels and Christians today
 - Some warnings about angels

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