

The Spiritual World and Angels – Special Study

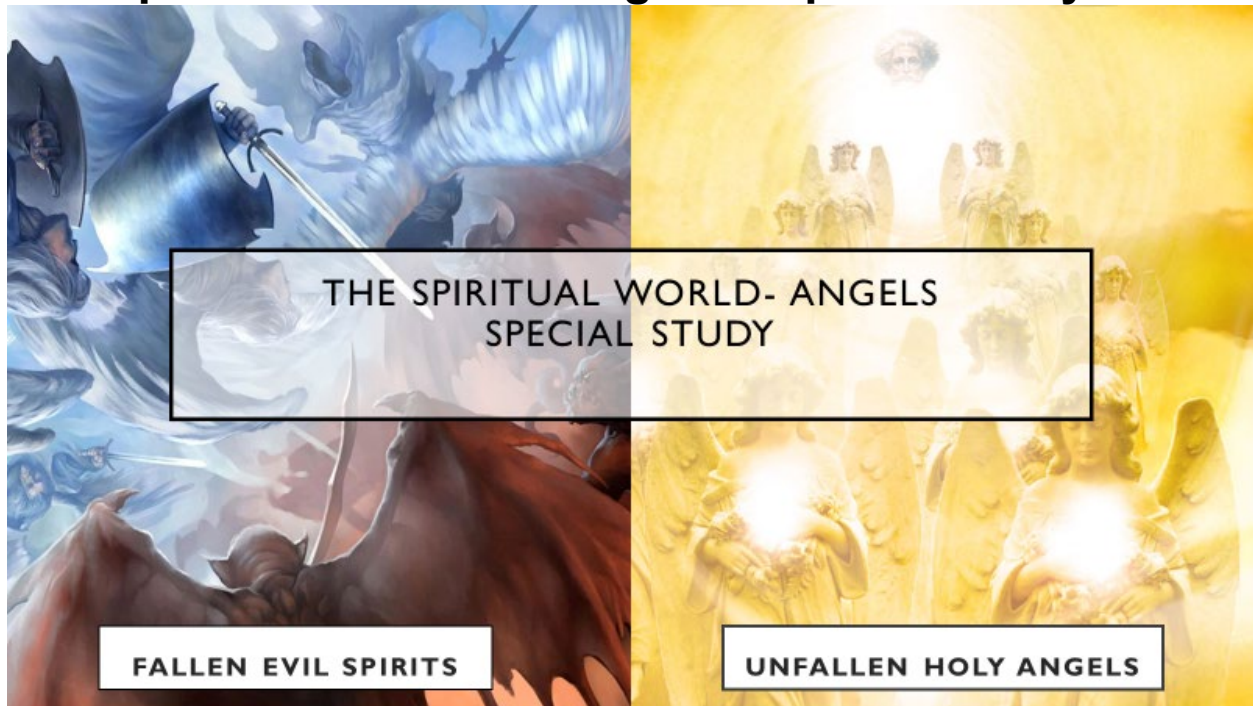


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The Spiritual World - Angels

In the spiritual, God's mighty power is at work and on display.

Colossians 1:16&17

“For by him were all **things** created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and **invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things **consist**.”

- **Consist, G4921. sunistao, soon-is-tah'-o;** or (strengthened) sunistano, soon-is-tan'-o; or sunistemi, soon-is'-tay-mee; from G4862 and G2476 (includ. its collat. forms); **to set together**, i.e., (by impl.) to introduce (favorably), or (fig.) **to exhibit**; intrans. to stand near, or (fig.) to constitute: --approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

Two Spirit Worlds

There are two "spirit worlds." There are those who fell with Lucifer into darkness (**fallen**) and those who remained faithful to God (**unfallen**).

Fallen- There is the spirit world that is made up of spirits that fell when Lucifer fell. When sin entered the Universe, those that sinned, the spiritual powers and rulers, became the "spiritual darkness" which represents one-third of the angelic host. They are now organized under Satan and we battle them today. The fallen spirit world is that "spiritual wickedness" and the "rulers of darkness" that we, as the church, fight against. The wicked spirit powers are in the "Heavenlies."

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers** of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high places.

- **principalities**(G746) G756; (properly abstract) a *commencement*, or (concrete) *chief* (in various applications of order, time, place or rank): - beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.
- **powers**(G1849) From G1832 (in the sense of *ability*); *privilege*, that is, (subjectively) *force, capacity, competency, freedom*, or (objectively) *mastery* (concretely *magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control*), delegated *influence*: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.
- **rulers**(G2888) From G2889 and G2902; a *world ruler*, an epithet of Satan: - ruler.
- **spiritual**(G4152) From G4151; *non-carnal*, that is, (humanly) *ethereal* (as opposed to gross), or (demoniacally) a *spirit* (concretely), or (divinely) *supernatural, regenerate, religious*: - spiritual. Compare G5591.
- **wickedness**(G4189) in high *places*. From G4190; *depravity*, that is, (specifically) *malice*; plural (concretely) *plots, sins*: - iniquity, wickedness.

Unfallen Angelic Beings- There is also the spirit world that did not fall. These angels worship God and act as ministering spirits. Throughout Scripture we find substantiation of angels. Thirty-four books of the Bible refer to angels. There are 17 in the Old Testament and 17 in the New Testament. Jesus referred to angels in his teachings.

Their Origin

Angels have been in God's universe from the beginning. (Gen 1:1 KJV) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Job 38:4-7 KJV) "**Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**"

- **They are created beings.** (Neh 9:6 KJV) "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; **thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host,** the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and **the host of heaven worshippeth thee.**" (Psa 148:5 KJV) "Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and **they were created.**" (Col 1:16-17KJV) "For **by him were all things created, that are in heaven,** and that are in earth, visible and **invisible,** whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist.**"
- **Angels, in the days of Ahab, the prophet Micaiah said:** (1 Ki 22:19 KJV) "And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: **I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.**"
- **A Psalm of David:** (Psa 103:19-21 KJV) "The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth overall. Bless the LORD, **ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments,** hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, **all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.**"
- **John's vision of the heavenly enthronement:** (Rev 5:11-12 KJV) "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;** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."
- **Elisha at Dothan under siege by the Syrian King:** (2 Ki 6:13-17 KJV) "And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for **they that be with us are more than they that be with them.** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

Heavenly Hosts

Definition of Angel- The Hebrew word for angel is "mal-ak." It simply means "messenger." The Greek word for angel is "angelos." It also means "messenger." The etymology of the word "mal-ak" (with l'ak meaning "to send") seems to imply someone sent over a great distance with a message from someone of importance. Then, angels in Scriptures are primarily messengers or ministering spirits. (Heb 1:14 KJV) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (Psa 91:11 KJV) "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. It can be used of both humans and of God's messengers, the Angels."

The angels make up the "**Heavenly Hosts.**" (Psa 148:2 KJV) "Praise ye him, **all his angels:** praise ye him, **all his hosts.**" We find that in the Bible, the phrases "Lord of Hosts" and "God of Hosts" are used 273 times. In fact, God uses these phrases in His name.

In David's victory over Goliath: (**1 Samuel 17:45 KJV**).

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of **hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."

- **Hosts, H6635. tsaba', tsaw-baw'; or (fem.) tseba'ah, tseb-aw-aw';** from H6633; a mass of persons (or fig. things), espec. reg. organized for war (an army); by impl. a campaign, lit. or fig. (spec. hardship, worship): --appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare). **H6633. tsaba', tsaw-baw';** a prim. root; to mass (an army or servants): --assemble, fight, perform, muster, wait upon, war. **Vine's:** "to wage war, to muster an army, to serve in worship."
- The word "**Hosts**" has a military implication referring to companies of various rankings. The hosts of heaven in Scripture refers to both spiritual and physical bodies, angels and stars, and they cannot be numbered. There is a parallel. (Jer 33:22 KJV) "As **the host of heaven cannot be numbered**, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."

Warning Against Worshipping Angels:

(Colossians 2:18 KJV) "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind."

God warned Israel not to worship the Hosts of Heaven. They were not to worship the "physical" for they are a type of the "spiritual."

Moses speaking to the children of Israel:

(Deuteronomy 4:1-24) "Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. (2) Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (3) Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you. (4) But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day. (5) Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. (6) Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. (7) For what nation *is there* so great, who *hath* God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for*? (8) And what nation *is there* so great, that hath statutes and judgments so

righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? (9) Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; (10) *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children. (11) And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. (12) And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words but saw no similitude; only ye *heard* a voice. (13) And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. (14) And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. (15) Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: (16) Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, (17) The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that *is* in the air, (18) The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: (19) And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. (20) But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye *are* this day. (21) Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance: (22) But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. (23) Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. (24) For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

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- **In the days of King Josiah**, Israel had backslid terribly, and the King turned to God: (2 Ki 22:2 KJV) "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." (2 Ki 22:8 KJV) "And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it." (2 Ki 22:10-13 KJV) "And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us."(II Kings 23:5 KJV) "And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven."
 - **One of the prophets, Zephaniah**, during the reign of Josiah (624 BC) prophesied the Word of the Lord against them that worshipped the host of heaven: (Zep 1:2-5 KJV) "I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD. I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of

Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the **Cherubims** with the priests. **Cherubims:** priests of idols or foreign gods. And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops;"

Angel's Nature

Angels are rational, personal beings with an angelic nature. They are persons. Angels have personhood which is manifested by such features as:

- **Self-awareness: demonstrated by the angel that visited Daniel:**(Dan 10:11-14 KJV) "And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 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. 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. Now **I am come** to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."
- **Self-determination: by the angel that led Peter out of prison:** (Acts 12:7-8 KJV) "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. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and **follow me.**"
- **Moral awareness:** (Mat 13:41 KJV) "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and **they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**" (Luke 15:10 KJV) "Likewise, I say unto you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.**"
- **Perpetuity:** (Mat 25:41 KJV) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**"
- **Intelligence:** (2 Sam 14:20 KJV) "To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and **my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.**" (Rev 22:16 KJV) "**I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.** I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."
- **Desire:** (1 Pet 1:12 KJV) "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; **which things the angels desire to look into.**"
- **Emotion:** (Job 38:7 KJV) "When **the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?** (Rev 12:12 KJV) Therefore **rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.** Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

- **Accountability:** (1 Cor 6:3 KJV) “Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?”
- **Why then, were these angels confined in chains of darkness?** (Acts 15:18 KJV) “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.” (Deu 29:29 KJV) “**The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us** and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” **These are possibly the reasons: (1)** These angels represent those that purposely left their first estate (their heavenly position) and willfully entered Lucifer's sin of independence from God and possibly corrupted the Pre-Adamic race. **(2)** They are an example of judgment to the other angels that comes to those that choose that path.

Angel's Character

- **Angels are invisible:**(Num 22:22 KJV) “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.” (Num 22:23 KJV) “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.” (Num 22:24 KJV) “But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.” (Num 22:25 KJV) “And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.” (Num 22:26 KJV) “And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.” (Num 22:27 KJV) “And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.” (Num 22:28 KJV) “And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?” (Num 22:29 KJV) “And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.” (Num 22:30 KJV) “And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.” (Num 22:31 KJV) “**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.” (2 Ki 6:17 KJV) “**And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**” (Psa 34:7 KJV) “**The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.**”
- **Angel's ability to appear and disappear at will:**(Acts 12:7 KJV) “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.” (Acts 12:10 KJV) “When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and **forthwith the angel departed from him.**”
- **Angels are many:** (Dan 7:10 KJV) “A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: **thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.** (Mat 26:53 KJV) “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and **he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**” (3,000 to 6,000) (Heb 12:22 KJV) “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to **an innumerable company of angels,**” (Rev 5:11 KJV) “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;**”
- **Angels are powerful and endowed with superhuman strength:** (Psa 103:20 KJV) “Bless the LORD, **ye his angels, that excel in strength**, that do his commandments,

hearkening unto the voice of his word.” (2 Pet 2:11 KJV) “Whereas **angels, which are greater in power and might**, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.”

- **Angels can do things that we humans cannot do:** (2 Ki 19:35 KJV) “**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.**” (Acts 5:19 KJV) “**But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors,** and brought them forth, and aid,” (Acts 5:23 KJV) “**Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors:** but when we had opened, we found no man within.”
- **Angels are superior in order than humans:** (2 Pet 2:11 KJV) “Whereas **angels, which are greater in power and might**, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.”
- **Jesus Christ assumed for a little while a lower order of life than that of angels:** (Heb 2:9 KJV) “**But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels** for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”
- **But in His exaltation as head of the new creation race, He was elevated above them in position and order:** (Eph 1:20 KJV) “Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,” (Eph 1:21 KJV) “**Far above all** principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:” (Eph 1:22 KJV) “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,” (Eph 1:23 KJV) “Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” (Phil 2:9 KJV) “Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**” (Phil 2:10 KJV) “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;” (Phil 2:11 KJV) “And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (1 Pet 3:22 KJV) “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; **angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**”
- **As New Creatures in Christ:**(2 Cor 5:17 KJV) “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
- **And members of the new humanity of which He is pattern and head:** (Rom 8:29 KJV) “For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,** that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” (1 John 3:2 KJV) “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. **We who are saved now share this exalted position and order:**” (Eph 2:6 KJV) “And hath **raised us up together, and made us sit together** in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”
- **Angels are indestructible: Being created personal creatures with definite beginnings, they will exist forever:** (Luke 20:34 KJV) “And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:” (Luke 20:35 KJV)

“But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:” (Luke 20:36 KJV) **“Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels;** and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”

- **Holy angels will live forever with God:** (Heb 12:22 KJV) “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and **to an innumerable company of angels,**” (Heb 12:23 KJV) “To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,”
- **Evil angels in everlasting fire:** (Mat 25:41 KJV) “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**” (Mat 25:46 KJV) “And **these shall go away into everlasting punishment:** but the righteous into life eternal.”

Angel Classification

There are basically two classifications of angels: holy or evil. Within these two classifications of angels there is a hierarchy of rank.

Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 1:21, and Ephesians 6:12

Thrones: G2362 thronos, thron'-os (The Oval Office, the Speaker's Chair, etc.)

Dominions: **G2963** kuriotes, koo-ree-ot'-ace (Lordships, governments, Alignments of Nations, etc.)

Principalities: G746 arche, ar-khay' (Chief over governments or departments of power.)

Powers: G1849 exousia, ex-oo-see'-ah (Masters in their areas of expertise.)

Might: G1411 dunamis, doo'-nam-is (Ability to do the unusual, supernatural.) **might, G1411.** dunamis, doo'-nam-is; from G1410; **force** (lit. or fig.); spec. **miraculous power** (usually by impl. a miracle itself)--ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Rulers: G2888 kosmokrator, kos-mok-rat'-ore (A ruler in the cosmos, or world, such as Satan.)Satan:--ruler. 2889. kosmos, kos'-mos; prob. from the base of G2865; orderly arrangement, i.e., decoration; by impl. the world (in a wide or narrow sense, includ. its inhab., lit. or fig. [mor.]--adorning, world.2902. krateo, krat-eh'-o; from G2904; to use strength, i.e., seize or retain (lit. or fig.)--hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take Spiritual wickedness: spiritual, G4152. pneumatikos, pnyoo-mat-ik-os'; from G4151; non-carnal, i.e., (humanly) ethereal (as opposed to gross), or (daemoniacally) a spirit (concr.), or (divinely) supernatural, regenerate, religious:--spiritual. Comp. G5591.

Wickedness: G4189. ponia, pon-ay-ree'-ah; from G4190; depravity, i.e., (spec.) malice; plur. (concr.) plots, sins:--iniquity, wickedness.

High places: G2032. epouranios, ep-oo-ran'-ee-os; from G1909 and G3772; above the sky:--celestial, (in) heaven (-ly), high.

Angel Hierarchy Within Angel Rank: There is a clear hierarchy of rank among the angels both holy ones and evil ones.

- **Michael** seems to be the foremost of the holy regular angels. Michael mean "Who is like God." He is the only one that is classified as an "archangel" in Scripture. This does not mean there aren't more. (Jude 1:9 KJV) "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 archaggelos, ar-khang'-el-os; from G757 and G32; **a chief angel: --archangel.**
- (Dan 10:13 KJV) "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." **Chief:** H7223. ri'shown, ree-shone'; or ri'shon, ree-shone'; from H7221; **first, in place, time or rank** (as adj. or noun):--ancestor, (that were) before (-time), beginning, eldest, first, fore [-father] (-most), former (thing), of old time, past. **Princes:** H8269. sar, sar; from H8323; a head person (of any rank or class):--captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor, keeper, lord, ([-task-]) master, prince (-ipal), ruler, steward.
- **Michael is always associated with Israel.** (Dan 10:21 KJV) "But I will show 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 KJV) "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.” **Great:** H1419. gadowl, gaw-dole'; or (short.) gadol, gaw-dole'; from H1431; great (in any sense); hence older; - - - high, long, loud, mighty, more, much, noble, proud thing, X sore, (X) very.

- (Rev 12:7 KJV) And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon; and **the dragon fought and his angels**.
- **Satan (Lucifer) is the leader of the evil angels:** (Isa 14:12 KJV) “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. heylel, hay-lale'; from H1984 (**in the sense of brightness**); (**Light bearer**). (Mat 25:41 KJV) “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for **the devil and his angels**.” **devil:** G1228. diabolos, dee-ab'-ol-os; from G1225; a traducer; spec. Satan [comp. H7854]: --false accuser, devil, slanderer.

The Holy Angels

The Regular Angels: With the title "**angel**" meaning "**messenger**," holy angels are active in the service of God.

- **Holy Angels render worship:** (Rev 5:11 KJV) "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 5:12 KJV) "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."
- **Holy Angels deliver divine messages:** (Luke 1:11 KJV) "And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense." (Luke 1:12 KJV) "And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him." (Luke 1:13 KJV) "But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." (Luke 1:26 KJV) "And in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel was sent from God** unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth," (Luke 1:27 KJV) "To **a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph**, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary."
- **Holy Angels convey divine revelations:** (Acts 7:53 KJV) "Who **have received the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept it." (Rev 1:1 KJV) "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:"
- **Holy Angels inflict divine judgments:** (2 Sam 24:16 KJV) "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 threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite." (2 Sam 24:17 KJV) "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." (2 Ki 19:35 KJV) "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."
- **Holy Angels influence the leaders of governments:** (Dan 10:12 KJV) "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 KJV) "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." (Dan 10:20 KJV) "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 KJV) "But I will show 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."

- **Holy Angels bear dead humans to their destinies:** (Luke 16:22 KJV) “And it came to pass, that **the beggar died, and was carried by the angels** into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;”
- **Holy Angels minister to God’s people:** (Gen 19:1 KJV) “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;” (Psa 34:7 KJV) “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” (Psa 91:11 KJV) “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.” (Psa 91:12 KJV) “They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” (Acts 5:19 KJV) “But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,” (Acts 5:20 KJV) “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” (Heb 1:14 KJV) “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”
- **Holy Angels observe believers:** (1 Cor 4:9 KJV) “For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”
- **Holy Angels war against the forces of Satan:** (Rev 12:7 KJV) “And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;** and the dragon fought and his angels,” (Rev 12:8 KJV) “And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.” (Rev 12:9 KJV) “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.”

The Evil Angels

These are the angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God. They do exist and are alive. (Mat 25:41 KJV) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

- **Evil Angels - One third of the angels are with Satan.** (Rev 12:3 KJV) "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." (Rev 12:4 KJV) "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."
- **Evil Angels are cast out of the heavens:** This event occurs at the middle of the Tribulation Week. (Rev 12:7 KJV) "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels," (Rev 12:8 KJV) "And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven." (Rev 12:9 KJV) "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 12:12 KJV) "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."
- **Some Evil Angels are confined:** There are confined Evil Angels. These fallen angels are confined to Tartaros, a region of Hades, and they serve as an example of divine vengeance. (2 Pet 2:4 KJV) "The Evil Angels: These For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to **hell** and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" **Hell:** G5020. tartaroo, tar-tar-o'-o; from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment: --cast down to hell. (Jude 1:6 KJV) "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."
- **Why are some of the fallen angels confined while others are free to roam around with their leader, Lucifer?** Scripture is not totally clear on this. Some believe these angels cohabitated with the "daughters of men" and they produced "giants, the Nephilim" in the land. (Gen 6:4 KJV) "There **were giants (Nephilim) 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."

*NEPHILIM (Nehf' ih lih'm) Transliteration of Hebrew word related to verb, "to fall," and often interpreted as "aborted ones." KJV translates as "giants," following the earliest Greek and standard Latin translation. **Nephilim were on the earth both before and after the sons of God married the daughters of men (Gen. 6:4).** The existence of Nephilim joined with marriages not sanctioned by God set the tone for God's condemnation of human wickedness, preparing for the flood. In Numbers 13:33 the spies Moses sent to investigate Canaan, feared the Nephilim,*

who appear to have been of large stature; hence interpreters have labeled them as giants. Another Hebrew term (raphah) is translated giants more often.

The idea that the Nephilim sprang from cohabitation of angels and mortals does not fit other Biblical indications. (Luke 20:34 KJV) “And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage.” (Luke 20:35 KJV) “But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry, nor are given in marriage.**” (Mark 12:25 KJV) “For when they shall rise from the dead, they **neither marry, nor are given in marriage;** but are as the angels which are in heaven. Angels do not have sexual functions and besides, they do not have corporality, that is, no fleshly substance.”

Spirits in Prison

Peter speaks of the "**spirits in prison**" who were "**sometimes disobedient.**" (1 Pet 3:18 KJV) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" (1 Pet 3:19 KJV) "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;" (1 Pet 3:20 KJV) "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." Clarence Larkin who published the "Dispensational Truth" book of charts declares that "these spirits" are those angels that cohabitated with the daughters of men. This is a popular belief among many Bible scholars. I believe what is meant in Genesis 6, is that the spiritual line intermingled and married with the worldly line. This is just as we have it today, the Church is cohabitating with the World and we see great giants in the land. Church systems that are providing every request of the members. The Church is becoming "big business." As one megachurch pastor said recently "It is not 'What can I do for my church today?' but, 'What can my church do for me today?'"

- **Then, who were the "spirits in prison?"** They were those people who called out to God as the flood water closed in upon them. They speak of the ones that will call upon God during the Tribulation Period.
- **Why then, were these angels confined in chains of darkness?** (Acts 15:18 KJV) "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." (Deu 29:29 KJV) "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." **These are possibly the reasons:** **1.**These angels represent those that purposely left their first estate (their heavenly position) and willfully entered Lucifer's sin of independence from God and possibly corrupted the Pre-Adamic race. **2.**They are an example of judgment to the other angels that comes to those that choose that path.

Free Evil Angels: The free "evil angels" that are part of Satan's organization actively oppose God and His people. They also influence and rule in **worldly** affairs, nations and kingdom. (John 14:30 KJV) "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of **this world** cometh, and hath nothing in me." **World:** G2889. kosmos, kos'-mos; prob. from the base of G2865; orderly arrangement, i.e., decoration; by impl. the world (in a wide or narrow sense, includ. its inhab., lit. or fig. [mor.]--adorning, world. (Eph 2:2 KJV) "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of **this world (kosmos)**, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." **The similar descriptions of the "Beast out of the sea" and the "Great Red Dragon" speak of Satan's influence in worldly affairs.** (Rev 13:1 KJV) "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." (Rev 12:3 KJV) "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

Spirits and Demons

The common biblical designations of these evil angels are "spirits" and "demons."

(1 Tim 4:1 KJV)

Now the **Spirit** speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils**;

- **Spirits:** G4151 pneuma, pnyoo'-mah; from G4154; a current of air, i.e., breath (blast) or a breeze; by anal. or fig. a spirit, i.e., (human) the rational soul, (by impl.) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, daemon, or divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: --ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Comp. G5590.
- **Doctrines:** G1319 didaskalia, did-as-kal-ee'-ah; from G1320; instruction (the function or the information): --doctrine, learning, teaching. **Devils:** G1140 daimonion, dahee-mon'-ee-on; neut. of a der. of G1142; a daemonic being; by extens. a deity: --devil, god.

Where did these evil spirits, or demons, come from?

- **Theory 1:** Spirits of deceased evil people. Cannot be, because deceased evil people go to Hades. (Luke 16:23 KJV) "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."
- **Theory 2:** Spirits of a pre-Adamic race. This belief is based on the "gap theory," that there was a pre-adamic race on the earth at the time of Lucifer's fall, and they fell with him. Though this may be a possibility, there is not scriptural support for it.
- **Theory 3:** The offspring of angels and women before the flood. We have already discussed this as being false. Angels cannot cohabit.
- **Theory 4:** Fallen but unconfined angels. This is the most widely held view, and this study holds it to be the most likely answer. When Lucifer fell, a host of lower-ranking angels fell with him. Lucifer is the ruler of demons.

(Mat 12:24 KJV)

"But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by **Beelzebub** the prince of the **devils**."

- **Beelzebub:** G954 Beelzeboul, beh-el-zeb-ool'; of Chald. or [by parody upon H1176]; dung-god; Beel-zebul, a name of Satan: --Beelzebub.
- **Devils:** G1140. daimonion, dahee-mon'-ee-on; neut. of a der. of G1142; a daemonic being; by extens. a deity: --devil, god.

Evil Spirits: Do they have personalities? (Mark 5:8-13 KJV) "For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.** And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, **My name is Legion: for we are many.** And **he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.** Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, **Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.** And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And **the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine:** and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea."

- **Evil Spirits Display Superhuman Strength:** (Mark 9:18 KJV) "And wheresoever **he** taketh him, **he** teareth him: and **he** foameth, and **gnasheth with his teeth,** and

pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.” (Acts 19:16 KJV) “And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

- **Evil Spirits Cause certain physical, emotional and mental disorders:** (Mat 12:22 KJV) “Then was brought unto him **one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb:** and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.” (Luke 13:11 KJV) “And, behold, there was **a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.**” (Mark 5:1-5 KJV) “And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, **immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,** Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and **no man could bind him, no, not with chains:** Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”
- **Evil Spirits Cause self-destruction:** (Mark 9:17-22 KJV) “And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway **the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.** And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And **ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him:** but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.”
- **Evil Spirits Teach False Doctrine:** (1 Tim 4:1 KJV) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Inspire false prophets:” (1 John 4:1-3 KJV) “Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”
- **Evil Spirits Incite Wickedness:** (Mat 12:42-45 KJV) “The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then **goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.** Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.”

- **Evil Spirits Influence Human Political Leaders:** (Dan 10:12-13 KJV) “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. 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.” (Dan 10:20-21 KJV) “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.** But I will show 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.”
- **Evil Spirits Hinder God's people:** (1 Th 2:18 KJV) “Wherefore we would **have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but** Satan hindered us.”
- **Evil Spirits Tempt:** (1 Th 3:5 KJV) “For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means **the tempter have tempted you,** and our labour be in vain.”
- **Evil Spirits Project Evil Thoughts:** (Mat 16:22-23 KJV) “Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.” (Mat 16:23 KJV) “But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**”

Types of Evil Spirits

- **Unclean spirits:** (Mat 10:1 KJV) “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against **unclean spirits**, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”
- **Deaf and dumb spirit:** (Mark 9:17 KJV) “And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;” (Mark 9:25 KJV) “When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked **the foul spirit**, saying unto him, **Thou dumb and deaf spirit**, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”
- **Foul spirit:** (Mark 9:25 KJV) “When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked **the foul spirit**, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”
- **Evil spirits:** (Luke 7:21 KJV) “And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of **evil spirits**; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.”
- **Spirit of divination:** (Acts 16:16 KJV) “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel **possessed with a spirit of divination** met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:”
- **Spirit of error:** (1 John 4:6 KJV) “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and **the spirit of error.**”
- **Seducing spirits:**(1 Tim 4:1 KJV) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;”
- **Lying spirits:**(1 Ki 22:22 KJV) “And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be **a lying spirit** in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.”

Angels' Organizational Titles

Now, we want to look at the ranking, or classification, of the angels themselves. First, the word "angel" in the Hebrew is "malak" and in the Greek, it is "angelos," with each meaning "messenger." We use the word "angel" like we use the word "man." **Angels are called "ministering spirits," so they are "spirits."** (Heb 1:13-14 KJV) "But to **which of the angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are **they not all ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Scripture indicates the following types of angels:

- **Cherubim**
- **Seraphim**
- **Regular Angels, or angels in general.**

Archangel: There are other titles in Scripture that indicate ranking among the angels. There are only two places in Scripture that uses the term "archangel." They are: (1 Th 4:16 KJV) "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the **archangel**, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" (Jude 1:9 KJV) "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. archaggelos, ar-khang'-el-os; from G757 and G32; a chief angel: --rchangel. G757. archo, ar'-kho; a prim. verb; to be first (in political rank or power): --reign (rule) over. G32. aggelos, ang'-el-os; from aggello [prob. der. from G71; comp. G34] (to bring tidings); **a messenger; esp. an "angel"**; by impl. a pastor: --angel, messenger. This seems to indicate that only Michael is an "archangel."

Princes: "Prince" can apply to various levels. **Michael** is called a "**chief** prince." (Dan 10:13 KJV) "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. Miyka'el, me-kaw-ale'; from H4310 and (the pref. der. from) H3588 and H410; who (is) like God? Mikael, the name of an archangel and of nine Isr.: --Michael.
- **Chief**, H7223. ri'shown, ree-shone'; or ri'shon, ree-shone'; from H7221; **first, in place, time or rank (as adj. or noun): --ancestor, (that were) before (-time)**, beginning, eldest, first, fore [-father] (-most), former (thing), of old time, past. Princes, H8269. sar; from H8323; a head person (of any rank or class): --captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor.
- **"One of the chief princes"** This seems to indicate that there is more than one chief prince, of which Michael is one. If the "**chief princes**" are archangels, then there would be more than one. (Dan 10:21 KJV) "But I will show 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" (H8269). (Dan 12:1 KJV) "And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the **great** [H1419] prince [H8269] 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."

Great, H1419. gadowl, gaw-dole'; or (short.) gadol, gaw-dole'; from H1431; **great (in any ense); hence older**; also, insolent: -- + aloud, elder (-est), +

exceeding (-ly), + far, (man of) great (man, matter, thing, -er, -ness), high, long, loud, mighty, more, much, noble, proud thing, X sore, (X) very.

Satan- Prince of Devils: "prince of this world" and "prince of the power of the air." (Mat 12:24 KJV) "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by **Beelzebub (Satan) the prince of the devils.**" (John 12:31 KJV) "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the **prince of this world** be cast out." (John 14:30 KJV) "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the **prince of this world** cometh, and hath nothing in me." (Eph 2:2 KJV) "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

Morning Stars: This title seems to refer to a higher level of angels, such as "prince." (Job 38:7 KJV) "When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

- **Morning**, H1242. boqer, bo'-ker; from H1239; prop. dawn (as the break of day); gen. morning: -- (+) day, early, morning, morrow.
- **Stars**, H3556. kowkab, ko-kawb'; prob. from the same as H3522 (in the sense of rolling) or H3554 (in the sense of blazing); **a star (as round or as shining); fig. a prince: --star ([-gazer]).**

Sons of God: (Job 38:7 KJV) "When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?" In the Old Testament, SONS OF GOD are heavenly beings associated with God, in the heavens, in what is called the "the congregation of the mighty" in Ps. 82:1 or the "assembly of the saints" in Ps. 89:7. (Psa 82:1 KJV) "A Psalm of Asaph. God standeth in the **congregation of the mighty**; he judgeth among the gods." (Psa 89:7 KJV) "God is greatly to be feared in the **assembly of the saints**, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him."

- "**The saints**" here means "holy ones," or simply "the angels." Refer to the next verse, "O LORD God of hosts": (Psa 89:8 KJV) "**O LORD God of hosts**, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?"
- **In the New Testament, "sons of God" always refers to human beings who do God's will (Matt. 5:9; Rom. 8:14,19).** (John 1:12 KJV) "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 KJV) "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are **the sons of God.**" (Rom 8:19 KJV) "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of **the sons of God.**" (Phil 2:15 KJV) "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;" (1 John 3:1-2 KJV) "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. 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." (2 Cor 6:18 KJV) "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be **my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty."
- The usual designation of the heavenly beings in the New Testament is "angels."

Holy Ones: (Dan 4:17 KJV) "This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the **holy ones**: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

- **Holy ones**, H6922. qaddiysh, (Chald.), kad-deesh'; corresp. to H6918. --**holy (One)**,

saint. H6918. qadowsh, kaw-doshe'; or qadosh, kaw-doshe'; from H6942; sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) God (by eminence), **an angel, a saint, a sanctuary: --holy (One), saint.**

Watchers: (Dan 4:17 KJV) "This matter is by the decree of the **watchers**, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

- **Watcher**, H5894. 'iyir, (Chald.), eer; from a root corresp. to H5782; **a watcher, i.e. an angel (as guardian): --watcher.**

Cherubim and Seraphim: We will cover the Seraphim first since very little is given to us on this particular angel.

Seraphim: The Seraphim are located near God's throne and seem to be responsible for proclaiming the glory and holiness of God. Seraphim means "burning ones" which speaks of the absolute "purity of God's **nature.**" (Isa 6:1-7 KJV) "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. **And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.** And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. **Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:** And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." The other reference to the Seraph is when the children of Israel were in the wilderness and were bitten by "fiery serpents" because of their complaining. **"Fiery" comes from "seraph."**

- **Fiery Serpent:** God used snakes of fiery appearance or burning bite to teach His people. The Hebrew word for burning, or fiery, is the same as for seraph in Isaiah 6 but refers to different kinds of creatures. To punish the Israelites for complaining about their lot in the wilderness, God sent fiery serpents among them. As a result, many died. The serpents were natural residents of the wilderness (Deut. 8:15). Subsequently, God directed Moses to make a representation of a fiery serpent and place it on a pole. The brass serpent made by Moses became the means of healing for those who had been bitten by the fiery serpents but had not died. Jesus used this to point to His own fate of being lifted up on a cross (John 3:14). Compare with **John 12:32.**

Deut. 8:15

Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

John 3:14

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

- **Cherubim:** The Cherubim, most likely, is the highest order of angelic beings. In Scripture, they are very closely associated with the throne of God. (2 Ki 19:15 KJV) "And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, **O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest**

between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.” (Psa 99:1-9 KJV) “The **LORD reigneth**; let the people tremble: **he sitteth between the cherubims**; let the earth be moved. (2) The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. (3) Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. (4) The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. (5) Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. (6) Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. (7) He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. (8) Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. (9) Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy. David's Psalm when the Lord delivered him from his enemies: (speaking of the Lord) (10) **And he rode upon a cherub**, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. The Cherubim stood guard at the gate of the Garden of Eden and prevented man from entering there after the fall.” (Gen 3:24 KJV) “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life. They are the golden figures covering the mercy seat, above the ark of the covenant, in the Holy of Holies.**” (Exo 25:17 KJV) And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. (Exo 25:18-22 KJV) “**And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold**, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. **And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end**: even of the mercy seat shall ye **make the cherubim on the two ends thereof**. **And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be**. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark, thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. **And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**”

- In Ezekiel, we see the movements of the Cherubim and the throne of the Lord in relationship to each other: (Ezek 1:26 KJV) “**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.” (Ezek 10:1 KJV) Then I looked, and, **behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.**” (Ezek 10:18-22 KJV) Then **the glory of the LORD** departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood **over the cherubims. 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. 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**. Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; **and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings**. 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.”

- **The Bridal company, symbolized by the Cherubim:** (Rev 4:6-8 KJV) “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. They are a full reproduction of Christ. 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.** 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 5:8 KJV) “And when he had taken the book, **the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.**” (Rev 5:14 KJV) “And the **four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.**”
- **Lucifer was the Highest Cherubim:** (Ezek 28:12-15 KJV) “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”

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