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Dedication

Angels and Demons is dedicated to my loving wife, Mary Diane, without whose encouragement this little book would never have been written.

Preface

My family has a history of being involved in the occult. I can't claim to know how far back this interest goes. I haven't attempted to do a spiritual genealogy or anything of that kind although it may prove to be interesting if I did. The point I am trying to make is simply that I am no stranger to the supernatural. My mother's step mother Anna, was a practicing medium. Not the kind that put themselves out for hire and were therefore prone to fraud to keep their audiences satisfied, but the more independent type that did what they did for their own purposes. My mother of course grew up under her influence and was made aware of the existence of an immaterial world beyond our own from a very early age. What my mother may have experienced in her childhood and youth I do not claim to know, but I do know of her interest in the supernatural and the occult during my own childhood.

I recall certain occurrences in our home at the top of Blanchard hill when I was a child. I remember being visited by a shadowy figure of a woman dressed in a black floor length dress with a bustle on more than one occasion. The figure would pass through my bedroom pausing for a moment here or there as if it had found something of interest and then it would be gone. When I was about six years old I had a toy xylophone that I kept on my dresser, on those rare occasions when I tried to keep my room in order, now and then it would play a few discordant notes from what appeared to be its own accord. Now that I write this I remember Anna saying after my grandfather had died that she would know that he was visiting her when the wind chimes she kept indoors would begin to play.

My parents were given a print of the "Blue Boy" that my grandparents had kept in their home for many years. My mother hung the painting in the master bedroom. From that moment on, our

pet dog, Fancy, was terrified of my parent's bedroom and would not enter of its own free will. If Fancy was carried into the room she would run out as fast as her short little legs would carry her as soon as it was free to do so. I believe something inherently unfriendly entered the master bedroom along with the print of the “Blue Boy”.

For a time, my mother, sisters and I would play with an Ouija board on a fairly regular basis. It was exciting to think that we were communicating with an unseen spirit. I remember us children hunting for treasure hidden somewhere in the basement under the Ouija board's direction. There was a game of my mother's invention where she would place colored pick up sticks in a brown paper bag and we children would take turns reaching in, touch a pick up stick, and then try to feel or sense what color it was by the warmth or coolness we felt in the stick before bringing it out of the bag. I recall quite clearly being told to try to feel the warmth of the color. As time passed and we grew older the games changed. Instead of using colored pick up sticks we would use a deck of playing cards and try to predict first whether the card was a face card or a number card, then the color, and then the suit before we looked at the card in our hand.

By the time I was a teenager, my mother was involved in an organization called the “Chicago Psychic Society” led by Doctor Clifford Royce. Attending classes at the Chicago Psychic Society was a fairly common weekend activity for my mother and oldest sister. I rarely, if ever attended, but not because of a lack of interest, only a lack of funds. On one occasion we traveled to the city to see a guru of one sort or another, my mother and sister went in to meet with him and be given their own personal mantra, I waited in the car. At the time I felt left out, but today, I am glad I didn't attend that meeting. I had one less piece of spiritual baggage to get rid of thanks to waiting in the car.

Don't think that I didn't act to advance my own interests regarding the occult. I may not have had the money to attend lectures at the Chicago Psychic Society but I did find enough money to join the Theosophical Society. As a member at large I had the privilege of borrowing books from the library at their national headquarters in Wheaton Illinois. This was the most complete library of the occult and supernatural I would ever find. I made a habit of visiting the library and on occasion I

would attend lectures and meetings held at the National Headquarters building.

Whenever we, as a family, would get together, we would spend time practicing our psychic abilities, giving each other readings through psychometry or other means attempting to hone our skills to a razor's edge. Individually, we would meditate attempting to clear our minds to be ever more open to the influences of the supernatural. This we hoped would increase our psychic abilities. For a time my oldest sister and I experimented in astral travel. I remember on one such occasion, my sister and I decided to try an experiment in astral travel where we could have some objective feedback other than relying on what the traveler claimed to experience afterwards. At the time I was a teenager living with my mother in an apartment building, one of my sisters lived in the same apartment complex a few units down from us. For this experiment I left my sister's apartment and went to my bedroom in my mother's apartment. My oldest sister was to attempt to free her spirit and travel immaterially from our sister's home to mine. I was to be the receiver, so to speak, to wait and perceive whatever I could during a given period of time. I lay quietly on my bed meditating, trying to free my mind from any distractions, waiting to see whatever I might see.

At the same time my sister attempted to travel to my room from our sisters apartment. After only a few moments waiting I saw, entering my room, not my sister, but what appeared to be a wet grayish white cloud of ectoplasm. It entered through the bedroom door crossed across the room in front of my bed and approached me. I had read about ectoplasm, but had never seen it before this. I panicked, I waved my arms in front of myself, trying to signal it to get away from me, it kept coming. I jumped over my bed in order to get out of my room without getting any closer to the grayish mass floating in my room than I absolutely had to. I ran straight to my sisters apartment. No sooner than I got in the door than my sister approached me and asking what the hand waving meant. She saw me! She thought I was trying to signal her! What did my hand waving mean? My hand waving meant I was scared silly and couldn't wait to get out of there. Of course as far as astral projection was concerned we considered the experiment a success.

You might ask if any of our experiments and interest in the supernatural affected our lives in

any way. Of course it did. My youngest sister had the unpleasant experience of sharing her home with a poltergeist. The lights would come on and go off at their own discretion, vegetables would move in their bags, the dish drainer was thrown off of the kitchen counter to land somehow squeezed on its side between the sink and the stove, and doors would open and close on their own.

I am ashamed to admit that I thought this was the perfect opportunity to dabble a little deeper into the occult and convinced my brother-in-law to go along with me in attempting necromancy. Against my sisters wishes I drew a pentagram using her lipstick on the living room floor followed the directions given in a book of black magic I had purchased and brought to her home. I recited the invocation provided in the book and nothing happened. Nothing happened that night at least as far as we could tell other than making a mess and wasting a tube of lipstick. In time it became clear that this little experiment had the same effect as pouring gasoline on a fire.

The poltergeist activity increased rather than decreased. The height of the paranormal activity came during the holiday season. The Christmas tree was up and beautifully decorated. We were all looking forward to Christmas, but the poltergeist would not leave the tree alone. Ornaments would fly from the tree and across the room. At one point the Christmas tree was rocking so violently back and forth that it was throwing multiple ornaments off the tree and across the room.

Although I was present during some of poltergeist activity, I wasn't present when the tree was rocking. This did however affect me years later when my mother gave me a picture in a black frame that my sister had previously owned, I hung it in the living room. The following Christmas season, by this time I had become at least a nominal Christian, we placed our tree next to the wall perpendicular to the wall where the picture hung. After the tree was up and decorated with lights and ornaments the picture frame began to move rocking back and forth slightly, but noticeably while still hanging on the wall.

I approached for a closer look and in the reflection in the glass I saw our Christmas tree rocking back and forth. I looked from the picture to the tree and the tree was still. I looked back to the picture and the reflection of the tree was rocking violently. The frame itself was rocking side to side.

I knew enough by then not to allow that to stay in my home any longer. I took the picture and frame out and threw it in the trash. We had no further experience with the tree or pictures on the wall.

It was in this home where I had what may have been an experience with an angel. At the time my young wife was pregnant with my oldest daughter, Melissa. I would frequently walk to the local convenience store as the apartment building was only a couple of buildings away. I would go there on errands for my wife. I made many trips there to buy a hot spicy dill pickle and a pint of Haagen Dazs ice cream to soothe my wife's cravings. This occurred on a trip such as this whether it was on a trip to buy a pickle or some other errand, I don't remember, but what happened on the way I remember quite clearly. You see there was a little hill between the last house and the convenience store and this hill was made higher with plowed snow from the store's parking lot. I being relatively young at the time, would climb over this icy hill rather than taking the safer route and walk in the street. This night I climbed the hill and once at the top started to fall backwards and was falling to the hard ice covered asphalt behind me when suddenly I felt a large hand pressed against my back at my shoulder blades. It felt as if someone reached down to me to stop my fall, like a father would to steady his little boy. This unseen hand touched my back at my shoulder blades and stopped my fall. I could very clearly feel the hand as it pressed into my back, the finger were pointing down towards the ground so it was literally as if a father reached down to steady his falling son. But you see I was fully grown and six feet one inch tall, who ever reached down to steady me had to be much taller than me. There was no one visible there to prevent my fall or to have helped me in any way.

That one experience so many years ago began my seriously thinking of angels. The experience brings to mind the 91st Psalm which states "For he will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." or in my case crack my head against icy asphalt.

I should make a point of explaining one more thing. Although I am certain we considered ourselves Christians when I was a child, we were not. We did not go to church except on very rare occasions. We did however celebrate the secular holidays. On Halloween my sister and I would

dress up and go trick-or-treating, on Thanksgiving we would visit family and eat turkey, on Christmas we would open presents, and on New Years eve we would stay up late and make noise. We celebrated the holidays with a fairly shallow depth of faith.

I did not become a Christian overnight. While I was serving in the Air Force an acquaintance of mine decided he would invest his time and money witnessing to me. He wanted me to hear Christian tapes from a certain pastor who had once been an Air Force Chaplain, so he offered me the tapes. I had little interest and no tape player so I declined his offer; so he gave me a reel to reel tape recorder to play the tapes on. He spent time explaining his understanding of the bible to me and I would share my understanding spiritualism and eastern meditation with him. I would like to say he convinced me and I was born again then and there, but that didn't happen for a number of years. What Roger Moore, (not the actor) did do was plant the seeds that would mature and eventually lead me to Christ. The day I was finally convinced of the truth by reading the Confessions of Saint Augustine, I decide to become a Christian. I sought out and found a priest willing to instruct me and later that year, I, my four year old son, and my father were baptized at Saint Joan of Arc Church in Lisle Illinois. My life changed after that and continues to change day by day to this day.



Introduction

Do angels exist? Many people consider angels to be nothing more than a literary device, a technique used to display an action or perhaps an attribute of God, or perhaps to tell a colorful story. Others consider angels to be nothing more than a cultural figment of the imagination, a mass hallucination or perhaps a shared myth, if you will. Last night I watched a program regarding the history of angels and the producers apparently tried to tread a fine line between denying the existence of angels outright and sharing peoples experiences of angels in their lives without directly stating those individuals were delusional. Professors discussed how angels evolved from Babylonian gods requiring worship in their own right to celestial messengers. Rather than saying the angels have evolved it would have more correct to say peoples beliefs in angels have developed over the centuries. They discussed the similarities of angels with Babylonian, Roman, Greek, Persian deities, and the jinn or genies of Arabic folklore indicating that angels are simply a continuation of ancient mythology. This way they were able to minimize or deny the existence of angels while not directly denying the existence of angels thereby offending no one. I look at the fact that cultures from around the world throughout human history have either through oral tradition or recorded history documented the existence of angel-like supernatural beings not as the ignorant mythology of backwards cultures, but as direct evidence of angelic interest and involvement in human affairs and development. Whether specific references recorded in history are of angels, fallen angels, or demons mistaken for gods is best taken on a case by case investigation.

In America, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll seventy-seven percent of adults

believe angels exist. This percentage can be broken down further by religion. According to a 2009 Harris Interactive poll eighty-three percent of Catholics, eighty-eight percent of Protestants, ninety-five percent of born again Christians, and thirty-six percent of Jews believe angels exist. According to the Pew Research Center Fifty-five percent of Muslims in Southern Eastern Europe, seventy-two percent in Sub-Saharan Africa, eighty-three percent in Central Asia, ninety-six percent in the Middle East, ninety-seven percent in South Asia, and ninety-eight percent in Southeast Asia believe angels exist with an overall average of 83.5% believing in angels. As you can see many religions believe in angels. These religions include Catholicism, Buddhism, Judaism, Mormonism, Protestant Christianity and Islam, among others. The Buddhists refer to angels as 'devas' while the Muslims refer to angels as 'malaikah' or jinn. As you can see many people of many faiths from around the world accept the ethereal beings we call angels as fact.

That is the stance I intend to take in this book, that angels are factual spiritual beings, furthermore, that they are created beings not confined to the four dimensions we ourselves are normally limited to. My primary reference in this study will be the bible, but I will also delve into some apocryphal books such as Tobit and the book of Enoch. I intend refrain from any references available in the Cabala or in the Koran, not that those books would not provide interesting insights into the views of Jewish Mystics and Muslims regarding angels, but they are simply beyond the scope of this little book. I do intend to address the unseen realities that surround us, the nature and characteristics of angels, the hierarchy and orders of angels, the ministries of angels, angelic messengers, guardian angels, angels in prophecy, fallen angels, and spiritual warfare. I am including a series of appendixes listing all the bible references I could find regarding angels to help you with your further study of angelology if you are so inclined.



Unseen Realities

Let us take a moment to think about our five senses. Scientists have given each of our senses a very specific name taken from the Latin and Greek, in part to precisely describe our senses, but also to include them in their own particular vocabulary of jargon. Some senses so named include ophthamoception, or the sense of sight, audioception, or the sense of sound, gustaoception, or the sense of taste, olfaoception, or the sense of smell, and tactioception, or the sense of touch. These are what are commonly called our five senses. There are other senses we rely on such as thermoception, or the sense of temperature, proprioception, or the sense of motion, equilibrioception, the sense of balance, and nociception, the sense of pain. It is through our senses that we experience the world we live in, but our senses have limits and we are not able to perceive all that is there is in the world to perceive.

Dogs have a much stronger sense of smell than we do, as well as a far more acute sense of hearing. Cats have a much better sense of sight and can see clearly in the dark what we cannot see. Anyone who has ever had a pet cat or dog will tell you that on occasion they appear to be aware of things we simply cannot see or hear.

In the book of Numbers there is recorded the story of Balaam and his ass. Numbers 22:23
“And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with 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. Then the angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. And the angel of Jehovah went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with his staff. And Jehovah 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? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me, I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. Then Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. And the angel of Jehovah said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is perverse before me: and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive." As you can see from the story the ass clearly saw the angel of Jehovah blocking his master's way. There is a miracle recorded here, but it is not that the ass saw the angel, it is that Jehovah opened the mouth of the ass and let him speak and perhaps there is a second miracle in that Jehovah opened Balaam's eyes allowing him to see the angel of Jehovah.

Speaking of our senses, there is also what some call the sixth sense or extrasensory perception. Many people practice hours of meditation attempting to heighten their psychic abilities so that they may become aware of those things not normally visible to the human eye nor audible to the human ear. Extrasensory perception comes in and out of vogue with each new generation always being promoted as something new and different, but the truth be told, channelers are no different from yesterdays mediums, and the new age is as old as the mystery religions of ancient Babylon. Be that as it may be, many people study occult literature and practice meditation in the hopes of developing their

senses to the point that they may delve into unseen realities.

So what is the point I am so painstakingly trying to make? It is best summed up by William Shakespeare in Hamlet where Hamlet says to Horatio “There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.”

According to string theory there must be at least ten dimensions, possibly twelve. These dimensions consist of the three we are normally aware of plus time and then seven others. This works out mathematically and answers some questions Albert Einstein did not have time to resolve before he passed away. I don't claim to be an expert physicist, in fact I confess to be woefully ignorant in such matters beyond a popular understanding, but I can see that these recent discoveries confirm my belief that we are woefully limited in our perception of the universe.

Simply put there are within creation dimensions our limited senses deny us the ability to perceive. We are not only unaware of those dimensions, but are also unaware of the creatures that call such dimensions home. There are spiritual creatures that reside in those dimensions and are well capable of traveling the four dimension of which we are aware. These creatures may remain primarily invisible to us, or they may choose to show themselves in one form or another.

Why do I qualify invisible? I qualify the word invisible in this context because there are instances recorded in the Bible where angels appear to men not as spirits, but as physical entities. So although I am quite certain, that we are normally totally unaware of a spirit or an angel's presence beyond a vague feeling, or perhaps a fleeting glimpse, we are actually surrounded by spiritual beings much of the time. These spiritual beings may be attempting to do us either good, ill, or are ignoring us according to their will or the will of the One who sent them. They may simply be indulging their curiosity of how God's plan may be being worked out in a particular circumstance.

There is a celestial war going on all about us, surrounding us with spiritual violence and mayhem. It began with rebellion in the ranks of heaven and with the creation of man the fighting has moved to the Earth. So in effect we have all been born in the midst of a supernatural war. Fierce battles raging everywhere we walk, with no place for us to hide from the carnage.

One might scoff at the thought of a spiritual war going on all about us as we go through the day to day routine of our lives, but is it really all that hard to see? The world is in chaos; riots in the streets, Muslims killing Christians around the world for the simple reason they are Christian. Muslim militias burning down churches and entire villages in Africa and the Middle East, kidnapping school girls to sell in the slave trade, Christians being imprisoned for the life of three generations for the crime of being Christian in North Korea. Clarification may be needed by what is meant by three generations; in North Korea, when one is convicted of being a Christian not only is that person sent to prison for life, but that persons entire family will be imprisoned, grandparents, parents and children for the duration of their lives. The communists are serious about stamping out those pesky Christians in North Korea. The church is routinely persecuted in communist countries, yet it survives under the persecution.

One might say, that is all occurring in the middle east and in communist countries, but nothing like that is happening in the enlightened west. One could say that, but one would be wrong. The difference in the enlightened west and the rest of the world is only a matter of degree. People have been fired for wearing a cross on a chain around their neck while at work. Christians are commonly the butt of jokes in the media. The right to practice one's religion, if that religion is Christianity, is under assault in the United States where the federal government is attempting to force Christian employers to provide abortion coverage for their employees and pastors risk losing the tax exempt status for their church if they should be so brazen as to take a politically incorrect stance from the pulpit. This morning I read an article about a five year old girl being reprimanded by a school official for saying grace before lunch at school.

In the United States Christians aren't being beheaded or sentenced to prison for life, but they are not being tolerated as they once were. The United States today is a country were a girl can be expelled from a public school for saying bless you to a friend who has sneezed. It has fallen a long way from the vision of the founding fathers. The number of abortions performed each day is truly staggering bringing the total number of abortions since 1973 to 57,109,310 and there have been

703,547 so far this year. Worldwide the numbers total 1,345,813,501 innocents killed and counting.

Those are a few examples of the material effects of the unseen spiritual conflict visible in the world in which we live. You must understand that the spiritual comes before the material, just as a thought comes before an action, and although these conflicts appear as political, social, or military the underlying root cause of what we see as the culture war is spiritual in nature.

As Saint Paul clearly states in Ephesians 6:12 “For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Our battle is not against the human rulers of this world. The politicians currently available to us may be so corrupt that the thought of them makes one want to vomit when it is time to participate in an election, but we must remember as disgusting as politicians are they are only the physical puppets enacting the policies of those holding their strings. The thrones, powers and principalities, the fallen angels and demons pulling the strings of the puppet politicians, those invisible combatants are who we truly face in battle.



The Nature of Angels

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14

Some people believe that when you die, if you led a good life, you will become an angel. I suppose by the same logic, when you die if you led an evil life, you would become a demon or devil. This reminds me of what one of my past co-workers said to me after coming back from a feminist seminar she attended. I can't remember the exact words of her comment so I have to paraphrase what she said. It amounted to “I felt so free when I realized that I am god.” I replied something along the lines of, “I'm sorry, but I don't see you as a deity.” So new age talking points aside, we are not gods and we do not become angels or demons when we die. Biblically speaking it doesn't work like that. When we die there are changes we must face, but changing from one created species to another is not one of them.

So what exactly are angels? Angels are created spiritual beings. They are not little gods or goddesses as some would suppose, but they are creatures created by God, for God's own purposes. Psalm 148:2-6 states “Praise ye him, all his angels: Praise ye him, all his host. Praise ye him, sun and moon: Praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, And ye waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of Jehovah; For he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.”

In Colossians 1:16-7 it states “for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.” So clearly all ranks of angels whether thrones, dominions, or principalities are created spiritual beings.

That being said, what can we know about angels? What does the bible reveal about their character? 2 Samuel 14:20 tells us they are wise. 2 Samuel 14:20 “states that to change the face of the matter 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.” To Know all things that are in the earth, but as we can see from Mathew 24:35 angels are not all knowing. Mathew 24:35 referring to His return, Jesus states “But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only”. We can glean from this that while angels are clearly wiser than we are, Knowing all things in the earth, their knowledge is limited, they are not all knowing.

Some describe angels as being meek using 2 Peter 2:11 as an example, “whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them before the Lord.”, but I prefer to think of angels as being well disciplined, with great self control. Meek can be defined as quiet, gentle, and easily imposed on; submissive. Under certain circumstances angels can be seen as meeting that description, however, angels are also warriors with great strength and power. Consider the nineteenth chapter of genesis where two angels are sent to Sodom to rescue Lot and his family. Did they meekly submit to the demands of those outside of Lot's home? No. They struck the crowd with blindness to rescue Lot from their grasp and the next day they escorted Lot and his family to safety before Sodom was destroyed. Furthermore, as can be seen in Gen. 19:13 It was those very angels who were sent to destroy the city. As the angels tell Lot to gather together his family because “for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxed great before Jehovah; and Jehovah hath sent us to destroy it.” In 2 Kings 19:35 Again we see another example of an angel being anything but meek. “And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp

of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.”

It could be truthfully said that those angels that did not follow Lucifer into rebellion against God are submissive to God and therefore are meek before God, but it must be remembered that Lucifer and a third of the angels did in fact rebel against God and were therefore not either submissive or meek. Reading Isaiah 14:12-14 we can see more precisely the reason behind Lucifer's rebellion and resultant fall as it clearly states “How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” So although an angel may appear meek in some specific circumstances, that is to say that those angels who did not follow Lucifer into rebellion against God, are submissive to the will of God, and therefore are meek before God. They are not limited to being meek and may not appear meek to us humans.

Not only are angels not meek creatures, angels are very powerful when compared to mankind as can clearly be seen in 2 Thessalonian 1:7-9 where it reads “and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might,” We can also confirm the great strength of angels by taking a look at the 103rd Psalm where it states “Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, That are mighty in strength, that fulfill his word, Harkening unto the voice of his word.” Furthermore, we can see that angels can be given authority in this world to do the will of God as seen in Revelation 18:1 “After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Not only do angels have great authority they have great strength and they have the ability to perform whatever task God sets before them.

One last point I would like to make regarding angels strength, authority, and or meekness is this, reference from 2 Kings 19:35 “And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.” One hundred and eighty five thousand solders killed in one night, by one angel. Clearly angels are not creatures to be taken lightly.

As I write this the conflict in the middle east rages on with a terrorist organization firing hundreds of missiles into Israel each day, most are deflected by Israel's anti-missile system called the iron dome, but a few get by. Miracles are reported in the Israeli press where missiles are turned aside by unseen hands. I believe this is the work of the archangel Michael and the heavenly host of angels protecting Israel.

Some people may wonder if angels experience emotions as we do or if they are emotionless like fictional robots from the 1950's or the emotionless Mister Spock from the popular television series Star Trek. I can assure you angels experience emotions as we do, and yet not as we do. Those angels who remained faithful to God did not sin and are therefore free from the effects of sin. Because of this difference, their emotions too are free from the effects of sin. That is their emotions are pure, without guile, untainted by illicit motivations or selfishness.

Angels watch over us as we live our lives and experience joy when one of us repents and comes to Christ as can be seen in Luke 15:10 “Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” Joy however is not the only emotion angels feel. Fallen angels can experience fear as can be seen in James 2:19 where it says “Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder.” They also experience anger as seen in Revelation 12:17 where it reads “And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus:” I realize that my last two example directly apply to the fallen angels, but I think the angels loyal to God are not more limited than those who chose to rebel, but are more freely capable of feeling the full range of emotions as God intended.

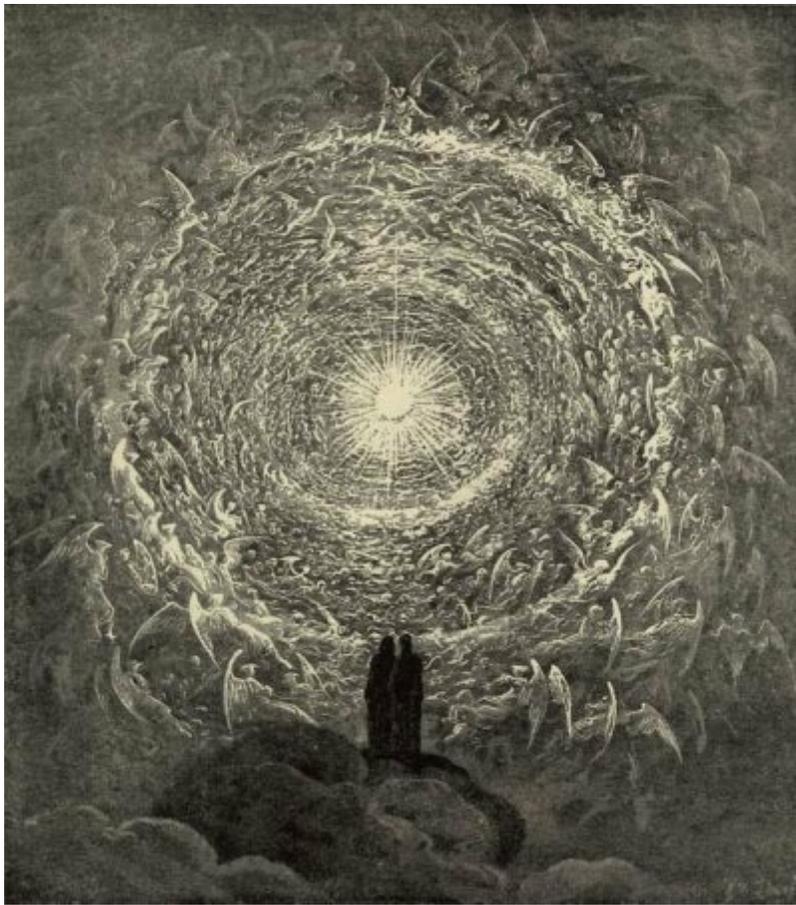
It is clear that Fallen angels exercised their will not only once against the will of God, but continue to do so by whatever means they can, by deceit, or temptation to lead us astray.

2 Timothy 2:26 reads “and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will.” The difference between the holy angels and the fallen angels is not that one has free will and one has not, but that the holy angels continually choose to do God's will and thereby fulfill their purpose and experience the joy of God, while the fallen angels have chosen to seek their own will, to compete with God and experience only anger, hatred, and fear.

What can I say about the nature of angels? In Summary, first that they are created beings, not gods or goddesses as some would suggest. They are of an order of creation higher than mankind, but lower than God. Angels are created beings. They are intelligent, vastly more intelligent than mankind, but not all knowing. Angels can be meek and submissive to God, or they can rebel against God as the fallen angels have done in the ancient past. Thus, angels have free will and choose as they will. Angels are powerful beings compared to humans, but they are not all powerful. Angels are created spiritual beings, that can appear to humans with physical bodies, but normally are undetected by our limited senses. Finally, these spiritual beings are individuals with unique personalities.

One last word. It is not advisable for one to seek after the experience of communing with angels in person either through meditation techniques, channeling, or ritual invocations that one may find in popular occult or new age literature. I have no doubt that if you seek the experience of angels as an end in and of itself you will eventually find what you seek, but it will more likely than not be an experience you will quickly learn to regret. As you come to learn that those angels most amicable to invocations are those who desire most to consider themselves gods and goddesses and are the same as those who chose to follow Lucifer in rebellion seeking to make himself like the Most High. The fallen angels who seek to be worshiped will present themselves as angels of light to mislead those foolish enough to seek after them. Refer to 2 Corinthians where Paul warns the congregation against false prophets and expands into the ethereal realm stating “And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as

ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.” So be sure to test the spirits. As it says in John 4:1-2 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.”



The Hierarchy of Angels

Traditionally angels have been classified into different orders or divisions, the major divisions being called choirs or spheres. I will through this book use the term spheres rather than choirs for consistency sake. There are three spheres and each sphere is further divided into three minor divisions or orders. The first sphere includes Seraphim, Cherubim, and thrones or Ophanim; these three types of angels serve God by continually worshiping at the throne of God. It has been said that the angels of the first sphere serve as heavenly counselors. The second sphere includes Dominions, Virtues, and Powers; these can be considered warring or warrior angels, it is these angels who directly fight Lucifer and the fallen angels who followed him. The third Sphere includes Principalities, Archangels, and Angels; Although all angels are ministering spirits to God, it is this last sphere of angels who act as ministering spirits towards mankind.

Seraphim are of the highest order of angels, they are the closest angels to God, they are described as burning with passionate love for God, this passionate love emanates from them as a blazing fire. Isaiah describes Seraphim as having three pairs of wings, two to cover their face, two to

cover their feet, and two to fly around the throne of God. Isaiah 6:1-4 “Above him 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 Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.” As you can see according to this passage the Seraphim are continually praising God saying, “Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” It is said that Michael is an archangel or chief angel within the order of Seraphim. There are archangels within the different spheres as well as the type of angel classified as archangel there appears to be both the rank of archangel and the type of angel called archangel.

The next highest order of angel is the Cherubim, do not let the winged toddlers, armed with cute little pink bows and arrows, adorning valentine's cards fool you. Those are not the Cherubim described in the bible. In fact the cherubim are described by the prophet Ezekiel as anything but cute little winged babies. Ezekiel 1:4-14 “And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire infolding itself, and a brightness round about it, and out of the midst thereof as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire. And out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings. 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 burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings thus : their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle. And their faces and their wings were separate above; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and

down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.” Ezekiel's description may sound bizarre to our ears, but how would you describe a hyper-dimensional being, one existing not only beyond the three dimensions we call home, but also in dimensions beyond space and time. Just for fun, one of these days, I would like to see a biblical cherub adorn a Valentine's Day card, I suppose I would have to be careful who I selected to give it to though.

When God exiled Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden he did not place a cute little cupid with a pink bow and arrow to guard the entrance of Eden, He set some of his cherubim on guard as recorded in Genesis 3:24 “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” So While the seraphim fly above the throne of God, singing praises to our God, the Cherubim surround the throne and stand watch, they are the powerful guardians of God. In fact the bible records that two golden cherubim are mounted on either side of the lid of arc of the covenant. Which brings to mind the two angels sitting in the tomb of Christ, one at the head and one at the foot of the stone where Christ's body had lain as recorded in John 20:11-13 “But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.” Could these two angels presumably protecting the body of our Lord, have been cherubim in human form?

Next, we come to the thrones or Ophanim. With the Seraphim and Cherubim the Ophanim never sleep, but guard the throne of God. It is said that the Ophanim are spirits within wheels, this may very well come from the description provided by Ezekiel who says in Ezekiel 1:15-26 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces thereof. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto a beryl: and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel.

When they went, they went in their four directions: they turned not when they went. As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and they four had their rims full of eyes round about. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whither-soever the spirit was to go, they went; thither was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 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 beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. And over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, like the terrible crystal to look upon, stretched forth over their heads above. 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, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads: when they stood, they 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 a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. So from this description, we can see that the Ophanim are terrible to behold, and whereas the Seraphim fly above the throne and the Cherubim surround the throne the Ophanim appear to support the throne from below. Paul mentions Ophanim or thrones in Colossians where he states in Colossians 1:16 “for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him;” It is said that the mission of the Ophanim is to inspire faith in the power of the Creator and their job is to carry out divine justice as ordered by the Lord.

This brings us to the second sphere this sphere consists of angels who serve as heavenly governors. As you may recall this sphere consists of Dominions, Virtues, and Powers. Dominions is one of the orders of angels specified in the bible, but little is said about their characteristics.

Tradition states that they are the angels who oversee the labors of the lower orders of angels, and that they are the angels that oversee the governments of nations. It is further said that Dominions act as channels of God's mercy.

Virtues are the next order within the second sphere, again just as with Dominions, little is said in the bible about Virtues, however tradition states that they watch over God's creation on Earth. They are known for encouraging human beings and strengthening their faith in God. Virtues inspire people and help them grow in holiness, and they are said to perform miracles in response to the prayers of the faithful, as enabled by God. They are sometimes referred to as the shining ones.

The last order within the second sphere is that of Powers; Powers are considered to be warrior angels. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to cause harm through influencing human beings. It is said that their task is to watch over and direct the division of power among mankind.

The third and final sphere is said to consist of the angels who serve as messengers. The orders within this sphere are Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. Principalities are often thought of as wearing a crown or carrying a scepter. Their duties are to carry out the orders given to them by the Dominions and to bequeath blessings to the physical world. They are to oversee groups of people. They are educators and guardians of the earth. It is said they are to inspire the faithful to great accomplishments in art and science. Regarding Principalities Paul used the terms' rule and authority in Ephesians 1:21 and rulers and authorities in Ephesians 3:10.

Archangels are the most frequently mentioned angels in scripture. Archangels literally means chief angels, so it would be easy to assume that the archangels are leaders among the angels. The arch- angels mentioned in the new testament include Michael and Gabriel. Raphael is mentioned in the book of Tobit. Uriel is mentioned in both 2nd Esdras and in the Book of Enoch. The Book of Enoch is considered scriptural only by the Ethiopian Orthodox and Eritrean Orthodox Churches. The book of 2nd Esdras is considered Deuterocanonical by Roman Catholics and is considered to be apocryphal by most protestants. In the book of Tobit it is said that there are seven Archangels who stand before the Lord.

The final order of angel in this the third sphere is that of angel. These angels are messengers or envoys, they are the lowest order of the angels and are the ones most concerned with the affairs of mankind on Earth.



Guardian Angels

The bible does not specifically use the term guardian angel, but there are many instances where the bible records angels being given the mission to protect or intervene on behalf of individuals. Guardian angels then are those angels who have been assigned to watch over and protect, assist, and bring messages from God to those who are destined for salvation, as it says in Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?” Angels watch over us at least from birth, but more than likely from conception as it says in Psalm 139:13 “For thou didst form my inward parts: Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.”

The 139th Psalm is clearly expressing God's concern for you while you were yet unborn. Jesus when referring to the guardian angels of children stated in Matthew 18:10 "See 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 who is in heaven. Psalm 34:7 states "The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him, And delivereth them." And in the 91st Psalm we are assured that "There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent. For he will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot." Satan confirmed this passage for us when while Jesus was fasting in the desert. Satan misused the scripture to tempt Jesus, in Matthew 4:6, saying "If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone". After Satan had tempted Jesus and Jesus prevailed resisting the devil's efforts, angels came to minister to him, as it is reported in Matthew 4:11 "Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Our guardian angels also will minister to us and strengthen us during times of hardship just as Jesus was strengthened at the garden of Gethsemane by his angels as recorded in Luke 22:43 "And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him."

Angels are also sent in answer to one's prayers. We may or may not see the angel, we may or may not feel the angel's presence who has come to our aid, but God is no respecter of persons and as He sent the angel in response to Daniel's prayers as recorded in Daniel chapter 10 he will send an angel or angels in response to your prayers.

The specific incident is described in Daniel 10:5-7 "I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like unto burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great

quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.” Please note that only Daniel saw the angel. The others present merely sensed the angel's presence and that was enough to cause a great quaking that fell upon them; and what was their reaction? They fled in terror.

So although some have seen angels, and some have used meditation to clear their minds of distractions that they may heighten their senses to the point that they may peer into the supernatural realm, I strongly advise against this. As I said before those who seek to channel angels will get more than they have bargained for. Seek God and his kingdom and He may so choose to send one of his angels to you in visible form to minister to you in one way or another as He sent Gabriel to Daniel, but that is His choice, not ours.

One last example of an angel responding to prayer can be seen in Acts 12:6-10 where Peter is rescued from prison. The situation Peter faced was critical. He was in prison given over to be guarded by four quaternions of soldiers. There are four soldiers in a quaternion. So there were four soldiers assigned to guard him during each watch of the night. Peter is in prison, chained between two guards, with two other guards, although not specifically mentioned, they are stationed standing watch. Peter is awaiting execution when he is called before Herod's court. Acts 12:5 tells us that although Peter was in prison, the church was interceding in prayer for him. The results of those prayers are seen in Acts 12:6-10 where it states “And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him.” This I believe is a perfect example of God responding to the churches faithful

prayer by authorizing one of His angels to act on Peter's behalf, freeing him from Herod's prison and saving his life.



Angels and Prayer

I think it is important at this point, before discussing the topic of angels and prayer to remind the reader of the following from the book of Colossians chapter 2 verses eight through twenty-three. “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self

abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations. Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self indulgence.”

It is important to note Paul's first warning in this passage; “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.” Who are the elemental spirits of the universe? I dare say it is safe to presume they are the demonic spirits of the deceased nephilim. These demonic spirits hold little concern for your welfare, and are quite willing to lie in order to mislead us, to do us harm, or to take us captive. Later in the same passage Paul continues “ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, “ Paul warns specifically against the worship of angels and reminds us of our death in baptism to the world and to the elemental spirits and our freedom in Christ. You may ask why I belabor this point at the beginning of this chapter; it is simply because in preparing to write this book, while doing research, I came across many books and articles promoting the invocation of angels (fallen angels), that further defined angels as gods and goddesses and demigods to be worshiped. On the one hand they want to be considered as gods, yet they are promoted in occult literature as being fully capable of being bent to do our will if we only know the correct invocation or ritual. In answer to the question I posed, I quite honestly do not want to be any

part in misleading my readers into thinking that any such new age tripe is acceptable for a child of God.

Earlier in this book we discussed spheres and orders of angels. The first sphere consists of angels whose duty is to worship at the throne of God, the second sphere consists of angel warriors who battle against the fallen angels and demons, and the third and final sphere consists of those angels who are ministering spirits. I believe that it is from this group that our guardian angels come, and it is from this group that God sends angels in response to our heartfelt prayers. There are many examples in the bible where God sends his angels in response to the prayers of the righteous. It may be interesting to note that in the book of Proverbs it plainly states in Prov. 15:29: "The Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous". I would point out that the wicked, in fact, have by the choices they made in life, turned their backs on God and moved attention far from God. It is not God who has removed himself from the wicked, it is the wicked who have chosen to ignore God. I would further point out that God will hear the sincere prayer of repentance from even the most wicked of us when we decide to turn away from evil as it says in 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

In the previous chapter we read Acts 12:6-10 where Peter is rescued from prison by an angel in response to the fervent prayers of the church. There are other examples of angelic intervention to be found in the bible as well. The book of Tobit is considered to be an apocryphal book by the protestant churches, but is considered to be deuterocanonical by the Roman Catholic Church and is accepted as part of the canon of scripture by both the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox churches. Tobit tells the tale of a young woman named Sarah who prays for death out of desperation after losing seven husbands to the demon of lust on their wedding nights. God answers her prayer through the efforts of the angel Raphael, who disguised as a human answers Sarah's prayer, not by providing the relief of death, but rather by escorting Tobias, Tobit's son to Media and informing him along the way that he had the right to marry Sarah. They marry and with Raphael's guidance and intervention Tobias is able to vanquish the demon.

I hope that from the above examples it is clear that God uses his angels as he sees fit to answer our prayers. I can see no problem in one of the faithful asking God in prayer to send his angels to watch over and protect, to guide and to minister to us in our times of need as that is clearly praying to God according to His will for us. However, it would be a great mistake for one of us to pray to an angel. One of God's faithful angels would correct us of our error and advise that we are to pray to God alone, however Satan or any one of his fallen angels would be more than happy to step in and receive our idolatrous worship. Don't expect a fallen angel to do you any good, although one may appear as an angel of light, and tell you what you want to hear, don't be fooled, he only has hatred in his heart for us and intends to do us only harm.

There are Christian traditions that see prayer as less an act of worship and more an act of asking assistance from a friend or a relative. Members of these churches will freely pray to the saints and to angels asking them to intercede for them, but as we are invited to come boldly before the throne of our gracious God in Hebrews chapter 4:16 “let us not neglect such a priceless invitation for the favors of saints or angels.” There are many beautiful prayers written to help us focus our intentions when we pray. Some of these are directed toward angels, as I have said earlier I advise against praying to angels, but with only slight modifications such prayers can be directed toward God seeking the help of one or more of His angels. As an example lets take a look at a classic Prayer to One's Guardian Angel taken from the Catholic Book of Prayers.

“Dear Angel, in His goodness God gave you to me to guide, protect, enlighten me, and to bring me back to the right way when I go astray. Encourage me when I am disheartened, and instruct me when I err in my judgment. Help me to become more Christlike, and so some day to be accepted into the company of Angels and Saints in heaven.”

If we only change a few words in the address of this prayer it becomes instead of a prayer to an angel a prayer to God asking him to direct our guardian angel to our benefit.

Dear God, in your goodness you assigned to me an Angel to guide, protect, enlighten me, and to bring me back to the right way when I go astray. I ask that you have this angel encourage me when I

am disheartened, and instruct me when I err in my judgment. Help me become more Christlike, and so some day to be accepted into the company of Angels and Saints in Heaven.

By making these few changes we take the focus of our devotion off of the creation of God and place it back onto our Creator instead.



Fallen Angels

“For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” II Peter 2:4

Prior to his fall from heaven Lucifer was the name given to Satan. He was the Shining one, the Morning Star, But that was not to last. The bible indicates that it was Lucifer's pride that inspired his rebellion against God. It was his pride that inspired his ill fated attempt at overthrowing the throne of God. Tradition has it that shortly after the creation of man, in God's image and likeness, Lucifer rebelled at the thought of angels serving an inferior creature than themselves. When God told his angels that they were to minister to mankind Lucifer refused and with a third of the angels of heaven following him rebelled against God. Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, he was no longer The morning Star, but Satan the accuser, the enemy of God, the lord of evil, and the tempter and adversary of human beings.

In the past, Satan has been depicted as a cute little red devil with horns, a little shiny red pitchfork, and a pointed tail in comics and cartoons longer than anyone living today can remember. This trend began sometime in the middle ages as an attempt to ridicule the devil where it would hurt him the most, his pride. However, there is no biblical evidence to suggest that this description is in any way accurate. In fact Satan as little red devil is about as accurate a description of Lucifer as

chubby little babies with wings and bows and arrows is of the cherubim surrounding God's throne.

The bible describes Satan as being radiantly beautiful. We find God at first discussing the King of Tyre, but soon is describing the Prince, the supernatural power behind the throne of the kingdom of Tyre, that is Satan. In Ezekiel 28:12-15 it reads “ Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the 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 in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that, 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 unrighteousness was found in thee.”

The bible states it was ultimately because of Satan's pride in his beauty that he was cast down from heaven. It is recorded in Ezekiel 28:17 “Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee”

In Isaiah 14:12-15 it reads concerning Lucifer, “How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

From what is written in the book of genesis we cannot tell how long mankind lived in the garden of Eden before falling into temptation, was it a day or a thousand years? We have no way of knowing. What we do know is that Satan tempted our ancestors with the lie that if we disobeyed God and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil we would become as gods, knowing both good and evil. It didn't quite work out as we were led to believe, now did it? We died spiritually, we were no longer physically immortal, we lost dominion over the world by handing that over to Satan and we

were cursed by God. Genesis 1:16- 19 describes it thus “ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

This certainly changes our status in the world, but we were not left without hope for as God spoke Satan's punishment into being He also allowed us a glimmer of hope for in Genesis 1:14-15 it reads “And Jehovah God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and **I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**” The glimmer of hope comes from the final sentence in the passage above. Remember God spoke the universe into existence, what he speaks comes to pass. By saying the woman's seed will bruise the serpents head God is in effect promising a Savior to come from the seed of the woman. A champion who will strike a fatal blow against our ancient enemy Satan.

From that moment on Satan has been acutely aware of the coming of a champion for mankind, a champion who will strike a fatal blow to his head. We know that champion as Jesus the Christ. Did Satan idly accept his coming fate? No, he laid plans to subvert the coming of the Christ and he wasted no time in putting those plans into action.

Genesis 6:2 reads “that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose.” First of all, who are these sons of God? In the Old Testament the phrase “sons of god” always refers to angels. So we have angels leaving heaven to mate with the daughters of men. If we read further we see that the offspring of these unions are giants.

Reading Genesis 6:4 we see that “The nephilim were 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 were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.” The nephilim are the offspring of the fallen angels and human women. The word nephilim in the original Hebrew means “ the fallen ones ” In the Septuagint bible the word nephilim was transliterated as the word giants, but the Greek word used actually means “ Earth born ”

What was the point of this? Why did these angels desire to interbreed with humans? Did they really see human women as irresistible, so irresistible in fact that they left their own habitation that is heaven to mate with them? I propose that the purpose of this interbreeding was to pollute the human gene pool thereby preventing the possibility of Christ being born of the seed of the woman. Genesis 6:6-7 tells us God's reaction to this interbreeding. “ And it repented Jehovah that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; for it repenteth me that I have made them. ” So God took this act of rebellion so seriously that he was going to destroy everything thing on the planet, but then he took note of Noah, who was perfect in all his generations. That is to say he was genetically pure, in all his generations, undefiled, by the rebellious angels efforts.

Regarding the fate of those angels who chose to interbreed with humans Jude 1:6-7 states. “ And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. ”

To bring this chapter to a close let me conclude that Lucifer's pride motivated him to rebel against God in attempt to overthrow the throne of God. That Saint Michael and the heavenly host composed of those angels who remained loyal to God cast Lucifer out of heaven to the Earth.

Upon the Earth, Lucifer no longer the shining one, now known as Satan or the accuser, tempted mankind with the thought of becoming like God, knowing both good and evil. Mankind with Satan was then punished by God and cast out of Eden, the way back blocked by mighty cherubim. Even in punishing mankind, the way of redemption was foretold in the phrase “ I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ” thereby, giving mankind hope of redemption and Satan a warning that the humans would have a champion coming from the seed of the woman.

To prevent this champion from ever coming into existence Satan encouraged some of his followers to interbreed with humans thereby corrupting the human gene pool making it an unfit route for the appearance of the Messiah. God found a man with an undefiled genetic heritage and decided to cleanse the earth from all corruption with a global flood while saving that single uncorrupted specimen of human DNA. Confirming this is Genesis 6:9-13 which states “ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ”

Following this passage is the record of the flood destroying all the flesh from the earth except Noah, his family, and the creatures saved on the arc. This drastic action temporarily cleansed the earth from corruption and provided an undefiled genetic line from which the Messiah would arise.

A word about demons, many people believe demon is just another word for fallen angel. It sounds like it makes sense, Satan's name was changed when he fell, why not the name of the fallen angels as well? But demon is not an individual's name as Lucifer or Satan is, Demon is a class or perhaps more specifically a hybrid between two created species, much as a mule is the offspring of a male donkey and a female horse, a demon is the spirit that remains after physical death of one of the

nephilim. Fallen angels remain angels after their fall. They retain the characteristics of angels and the abilities of angels. They may have lost their place in heaven, but they remain angels nonetheless.

Nephilim on the other hand are the hybrid offspring of the fallen angels discussed in the sixth chapter of Genesis and in the book of Enoch. They are the mighty men of old, the demigods of the pagans, the giants of the past. They are neither angel nor are they human. The nephilim are the result of Satan's attempt to thwart God's plan of redemption for mankind by corrupting the human gene pool. This plan failed. God saved a genetically undefiled sample of genetic code by saving Noah and his family from the global flood.

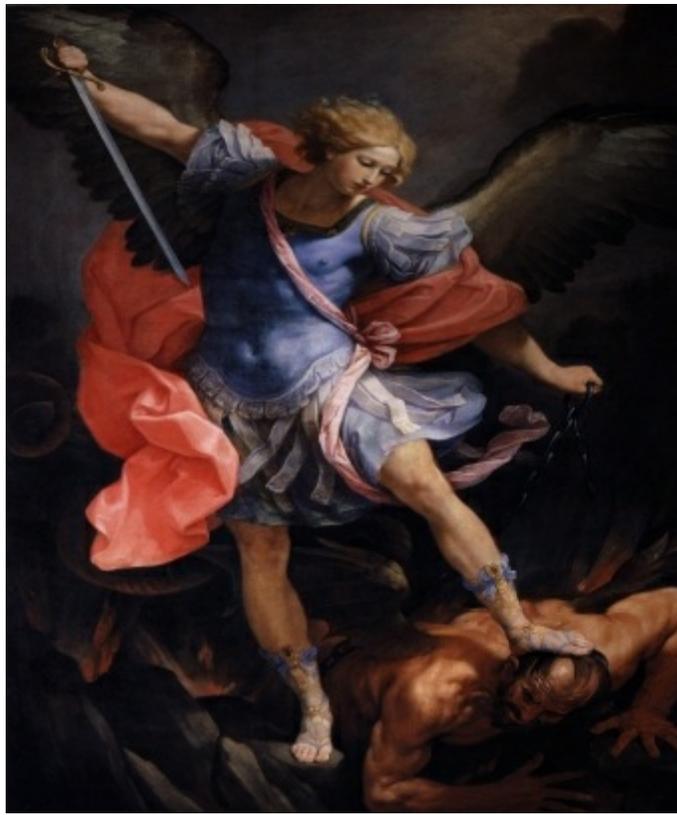
The nephilim alive at the time of the flood presumably drowned in the flood. But what of their spirits? Do they go to heaven? Do they go to hell? They roam the earth seeking whom they may inhabit.

You might ask how are demons and fallen angels different? First and perhaps most importantly fallen angels are a direct creation of God just as Adam was. Demons were sired of fallen angels and born of human women. Angels were created spiritual beings and will not die, demons were born of human women as nephilim and have already died. They now roam the earth as demons. Fallen angels can cloth themselves in flesh. They can appear to us as human beings, as angels of light, or remain invisible to us as they desire. Demons cannot cloth themselves in flesh unless they take possession of and occupy the flesh of a human.

As a born again Christian you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and cannot be possessed by a demon, but you can be oppressed. The Holy Spirit within you allows no room for a demon to enter in, that is unless by invitation. Who would be foolish enough to invite a demon into their own body? Well first of all it doesn't have to be a formal invitation. You don't need to go to a crossroads at midnight to make a deal with the devil or try your hand at mediumship nothing as dramatic as that is necessary to open yourself up to demonic influences. What would do it then, you ask. A few activities come to mind right away, such as listening to psychics, or fortune tellers, going to mediums attending a séance, chanting mantras, listening to music or watching movies glorifying Satan or violence, and

drug abuse to name a few.

You may say I only listen to that because I like the beat, or those movies are exciting, but I'm not inviting any demons in when I watch, or I only went to see the psychic to see if my boyfriend is the right one. It's all just in fun, nothing serious. The thing is although it only fun and games to you it is all the opportunity some demon needs to reach in and gain as toehold in your soul. Don't think I'm saying that overnight you change from an innocent babe in the woods to the poor child depicted in the movie “ the Exorcist ” because you listened to some violent rap lyrics, or because you read your horoscope in the morning newspaper. No, but you did open the door a crack, and a crack is enough for a demon to get your ear, and once it has your ear it won't be too long before it begins oppressing you with unwanted thoughts and temptations designed to lead you to opening the door wider.



Celestial Whoop-ass

“ Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; He is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.”

-Psalm 144:1, 2

In jest, my wife once threatened to open a can of whoop-ass on me, or one of our children, I don't clearly remember which, but the phrase has stayed with me until today when I am borrowing it for the heading to this chapter discussing spiritual warfare. What exactly is meant by spiritual warfare? Are ghosts arming up and plotting an invasion into the physical realm in which we live? Not exactly. Saint Paul tells us in II Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds), casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ;" According to this passage we are battling against thoughts and imaginations that are counter to the knowledge of God. This truly is spiritual combat within our own minds, but is that all there is to it?

Saint Paul tells us that there is more to spiritual warfare than our controlling our own thoughts and emotions in Ephesians 6:12 "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" When Paul is talking about Principalities and powers he is talking about the hierarchy of angels. We are pawns in the middle of the spiritual war that began before recorded human history when Lucifer let his pride get the better of him and he attempted a rebellion against God. Revelation 12:7- tells us "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him." Lucifer no longer the morning star, now has become Satan the snake who was introduced to our first ancestors in Eden. Where he successfully tempted us into joining his rebellion against God with the offer of becoming like God knowing both good and evil. If only our first parents remembered who they were, for they were already created in the image and likeness of God. They were like God already, enough like God for Satan vent his hatred

against God on them. Satan through deceit stole mankind's place in creation, stole the dominion God had given mankind over the Earth. Don't doubt that this skirmish in the celestial war had long lasting effects. Remember from the previous chapter when God punished mankind and Satan for their disobedience He promised a champion to restore mankind. Satan has from that time on fought to prevent God's will for mankind from being realized.

We were born in the midst of this war, it is all we have ever known. We are so used to it that many of us remain unaware of it even though it is going all around us. We are oblivious to its spiritual origins, we are blind to the other dimensional aspects of battles that effect out day to day lives. But what does the bible have to tell us about this war? In II Corinthians 10:3 it reads “ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ” In Ephesians 6:12 it states “ For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. ” From these two passages we see that not only do we walk in the flesh, but that our enemies do not, our enemies are high ranking spiritual beings principalities and powers. Furthermore, I Peter 5:8 warns us to “ Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour ” . Many of us do not believe there is a real devil. It is not politically correct to think that there is a personification of evil out there roaming about seeking whom he may destroy, but the bible tells us otherwise.

How are we to cope with this state of affairs? Saint Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:13-18 “ Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, ”

Saint Paul reminds us we have not been left defenseless. We in fact have been commanded to take up our armor and to defend ourselves. We are to prepare ourselves with the Truth that is that Christ has paid the price for our sins. We are to put on the breastplate of righteousness. How are we supposed to do that you ask? What is righteousness? How does one become righteous? Righteousness first of all is right standing with God. By our own efforts it is impossible to become righteous, but Christ has paid the price for our sins by dying in our place on the cross and we can put on His righteousness by confessing our sins to God who is then faithful and just in forgiving us our sins, thereby making us righteous. We are then to prepare ourselves with the gospel of peace, and take up the shield of faith. How then are we to do this? Simply by studying God's word, the bible. We are to wear the helmet of salvation and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God and last we are to pray in all seasons in the Spirit and in all perseverance and supplications for all the saints, that is our brothers and sisters in Christ.

How can we expect to be attacked personally? Just as Christ was attacked before us. He was tempted by our adversary Satan and our Lord responded by quoting scripture. Until we can quote scripture as well as our Lord. I suggest we take a hint from the prayer attributed to Saint Francis quoted below.

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”

Do you notice a pattern in this beautiful prayer? There is a pattern of opposites contained in this prayer. When tempted to hate, sow love; when tempted to unforgiveness, sow forgiveness; when tempted to argue, restore the peace, when tempted to doubt, respond with faith in Christ, when tempted to despair respond with hope in Christ; and when there is spiritual darkness you are to be the

reflected light of Christ. I'm sure you get the idea. We are not to passively succumb to temptation, but are to resist the devil as it says in James 4:7 "Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Finally, we are not to forget the big guns available to us, prayer. It was the prayers of the local church which prompted God to send one of His angels to free Peter from prison. Prayer is like calling in an air strike against our enemy, it is calling on our allies the angels to come to our aid and rescue. Remember James 5:16 "Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working" Confessing your sins brings you back into a state of righteousness, or right standing with God, and the prayers of the righteous avail much.



Angelic messengers

“And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds, And his ministers a flame of fire:”
Hebrews 1:7

The word angel is derived from the Greek word angelos which means messenger. One of the many important tasks angels are charged with is that of revealing God's will to men. You can find many examples within the bible of angels delivering messages to His people. Acts 7:53 reveals that angels delivered the ten commandments to Moses. “ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.” Daniel 8:15-17 shows us how the angel Gabriel explained a vision, received from God, to Daniel “And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth to the time of the end.”

In Luke 1:11-13 an Angels appears to Zacharias to inform him that his wife Elisabeth will bear him a son. “And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said

unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.” The angel Gabriel continues in verses 14 through 20 and when Zacharias expresses his doubt Gabriel strikes him mute until the prophecy is fulfilled. “And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And many of the children of Israel shall be turn unto the Lord their God. And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.”

Gabriel appears again in Luke 1:26- 31 where he announced to Mary that she will conceive a son. “Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.“

In Mathew 1:19-20 we read of Joseph's struggle to decide what to do regarding Mary's pregnancy. “And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, an 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 Spirit.

An angel announces the birth of Christ to shepherds in the field. Luke 2:8-11 “And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

It was an angel who warned Joseph to take his family to Egypt to save his son from Herod's sword. Matthew 2:13 “Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”

Angels communicated vital information to mankind throughout Christ's life on Earth from prior to His conception to His resurrection and ultimately His ascension into heaven. Angels provided the necessary information to those who needed to know. Angels have shared information providing insights into the future, but is the role of messenger their only role in prophecy?



Angels in Prophecy

We have seen in the previous chapter where angels have delivered and have interpreted messages from God to His elect and most certainly they have delivered messages containing prophecies to His chosen. Is that as far as it goes? Is messenger the only role angels have to play when it comes to prophecy? Daniel 8:17-25 Is an example of an angel explaining a prophetic dream to Daniel. “So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision of Daniel belongeth to the time of the end. Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end. The ram which thou sawest, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do his

pleasure; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in their security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus explains to his disciples the role of His angels at the end of the world. Mathew 13:37-43 states “And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.” We can see that angels will play a vital role in dividing the tares from the wheat cleansing the Kingdom of God of all things causing stumbling for the elect and cleansing out all that do iniquity.

The book of revelation goes into greater detail regarding the actions of angels at the end times beginning with Revelation 8:2-6 “And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. And the angel taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The first of the seven angels sounds his trumpet and hail and fire was cast upon the Earth destroying a third of the Earth was burned. The second angel sounds his trumpet and a great mountain

burning with fire is cast into the sea killing a third of the creatures of the sea and destroying a third of the ships at sea. The third angel blew his trumpet and a star called Wormwood fell from the sky and a third of the waters of the Earth became bitter. When the fourth angel sounded his trumpet, the scriptures state a third part of the sun, moon and stars were darkened. I suggest that this is not due to any damage done to the heavens but due to a darkening of the sky from ash and debris as from a nuclear holocaust.

Continuing on we see that the fifth angel sounds his trumpet and the pit of the abyss is opened releasing smoke and a great army of locusts to torment those of mankind who do not have the seal of God, (that is the Holy Spirit). The sixth angel sounds his horn and the four angels bound at the Euphrates are freed and war against mankind and a third of men on the Earth are killed. Finally, the seventh angel appears standing on the waters and on the land and he cried with a great voice as a lion roaring and the seven thunders then uttered their voices, but the author of revelation was ordered not to record what was said.

The book of revelation clearly contains enough information to warrant a commentary of its own, and that task I leave to minds sharper than mine. What I would like to point out from the text though is that God will use His angels in the end times to separate the tares from the wheat and the justified from the unjustified.

I intended this little book to be a biblical introduction to the supernatural, specifically discussing those beings of God's creation called angels. I understand that Angelology, the study of angels, can be an interesting pastime, but I recommend first seeking God and His kingdom before delving into more arcane matters. Allow me one final bible quote. From Colossians 1:16-18 we can see the relationship of Christ to the angelic realm.

“ for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might

have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:16-18-18

Appendix A

Angels in the Old Testament

Gen 16:7-11

And the angel of Jehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shir. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, whence camest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai. And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, I will greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah hath heard thy affliction

Gen 21:17-20

And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer.

Gen 22:11-13

And the angel of Jehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here I am. And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

Gen 22:15-18

And the angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice

Gen 24:7

Jehovah, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and who spake unto me, and who swear unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he will send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife for my son from thence.

Gen 24:40

And he said unto me, Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and

prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house

Gen31:11-13

And the angel of God said unto me in the dream, Jacob: and I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see: all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are ring streaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy nativity.

Gen 48:16

the angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Exodus 14:19-20

And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them: and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night: and the one came not near the other all the night.

Exodus 23:20-24

Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Take ye heed before him, and hearken unto his voice; provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their pillars.*

Exodus 32:34-

And now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

Exodus 33:2

and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

Numbers 20:16

and when we cried unto Jehovah, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border

Numbers 22:23-35:

And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with 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. Then the angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. And the angel of

Jehovah went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with his staff. And Jehovah 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? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me, I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay. Then Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. And the angel of Jehovah said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is perverse before me: and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive. And Balaam said unto the angel of Jehovah, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. And the angel of Jehovah said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

Judges 2:1-5

And the angel of Jehovah came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you: and ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars. But ye have not hearkened unto my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of Jehovah spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto Jehovah.

Judges 5:23

Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of Jehovah. Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, Because they came not to the help of Jehovah, To the help of Jehovah against the mighty.

Judges 6:11-23

And the angel of Jehovah came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto him, and said unto him, Jehovah is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. And Gideon said unto him, Oh, my lord, if Jehovah is with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up from Egypt? but now Jehovah hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian. And Jehovah looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, Oh, Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. And Jehovah said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, then show me a sign that it is thou that talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and lay it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and

unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then the angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of Jehovah departed out of his sight. And Gideon saw that he was the angel of Jehovah; and Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah! forasmuch as I have seen the angel of Jehovah face to face. And Jehovah said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

Judges 13:3-21

And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head; for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of the angel of God, very terrible; and I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb to the day of his death.

Then Manoah entreated Jehovah, and said, Oh, Lord, I pray thee, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and *how* shall we do unto him? And the angel of Jehovah said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of anything that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe.

And Manoah said unto the angel of Jehovah, I pray thee, let us detain thee, that we may make ready a kid for thee. And the angel of Jehovah said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt make ready a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto Jehovah. For Manoah knew not that he was the angel of Jehovah. And Manoah said unto the angel of Jehovah, What is thy name, that, when thy words come to pass, we may do thee honor? And the angel of Jehovah said unto him, Wherefore askest thou after my name, seeing it is [1] wonderful? So Manoah took the kid with the meal-offering, and offered it upon the rock unto Jehovah: and *the angel* did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of Jehovah ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground. But the angel of Jehovah did no more appear to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of Jehovah.

1 Sam 29:9

And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

2 Sam 14:7-

Then thy handmaid said, Let, I pray thee, the word of my lord the king be comfortable; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: and Jehovah thy God be with thee.

2 Sam 14:20

to change the face of the matter 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.

2 Sam 19:27:

And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes

2 Sam 24:15-17

So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Jehovah repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jehovah was by the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto Jehovah when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

1 Kings 13:18

And he said unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of Jehovah, saying, Bring him back with thee into thy house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

1 Kings 19:5-7

And he lay down and slept under a juniper-tree; and, behold, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was at his head a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of Jehovah came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

2 Kings 1:3

But the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron?

2 Kings 1:15

And the angel of Jehovah said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

2 Kings 19:35

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

1 Chronicles 21:12

either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies over taketh thee; or else three days the sword of Jehovah, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

1 Chronicles 12:15-20

And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Jehovah beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jehovah was standing by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, O Jehovah my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued. Then the angel of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of Jehovah. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

1 Chronicles 21:27-30

And Jehovah commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof. At that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Jehovah.

2 Chronicles 32:21

And Jehovah sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, 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 from his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

Job 4:18

Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants; And his angels he chargeth with folly:

Job 33:”23

If there be with him an angel, An interpreter, one among a thousand, To show unto man what is right for him

Psalm 34:7

The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him, And delivereth them.

Psalm 35:5-6

Let them be as chaff before the wind, And the angel of Jehovah driving *them* on. Let their way be dark and slippery, And the angel of Jehovah pursuing them.

Psalm 78:49

He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, A band of angels of evil.

Psalm 91:11

For he will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalm 103:20

Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, That are mighty in strength, that fulfill his word, Harkening unto the voice of his word.

Psalm 148.2

Praise ye him, all his angels: Praise ye him, all his host.

Ecclesiastes 5:6

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands?

Isaiah 37:36

And the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

Isaiah 63:9

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Daniel 3:28

Nebuchadnezzar spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Daniel 6:22

My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: for as much as before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt.

Hos 12:4

yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him at Beth-el, and there he spake with us,

Zechariah 1:9-14

Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these are. And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These are they whom Jehovah hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of Jehovah that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then the angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And Jehovah answered the angel that talked with me with good words, *even* comfortable words. So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

Zechariah 1:19

And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem

Zechariah 2:3

And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

Zechariah 3:1-6

And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. And Jehovah said unto Satan, Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, Jehovah that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. And I said, Let them set a clean mitre upon his head. So they set a clean mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of Jehovah was standing by. And the angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying,

Appendix B

Angels in the Gospels

Mathew 1:20-24

But when he thought on these things, behold, an 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 Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife;

Mathew 2:13

Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Mathew 2:19-20

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life.

Mathew 4:6

and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Mathew 4:11

Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Mathew 13:39-41

and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in^[1] the end of the world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity,

Mathew 13:49-50

So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

Mathew 16:27

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds.

Mathew 18:10

See 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 who is in heaven.

Mathew 22:30

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven

Mathew 24:31

And he shall send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other

Mathew 24:36

But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only

Mathew 25:31

But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory:

Mathew 25:41

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mathew 26:53

Or thinkest thou that I cannot beseech my Father, and he shall even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mathew 28:2

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

Mathew 28:5

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified

Mark 1:13

And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; And he was with the wild beasts; And the angels ministered unto him.

Mark 8:38

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 12:25

For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as angels in heaven.

Mark 13:27

And then shall he send forth the angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Mark 13:32

But of that day or that hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Luke 1:11-13

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 1:18-20

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Luke 1:26-31

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord *is* with thee. But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luke 1:34-35

And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:38

And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 2:9-15

And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this *is* the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Luke 2:21

And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 4:10

for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee:

Luke 9:26

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and *the glory* of the Father, and of the holy angels

Luke 12:8-9

And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God.

Luke 15:10

Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 16:22

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried.

Luke 20:36

for neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Luke 22:42-43

saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

Luke 24:23

and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

John 1:49-51

Nathanael answered him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee underneath the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

John 12:28-29

There came therefore a voice out of heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel hath spoken to him.

John 20:11-13

But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Appendix C

Angels in the New Testament

Acts 5:19-20

But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life.

Acts 6:15

And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Acts 7:30

And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:35-38

This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him hath God sent *to be* both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses, who said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel that spake to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received living oracles to give unto us

Acts 7:53

ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not

Acts 8:26-30

But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the same is desert. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship; and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Acts 10:3-7

He saw in a vision openly, as it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and saying to him, Cornelius. And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are gone up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and fetch one Simon, who is surnamed Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side. And when the angel that spake unto him was departed, he called two of his household-servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him

Acts 10:22

And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned *of God* by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words from thee.

Acts 11:13-15

and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house. And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning.

Acts 12:7-11

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Acts: 12:15-23

And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went to another place. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and tarried there. Now he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the king's country. And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people shouted, *saying*, The voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 23:8-9

For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great clamor: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to him, or an angel?

Acts 27:23

For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve,

Romans 8:37-39

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:9

For, I think, God hath set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, both to angels and men

1 Corinthians 6:3

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this life?

1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light.

Galatians 1:8

But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema

Galatians 3:19

What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made; *and it was* ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 4:14

and that which was a temptation to you in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but ye received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus

Colossians 2:18

Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshiping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he hath seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind

1 Thessalonians 4:16

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;

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

if so be that it is righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that

obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus

1 Timothy 3:14- 4:1

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons,

1 Timothy 5:21

I charge *thee* in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality.

Hebrews 1:4-8

having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. 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? And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds, And his ministers a flame of fire: but of the Son *he saith* Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Hebrews 1:13

But of which of the angels hath he said at any time, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet

Hebrews 2:5-9

For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak. But one hath somewhere testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, And didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him. But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, *even* Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every *man*.

Hebrews 2:16

For verily not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to the seed of Abraham.

Hebrews 12:22

but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels,

Hebrews 13:2

Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares

1 Peter 1:12

To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into

1 Peter 3:22

who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment

2 Peter 2:11

whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them before the Lord.

Jude 1:6-9

And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set at nought dominion, and rail at dignities. But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Revelation 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, *even* the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John

Revelation 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 are seven churches

Revelation 2:1

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks

Revelation 2:8

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, who was dead, and lived *again*

Revelation 2:12

and to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword:

Revelation 2:18

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass:

Revelation 3:1

And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.

Revelation 3:5

He that over cometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:7

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth and none openeth:

Revelation 3:14

And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

Revelation 5:2

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Revelation 5:11

And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Revelation 7:1-2

After his I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Revelation 7:11

And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,

Revelation 8:2-13

And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, *even* they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner. And I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound

Revelation 9:1

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss.

Revelation 9:11-15

They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek *tongue* he hath the name Apollyon. The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel that had one trumpet, Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men.

Revelation 10:1-10

And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders uttered *their voices*, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no

longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets. And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter.

Revelation 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Revelation 14:6-10

And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that hath made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 14:15-19

And another angel came out from the temple, crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped. Another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, he that hath power over fire; and he called with a great voice to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and cast it into the wine press, the great *wine press*, of the wrath of God

Revelation 15:1

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having seven plagues,

which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God

Revelation 15:6-8

and there came out from the temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, arrayed with *precious* stone, pure *and* bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles And one of the four living creatures gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished

Revelation 16:1

And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.

Revelation 16:5

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus judge:

Revelation 16:5

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus judge:

Revelation 17:1

And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the judgment of the great harlot that sitteth upon many waters;

Revelation 17:7

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns.

Revelation 18:1

After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Revelation 18:21

And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all.

Revelation 19:17

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come *and* be gathered together unto the great supper of God;

Revelation 20:1-3

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound

him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut, and sealed *it* over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time.

Revelation 21:9-12

And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Revelation 22:6-9

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God.

Revelation 22:16

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

Appendix D

Seraphim

Isaiah6:2 Above him 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 Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven.

Appendix E

Cherubim

Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Exodus 25:18-20 And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work shalt thou make them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat. And make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof. And the cherubim shall spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.

Exodus 25:22 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 Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Exodus 25:18-22

And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work shalt thou make them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat. And make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof. And the cherubim shall spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces 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.

Exodus 26:1

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim the work of the skillful workman shalt thou make them.

Exodus 26:31

And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim the work of the skillful workman shall it be made:

Exodus 36:8

And all the wise-hearted men among them that wrought the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim, the work of the skillful workman, *Bezalel* made them

Exodus 36:35

And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim,

the work of the skillful workman, made he it.

Exodus 37:7-9

And he made two cherubim of gold; of beaten work made he them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat; one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat made he the cherubim at the two ends thereof. And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat were the faces of the cherubim.

Numbers 7:89

And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the Voice speaking unto him from above the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spake unto him.

1 Samuel 4:4

So the people sent to Shiloh; and they brought from thence the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of hosts, who sitteth *above* the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God

2 Samuel 6:2

And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale-judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, which is called by the Name, even the name of Jehovah of hosts that sitteth above the cherubim

1 Kings 6:23-35

And in the oracle he made two cherubim of olive-wood, each ten cubits high. 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. And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. And he set the cherubim within the inner house; and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, 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. And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, within and without. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. And for the entrance of the oracle he made doors of olive-wood: the lintel *and* door-posts were a fifth part *of the wall*. So *he made* two doors of olive-wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm-trees. So also made he for the entrance of the temple door-posts of olive-wood, out of a fourth part *of the wall*: and two doors of fir-wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. And he carved *thereon* cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work.

1 Kings 7:29

and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the

ledges there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work

1 Kings 7:36

And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the panels thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm-trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about.

1 Kings 8:6-7

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above

2 Kings 19:15

And Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, that sittest *above* the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth

1 Chronicles 13:6

And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God Jehovah that sitteth above the cherubim, that is called by the Name

1 Chronicles 28:18

and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot, even the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of Jehovah.

2 Chronicles 3:7

He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls.

2 Chronicles 3:10-14

And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work; and they overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was *likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And the wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the house. And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon.

2 Chronicles 5:7-8

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

Psalms 80:1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that sittest *above* the cherubim, shine forth

Psalms 99:1

Jehovah reigneth; let the peoples tremble: He sitteth *above* the cherubim; let the earth be moved

Isaiah 37:16

O Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, that sittest *above* the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Ezekiel 10:1-9

Then I looked, and behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling *wheels*, even under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. And the glory of Jehovah mounted 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 Jehovah's glory. And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaketh. And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took *thereof*, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like unto a beryl stone

Ezekiel 10:15-20

And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also turned not from beside them. When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in them. And the glory of Jehovah went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of Jehovah'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 Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim.

Ezekiel 11:22

Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

Ezekiel 41:18-20

And it was made with cherubim and palm-trees; and a palm-tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; so that there was the face of a man toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side. *thus was it* made through all the house round about: from the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm-trees made; thus was the wall of the temple.

Ezekiel 41:25

And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm-trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there was a threshold of wood upon the face of the porch without.

Hebrews 9:5

and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally.

Appendix F Demons in the Bible

Deuteronomy 32:17 They sacrificed unto demons, *which were* no God, To gods that they knew not, To new *gods* that came up of late, Which your fathers dreaded not.

Psalms 106:37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,

Matthew 4:24 And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them.

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?

Matthew 8:16 And when even was come, they brought unto him many possessed with demons: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick:

Matthew 8:28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two possessed with demons, coming forth out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man could pass by that way.

Matthew 8:31 And the demons besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.

Matthew 8:33 And they that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were possessed with demons.

Matthew 9:34 But the Pharisees said, By the prince of the demons casteth he out demons

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give.

Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons, but by Beelzebub the prince of the demons.

Matthew 12:27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

Matthew 12:28 But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

Mark 1:32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons.

Mark 1:34 And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many demons; and he suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew him

Mark 1:39 And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons.

Mark 3:15 and to have authority to cast out demons:

Mark 3:22 And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and, By the prince of the demons casteth he out the demons.

Mark 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and behold him that was possessed with demons sitting, clothed and in his right mind, *even* him that had the legion: and they were afraid.

Mark 5:16 And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with demons, and concerning the swine

Mark 5:18 And as he was entering into the boat, he that had been possessed with demons besought him that he might be with him.

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 9:38 John said unto him, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not us.

Mark 16:9 Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;

Luke 4:41 And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

Luke 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

Luke 8:27 And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in *any* house, but in the tombs.

Luke 8:30 And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him.

Luke 8:33 And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were drowned.

Luke 8:35 And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid.

Luke 8:36 And they that saw it told them how he that was possessed with demons was made whole.

Luke 8:38 But the man from whom the demons were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but he sent him away, saying,

Luke 9:1 And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name.

Luke 11:15 But some of them said, By Beelzebub the prince of the demons casteth he out demons.

Luke 11:18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

Luke 11:19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

Luke 11:20 But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

Luke 13:32 And he said unto them, Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third *day* I am perfected.

I Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

I Corinthians 10:20 But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have communion with demons.

I Corinthians 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons.

I Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons,

James 2:19 Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder.

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 16:14 for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird.