

ALL ABOUT ANGELS

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INTRODUCTION

Psalm 103:20-21 – *Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!* **Hebrews 1:14** – *Are not all (angels) ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

It seems the secular world is very interested in angels. Perhaps it's because some are trying to stuff the God-shaped hole in their soul with something less threatening than Almighty God. Perhaps it's the longing for spirituality without getting too conventional. Perhaps it's simply that angels are intriguing and there's plenty to read about them.

But the problem is, not all of the books published on angels are accurate. The secular market is more interested in the fantastic aspect than in the spiritual truth. Angels are by their very nature spiritual. These heavenly beings were created by God and are commanded by Jesus, so to get a correct fix on them we need to consult God's Book. We need to know what God has to say about them.

There's plenty of information for us to investigate. Hundreds of references to angels are found in the Bible, including descriptions, appearances and characteristics. We will focus on what we can learn about angels from God's Word.

Angels are intriguing, but they are not worthy of our worship. Where did they come from? What are they like? These questions will be answered, as well as some characteristics never mentioned in secular books.

Perhaps without your realizing it, you have heard about some specific angels and some specific types of angels. Three angels named in the Bible are *Michael*, *Gabriel* and *Lucifer*. Different types of angels include *hosts*, *seraphim* and *cherubim*.

Guardian angels are a type of angel not named in the Bible. Where did this belief come from? Is there a basis for this in the Bible? Or is it more likely that we have hundreds of angels looking out for us.

One angel who is doing the opposite of looking out for us is the fallen angel, Satan (*Lucifer*). Sometimes we give more importance to Satan than is right. He is a formidable foe, but Satan is an angel, not a power opposite to God. He is a created being, as are all angels. In this study, we will look at the reason for his fall and other aspects of the enemy of our soul.

Most angels are a help, not a hindrance. They are a special help at the death of a believer. Angels come for believers at their moment of death and carry them to heaven.

There is a very special angel mentioned in the Old Testament. Ever wonder what Jesus was doing before His birth in Bethlehem? One of the things He was doing was making special appearances on earth as the *Angel of the Lord*. He was revealing God to those who would never know God as Jesus, the Son of Man.

When Jesus was on earth, the angels appeared often. They were there to announce His birth and to minister to Him. They were there when He rose from the dead, when He ascended back to heaven. When He comes again, they will be there with Him.

The goal of this study is to help you delve deeper into Scripture, glean more insights and apply important truths to your own life. Hopefully, you will learn how to tell the difference between misconceptions about angels and the truth about them.

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Angel _____

Angels are featured in films, TV series, TV specials, books, social media, magazines, etc. The angel craze is alive and well in the U.S. and throughout the world

Angel _____

Angels are mentioned _____ times in the Old Testament; and _____ times in the New Testament. Angels figure prominently in the life of Christ. Here are a few angel activities from the Bible:

An angel and _____ (served to a prophet)

1 Kings 19:1-8 – *Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. (2) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow. (3) Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. (4) But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, it is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers. (5) And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Arise and eat. (6) And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. (7) And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." (8) And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.*

An angel and _____ (served to the Israelites)

Psalms 78:25 – *Man ate of the bread of the angels; He (God) sent them (Israelites) food in abundance. See also Psalm 78:18-24*

An angel and a _____ (on behalf of men)

2 Kings 19:35 – *And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.*

An angel and a _____ (a stubborn prophet)

Numbers 22:22-34 – *...God's anger was kindled... and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. (23) And the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. (24) Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. (25) And when the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he struck her again. (26) Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. (27) When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. (28) Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, what have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times? (29) And Balaam said to the donkey, because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you. (30) And the donkey said to Balaam, Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way? And he said, No. (31) Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn*

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sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. (32) And the angel of the LORD said to him, why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. (33) The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live. (34) Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, I have sinned, for I did not know that you stood in the road against me. Now therefore, if it is evil in your sight, I will turn back.

An angel in an all-night _____

Genesis 32:24-31 – *And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. (25) When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. (26) Then he said, let me go, for the day has broken. But Jacob said, I will not let you go unless you bless me. (27) And he said to him, what is your name? And he said, Jacob. (28) Then he said, your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed. (29) Then Jacob asked him, please tell me your name. But he said, why is it that you ask my name? And there he blessed him. (30) So, Jacob called the name of the place Penuel saying, For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered. (31) The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.*

An angel and a jail _____

Acts 12:5-11 – *So, Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. (6) Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. (7) And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, Get up quickly. And the chains fell off his hands. (8) And the angel said to him, dress yourself and put on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, wrap your cloak around you and follow me. (9) And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. (10) When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. (11) When Peter came to himself, he said, Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.*

An angel stops a _____

Genesis 22:10-12 – *Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. (11) But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham! And he said, Here I am. (12) He said, do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.*

Angel _____

To _____ us

Exodus 23:20 – *Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Psalm 91:11-12* – *For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.* See also Daniel 6:10-23; 2 Chronicles 32:1-23; Genesis 19:1-17

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To _____ us

Genesis 19:(1-14)15-17 – *As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city. (16) But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. (17) And as they brought them out, one said, Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away. Genesis 24:7* – *The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.*

To _____ us

Judges 6:12 (13-24)– *And the angel of the LORD appeared to (Gideon) and said to him, The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor. 2 Kings 1:15* – *Then the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So, he arose and went down with him to the king.*

To _____ us

Psalms 34:7 – *The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, & delivers them. Acts 12:7* (1-11) – *And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, Get up quickly. And the chains fell off his hands.*

To _____ us

Matthew 2:19-20 – *But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.*

To _____ us

Luke 22:39-43 – *And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. (40) And when He came to the place, He said to them, pray that you may not enter into temptation. (41) And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, (42) saying, Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done. (43) And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him.*

Angel _____

What position should angels hold in our thinking? Here's four basic truths about angels:

- Angels must never _____ God in our lives

Matt 4:10 – *Then Jesus said to Him, be gone, Satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.*

“Angels easily provide a temptation for those who want a spiritual _____ without having to bother with God Himself.” —quote from *Christianity Today*

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- Angels must never be _____ to fit our own ideas
 1. Angels are portrayed in Scripture as masculine T or F
 2. Angels sometimes appear as an animal or bird T or F
 3. Angels are former humans who progressed spiritually to become angels T or F
 4. Angels can, and sometimes do, get married T or F
 5. As angels get older, they are replaced with newer angels T or F
 6. Angels seek promotion and must earn their wings T or F

- Angels must never _____ worship. They are not a substitute for God.
Colossians 2:18-19 – *Let no one disqualify you, insisting on...worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together...grows with a growth that is from God.*

- Angels are mostly never _____ by humans.
Rev 19:9-10 – *And the angel said to me, write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, these are the true words of God. Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, you must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. Rev 22:6-9* – *And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place. (7) **And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.** (8) I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, (9) but he said to me, you must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.*

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THE NATURE OF ANGELS

The _____ of angels

Job 38:4, 7 – *Where were you [Job] when I laid the foundation of the earth? (7) ...when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Ps 104:1-5 – *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, (2) covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. (3) He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind; (4) He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire. (5) He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.*

Their _____

Angels are referred to in many ways in Scripture

These Bible verses help shed light on who/what angels are

Ministering spirits—a reference to their _____

Heb 1:14 – *Are they not all ministering spirits?*

Messengers—a reference to their _____

Ps 104:4 – *He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.*

Winds—a reference to their _____

Ps 104:4 – *He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.*

Angels can fly...and fly swiftly, and are not at all limited by gravity

Flaming fire—a reference to their _____

Ps 104:4 – *He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.*

Their _____

Angels were created suddenly (instantaneously) and at the same time (simultaneously)

Angels were created in the beginning with no increase in their ranks

Neh 9:6 – *You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.*

Ps 148:2, 5 – *Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ... (5) Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.*

Col 1:16 – *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

2Thess 1:7-8 – *(God will) grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels (8) in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*

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The _____ of angels

Angels are _____

Ps 68:17 – *The chariots of God [angels] are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them*

Rev 5:11 – *Then I [John] looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands*

Heb 12:22 – *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering*

Angels are _____

Billy Graham – "While angels may become visible by choice, our eyes are not ordinarily constructed to see them any more than we can see the dimensions of a nuclear field, the structure of atoms, or the electricity that flows through wire. Our ability to sense reality is limited... So why should we think it strange if men fail to perceive the evidences of angelic presence?"

Heb 13:2 – *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

Angels are _____

Rev 5:2 – *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"*

Ps 103:20 – *Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!*

2Ki 19:35 – *And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.*

Matt 28:2 – *And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

Rev 7:1 – *After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.*

Angels are _____

Lk 20:36 – *...For they (those who have died and are now in heaven) cannot die anymore because they are equal to angels...*

Dan 9:21 – *While I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice...*

Lk 1:19 – *And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.*

Angels are _____

Lk 15:10 – *...I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Heb 2:14-16 – *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things... (15) and delivered all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (16) For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.*

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WELL-KNOWN ANGELS

_____ (335x in 31 of the 66 books of the Bible; all but 7 are in the OT)

One name for angels is the word "*host*," often a plural word. Common biblical phrases such as "*The hosts of the Lord*" and "*The Lord of hosts*" refer to angelic armies. But *Host/hosts* do not always mean angels. Angels are fully organized and under the direct authority of God.

"The *Hebrew* (OT) word for host is *tsaba*. The *Greek* (NT) word for host is *stratia*. Both words mean a well-trained army, one that is prepared for war. Angels respond like soldiers under a general's command, their loyalty unquestioned, their obedience instantaneous." —*David Jeremiah*

_____ (1x in 66 books of the Bible)

These are not "standard" angels. Seraphim have features other angels aren't believed to possess. Isaiah 6:1-7 is the only Scriptural passage that directly mentions *seraphim*. There are other possible references to them; for example, **Rev 4:8**.

Isa 6:1-7 – *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. (2) Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (3) And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (4) And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" (6) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. (7) And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."*

Isaiah's vision has made him painfully aware of his sin and has broken him (**Isa 66:2, Isa 66:5**); in this way, God has prepared him for his cleansing and for his commission. The hot coal taken from the altar of incense in heaven (**Rev 8:3-5**) is symbolic of God's purifying work. Repentance is painful. "*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.*" This purifying refers to spiritual cleansing for service to the Lord, not for salvation.

Their _____ = Above the throne of God – *Above Him stood the seraphim* (v. 2).

Their _____ (2) = Not human features, but human-like: face, feet, hands, voice... and wings! (v. 2).

Each had 6 wings: with 2 he covered his face, with 2 he covered his feet, with 2 he flew.

Wings covered their _____: they dared not gaze directly at God's glory; *reverence*.

Wings covered their _____: *lowliness*, while engaged in divine service.

Wings given for _____: flew in *service* to the One on the throne.

Their _____ = To glorify the Lord of hosts, and proclaim His holiness (v. 3).

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

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_____, _____ (94x in 15 books of the Bible)

Exodus = 17x;

1Kings = 20x;

1Chronicles = 12x;

Ezekiel = 30x

Gen 3:24 – [The Lord God] *drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the **cherubim** and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Heb 9:5 – *Above it [ark of the covenant] were the **cherubim** of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.*

The cherubim are real creatures, and not mere symbols (**Gen 3:24**). They are described as *living creatures* (**Ezek 1:10**). The cherubim are intelligent beings, as indicated by their form, movement and conduct. They have four wings as opposed to the six wings of the Seraphim (**Ezek 1:6; Isa 6:2**).

_____, _____ (5x in 4 Bible books)

The _____ angel, and the only named "*archangel*" in the Bible (**Jude, v. 9**).

According to Scripture, he appears to be the leading fighter or protecting angel.

He is the greatest of all angels according to Christian, Jewish *and* even Islamic literature.

According to Jewish belief, he destroyed the invading Syrian army (**2Ki 19:35**).

Billy Graham wrote that he is "prime minister in God's administration of the universe."

Charles Ryrie wrote "When Paul says that the voice of the archangel will be heard at the rapture of the church, he does not seem to feel the need to name that archangel, which supports the conclusion that there is only one."

Dan 10:21; Dan 12:1; 1Thes 4:16; Rev 12:7

_____, _____ (4x in 2 Bible books)

His name means "The _____ one of God"

He is the _____ angel, God's special messenger.

His messages are always _____.

Daniel 8:16 = comes to Daniel to interpret a vision

Daniel 9:21 = comes again to Daniel to help him understand the vision

Luke 1:19 = comes to Zachariah to announce the coming of a son (John the Baptist)

Luke 1:26 = comes to Mary to announce the coming of God's Son (Jesus the Messiah)

Based on Scripture, he seems to be the announcing or proclaiming angel.

God is a God of order and organization. God's organized manner is seen in the angelic world.

Col 1:16 – *For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

Eph 6:12 – *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

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GUARDIAN ANGELS

Guardian Angels _____

When we're sick and/or suffering, guardian angels _____ us

John 5:2-4 (NKJV) – *Now there is a pool at the Sheep Gate at Jerusalem, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches. (3) In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, of blind, lame, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. (4) For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and troubled the water. Then whoever first stepped in after the troubling of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had.*

Luke 22:41-43 – *And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him.*

When we're in crisis, guardian angels _____ us

Genesis 16:4-11 – *And he [Abraham] went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. (5) And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" (6) But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her. (7) The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. (8) And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." (9) The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." (10) The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." (11) And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.*

When we're in danger, guardian angels _____ us

Psalms 34:7 – *The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.*

Acts 12:6-7 – *Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands.*

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Guardian Angels _____

Guardian angels are not for _____

Hebrews 1:14 – *Are not they (angels) all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-12 – *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most-High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ...Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most-High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

Guardian angels could be _____

Hebrews 13:2 – *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

Acts 12:13-15 – *And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!"*

Guardian angels allow harm to come to _____

Daniel 6:22 – *My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him...*

Acts 27:21-25 – *Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' So, take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.*

Guardian angels see a child as _____

Matthew 18:10 – *See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.*

Charles Spurgeon – "Not [just] one guardian angel, but all the angels are here alluded to...and they have received commission from their Lord to watch carefully over all the interests of the faithful. How angels keep us we cannot tell. Whether they repel demons, counteract spiritual plots, or even ward off physical forces of disease, we do not know. *Perhaps*, Spurgeon says, *we shall one day stand amazed at the multiplied services which the unseen legions of angels have rendered to us* [emphasis added].

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THE FALLEN ANGEL

_____ OF SATAN

The _____ of God

The opposite of Satan is _____.

The _____ of Satan

He enticed one-_____ of heaven's angels to follow him

Rev 12:3-4 – *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. (4) His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth...*

He is not omniscient—all-_____

He is not omnipresent—all-_____

He is not omnipotent—all-_____

How then is he so effective? —he is _____

He's mastered all his deceptive tricks.

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His _____

Ezek 28:12, 15 – *...Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty... (15) You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.*

His _____

Ezek 28:13 – *You were in Eden, the garden of God;*

His _____

Ezek 28:13 – *Every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.*

His _____

_____ being

Ezek 28:15 – *You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created...*

_____ being

Ezek 28:12 – *Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*

Jude 1:9 – *But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."*

Ezek 28:14 – *You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God...*

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_____ being

Ezek 28:15 – *You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created... till unrighteousness was found in you.*

_____ being

Denying the existence of an enemy renders you powerless to _____ him.
Two evidences of Satan's existence:

- The _____ of evil in the world
1Jn 5:19 – *We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*
- The _____ number of Bible references, including some by Jesus Himself

Satan referenced by _____ pronouns

Satan referenced by _____ names and titles:

Abaddon, accuser, adversary, angel, Apollyon

Zech 3:1 – *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.*

2Cor 11:14 – *Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

1Pet 5:8 – *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

Rev 9:11 – *They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.*

Rev 12:10 – *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."*

Beelzebub (Beelzebul), Belial

Matt 12:24 – *But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons."*

Chaldean: beelzebul = _____ god; Satan

2Cor 6:15 – *What accord has Christ with Belial? [worthlessness] Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?*

devil, dragon, deceiver

Matt 4:1 – *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

Eph 4:27 – *Give no opportunity to the devil.*

Rev 12:7 – *Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back.*

Rev 12:9 – *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

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enemy, evil one

Matt 13:19 – *When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.*

Matt 13:24 – *The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.*

Jn 17:15 – *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*

1Jn 5:18-19 – *We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. (19) We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

god of this world

2Cor 4:4 – *The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

lucifer, liar, father of lies

Jn 8:44 – *You [Pharisees] are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Isa 14:12 – *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! –KJV*

murderer

Jn 8:44 – *He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning...*

ruler (prince) of this world, prince of the power of the air

Jn 12:31 – *Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler [prince – KJV] of this world be cast out.*

Eph 2:1-2 – *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

Satan, serpent

Gen 3:1 – *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made...*

Mt 4:10 – *Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve."*

Lk 10:18 – *And (Jesus) said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

2Cor 11:3 – *But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

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2Cor 12:7 – *So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.*

Rev 12:9 – *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

tempter

Matt 4:3 – *And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."*

1Thess 3:5 – *For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.*

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Tempter, Deceiver, Accuser, Ruler, etc. (Names and titles = clues to what occupies him.)

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The _____ of Satan in Heaven (Isa 14:12-14)

Isa 14:12 –

ESV – *How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!*

KJV – *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

NLT – *How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.*

Five times Satan said "I WILL." **Isa 14:13** – *You said in your heart...*

Each statement revealed something Satan wanted, but could not have.

1. Lucifer wanted God's _____ (13)

I will ascend to heaven...

2. Lucifer wanted God's _____ (13)

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (KJV)

Stars = _____ of God.

3. Lucifer wanted God's _____ (13)

I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north...

Sitting "on the mount of assembly" refers to _____ control.

4. Lucifer wanted God's _____ (14)

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds...

5. Lucifer wanted God's _____ (14)

I will make myself like the Most-High.

Lucifer's proud heart was the reason for his fall.

And when he fell, he took some of heaven's angels with him.

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Three questions:

- When God created Lucifer, did He know the pride that would captivate his heart?
- Could God have prevented Satan from sinning and therefore Satan not fall?
- Why didn't God stop Lucifer from making this eternal error?

Note this sobering statement from theologian, *Herbert Lockyer*: "Lucifer was first among angels and humans to voluntarily haunt the halls of hell for eternity."

The _____ of Satan on Earth (Rev 12:12; 1Pet 5:8)

To _____ unbelievers to hell for eternity

Rev 12:12 – ...*Woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!*

To _____ believers, hindering their effectiveness for Christ

1Pet 5:8 – *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

OF SATAN

The _____

Lk 10:18 – *And (Jesus) said...I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

Matt 25:41 – *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*

The _____

Isa 14:15 – *But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.*

Rev 20:2 – *He [the angel] seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.*

Rev 20:10 – *And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

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Ezek 28:11-19 – *Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: (12) "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (13) You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. (14) You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. (15) You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. (16) In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so, I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (17) Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. (18) By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so, I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. (19) All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever."*

Rev 12:3-12 – *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. (4) His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. (5) She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, (6) and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. (7) Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, (8) but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (11) And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (12) Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"*

Rev 20:1-3, 10 – *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. (2) And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, (3) and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while... (10) And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

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THE ENEMY'S ARMY

Rev 12:7-9 – *"Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, (8) but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

We have an _____ and he has an _____.

The enemy is the _____. His army is the _____.

Rev 12:7 – *Now war arose in heaven...*

Satan and his army launch an attack against the gates of heaven. They'll literally invade heaven.

Michael and his angels vs. The devil and his demons.

Many verses in the Bible tell us about our enemy's army.

Eight characteristics of the enemy's army:

1. The devil's army is _____ and to be resisted. (Jms 4:7)

NT contains more than _____ references to demons. Every writer of the NT mentions demons: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Jude. (Not every book, but every writer.)

Jesus, who always spoke the truth, had much to say about demons.

Matt 17:14-20 – *"And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to Him and, kneeling before Him, (15) said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. (16) And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." (17) And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me." (18) And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. (19) Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" (20) He said to them, "Because of your little faith...."*

Matt 12:28 – *"If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons...."*

Matt 10:1 – *"And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction."*

Paul & John warned of demonic activity occurring all through the church age, Pentecost—Rapture.

1Jn 4:1-3 – *"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (2) By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, (3) and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God...."*

1Tim 4:1 – *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times (prior to Christ's return), some will depart from [abandon] the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."*

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2. The devil's army is _____ in the presence of Deity. (Lk 8:26-39)

A demon's _____

Demons can reside in the minds and bodies of humans.

Lk 8:26-27 – *Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. (27) When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.*

Matt 12:43-44 – *When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it [he – KJV] passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. (44) Then it [he] says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it [he] comes, it [he] finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.*

Demon possession defined: "A demon residing in a person, exerting direct control and influence over that person, with a certain derangement of mind and/or body. Demon possession is to be distinguished from demon influence or demon activity in relation to a person. The work of demon influence is from the outside, in demon possession it is from within." —Charles Ryrie

When a demon gains access to a person: "They speak and act through him/her as their complete slave and tool...When the demon is 'at home' he may precipitate an attack. In these attacks, the victim passes from his normal state, in which he acts like other people, to the abnormal state of possession." —Merrill Unger [Unger's Bible Handbook]

Demon oppression = _____ by demon(s) - unbelievers/believers

Demon possession = _____ by demon(s) - unbelievers only

Can a believer be possessed? No, for three reasons...

1.) Believer is _____ indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

1Cor 6:19 – *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own."*

1Jn 4:4 – *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them [demons], for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

2.) Demon-possessed _____ are not found in Scripture.

Demons can trouble and tempt believers, but never possess.

3.) Christ is always _____ over Satan.

Col 1:13 – *"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."*

A demon's _____

Lk 8:28-31 – *When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most-High God? I beg you, do not torment me." (29) For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) (30) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. (31) And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss.*

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A demon's _____

Lk 8:32-33 – *Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. (33) Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.*

A demoniac's _____

Fearful _____

Lk 8:34-37 – *When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. (35) Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. (36) And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. (37) Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned.*

Fearless _____

Lk 8:38-39 – *The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, (39) "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.*

3. The devil's army is _____ from humans. (Col 1:16)

Col 1:16 – *For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

4. The devil's army is _____ in substance. (Rev 16:13-14)

A believer is a spirit _____ a body.

Believers are spiritual beings within physical bodies.

At salvation, the believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit controls all of a believer that the believer allows.

A demon is a spirit _____ a body.

Demons are spirits without physical bodies.

Demons will control all of an unbeliever that the unbeliever allows.

Demons don't have bodies of their own, but can appear to be physical beings.

Rev 16:13-14 – *And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. (14) For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.*

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5. The devil's army is _____ in operation. (Eph 1:21)

_____ by degree – some possess a greater degree of wickedness than others.
Matt 12:43-45 – [KJV] *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. (44) Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. (45) Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

_____ by rank – there is a hierarchy (ranking system) among demons.
Col 1:16 – *"For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him...."*

_____ in number – exact number unknown, but Scripture gives us some idea.
Rev 12:4 – *His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth...*
 Compare with **Rev 5:11** – *"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands."*

*Myriads of myriads (10,000 x 10,000 = 100 million – 1/3 = 33 million demon angels)
 Thousands of thousands (+ 1,000s x 1,000s = 1 million+ demon angels)*

6. The devil's army is _____ by fury (Rev 12:12)

Rev 12:12 – *...Rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!*

The enemy's army is the _____ army!

Matt 25:41 – *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'*

Rev 12:7 – *...And the dragon and his angels fought back.*

Rev 12:9 – *"And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

Matt 12:24 – Pharisees referred to Satan as *"...Beelzebul, the prince of demons...."*

7. The devil's army is _____ in liberty. (2Thes 2:6-7)

2Thes 2:6-7 – *"And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. (7) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only He who now restrains it will do so until He is out of the way."*

8. The devil's army is _____ in performance. (Rev 12:7)

Rev 12:7 says they are the *army* of the dragon. They are powerful enough to dare attack heaven.

Powerful enough to _____ a human being down.

Lk 8 – the demonized man from earlier (see also Mk 5).

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Powerful enough for just one demon to _____ the living daylights out of seven men at one time.

Act 19:13-16 – *Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." (14) Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. (15) But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" (16) And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

Powerful enough to _____ speech.

Matt 9:32-33 – *"As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to Him. (33) And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke...."*

Powerful enough to _____ eyes.

Matt 12:22 – *"Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to Him, and He healed him, so that the man spoke and saw."*

Powerful enough to cause _____ trouble.

Lk 13:11-13, 16 – *"And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. (12) When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." (13) And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God....(16) And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond...?"*

Powerful enough to cause _____ malfunctioning.

Matt 17:14-18 – *"And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to Him and, kneeling before Him, (15) said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. (16) And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." (17) And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me." (18) And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly."*

Lk 8:35 – *Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind...."*

Powerful enough to _____ the whole world.

Rev 12:9 – *"And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

1Jn 4:4 – *"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*

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THE LORD'S ANGEL

The phrase, *angel of the LORD*, is found 67x in the Bible. Listed below are nine of the appearances of "the angel of the LORD" in biblical order.

1. The angel of the LORD appears to _____
Gen 21:17 – *And God heard the voice of the boy, and **the angel of God** called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.*
2. The angel of the LORD appears to _____
Gen 22:11-12 – *But **the angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." (12) He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*
3. The angel of the LORD appears to _____
Gen 31:11, 13 – *And **the Angel of God** spoke to me in a dream, saying, Jacob! And I said, Here I am. ... (13) I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your kindred.*
4. The angel of the LORD appears to _____
Ex 3:2, 5-6 – *And **the angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ... (5) Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (6) And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.*
5. The angel of the LORD appears to the _____
Ex 14:19 – *Then **the angel of God** who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,*
Ex 23:20-21 – *"Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. (21) Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not **pardon your transgression**, for my name is in him.*
6. The angel of the LORD appears to a _____ wife
Judges 13:2-22 – *There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. (3) And **the angel of the LORD** appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. (4) Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, (5) for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines." (6) Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of **the angel of God**, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, (7) but he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'" (8) Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born."*

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(9) *And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and **the angel of God** came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her.* (10) *So, the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me."* (11) *And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am."* (12) *And Manoah said, "Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?"* (13) *And **the angel of the LORD** said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.* (14) *She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe."* (15) *Manoah said to **the angel of the LORD**, "Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you."* (16) *And **the angel of the LORD** said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know that he was **the angel of the LORD**.)* (17) *And Manoah said to **the angel of the LORD**, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?"* (18) *And **the angel of the LORD** said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?"* (19) *So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.* (20) *And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, **the angel of the LORD** went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.* (21) ***The angel of the LORD** appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was **the angel of the LORD**.* (22) *And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God."*

7. The angel of the Lord appears to _____

Luke 1:11-13 – *There appeared to him an **angel of the Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (12) And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. (13) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*

8. The angel of the LORD and the pre-incarnate Christ = _____ and the _____

1. In Scripture, Christ is repeatedly pictured as an Angel with a higher rank than any others.

2. Pre-incarnate = "before flesh." 2nd Person of the Trinity's eternal existence (before Bethlehem).

3. Jesus, in the flesh, was God's revelation of Himself to humanity.

John 1:18 – *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made him known.*

4. Immanuel = God with us.

Matthew 1:23 – *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

5. After the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, "*The Angel of the Lord*" ceases to appear.

6. Jesus acknowledged His presence in the world before He came to Bethlehem.

Luke 24:27 – *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets [Old Testament], He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

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9. The angel of the LORD and _____

The _____ of revelation
 God's two great revelations of Himself:

The _____

The _____

The _____ of the incarnation

The appearances pointed to the day when God would fully reveal Himself in His Son.

2 Corinthians 4:4 – *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

The _____ of our salvation

When God revealed Himself through the Angel of the Lord, no salvation was provided. In order for us to know Him and fellowship with Him in His holiness, He had to become one of us. Not an angel—one of us.

It's not an accident that history is dated in relation to the Messiah's coming.

Before Christ (B.C.)

After Death -no. (A.D.) Latin phrase

"*Anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi*", in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The _____ of our Savior

The Angel of the Lord gave a preview of the spirit and ministry of Jesus

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; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.*

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JESUS AND ANGELS

Nine major events when angels were involved in the Lord's earthly life:

1. An angel _____ His coming
Luke 1:11-13 – *There appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. (12) And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. (13) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*
2. An angel _____ His birth
 - To _____
Luke 1:26-27 – *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.*
 - To _____
Matthew 1:18-20 – *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (20) But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*
 - To His _____
Matthew 1:21 – *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*
 - To the _____
Luke 2:8-11 – *And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. (10) And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*
3. An angel _____ Joseph of impending danger
Matthew 2:13 – *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."*
4. An angel _____ Joseph that the danger had passed
Matthew 2:19-21 – *But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, (20) saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." (21) And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.*
5. Angels _____ Him after His temptation
Matthew 4:11 – *Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.*

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6. An angel _____ to Him at Gethsemane
Luke 22:41-43 – *And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, (42) saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." (43) And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.*
7. Angels _____ His resurrection
John 20:11-12 – *But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. (12) And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.*
8. Angels _____ with Him in His ascension
Acts 1:9-11 – *And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (10) And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (11) and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*
9. Angels will _____ Him during end-time events
- At the _____ **1 Thessalonians 4:16** – *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.*
- At His _____ **Matthew 16:27** – *For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.*
- At the _____ **Matthew 13:49-50** – *So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous (50) and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

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DEATH AND ANGELS

Death biblically _____:

In humans, death is the separation of the soul from the body. The _____ is buried (or cremated) and the _____ goes to be either with the Lord or to Sheol (Hades).

Death biblically _____:

Psalm 116:15 – *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 – *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (15) For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*

2 Corinthians 5:8 – *...away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

(KJV)... *absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

Psalm 23:4 – *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Revelation 14:13 – *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"*

Philippians 1:21, 23 – *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain...I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.*

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 – *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. (55) O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ... (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Death biblically _____:

Biblically, death was defeated on the cross. Practically, death will be defeated at life's end.

Mysterious _____ – believers are _____ for heaven

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 – *I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. (53) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

Mysterious _____ – believers are _____ to heaven

Luke 16:19-23 – *There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. (20) And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, (21) who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. (22) The poor man died and was **carried** by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, (23) and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.*

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Angels come to believers at death. Two possible reasons:

Theological reason – ultimate space _____

Ephesians 2:2 – Satan is "*the prince of the power of the air*"

Ephesians 6:12 – *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

Theoretical reason – ultimate road _____

In his book, *Somewhere Angels*, Larry Libby writes, [It's like God is saying...] "Just as soon as its time for you to leave, I will send someone to bring you. You won't be alone. You won't be afraid. You won't have to find your own way. And the angel I will send to you knows the way very well."

Death biblically _____

Many examples of deathbed statements. We'll share one: Dwight Lyman (D. L.) Moody.

Early in his ministry, he said: "Someday you will read [or hear] that D. L. Moody of Northfield, MA is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone up higher, that is all—out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal; a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned like unto His glorious body...that which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever."

Isaiah 25:8-9 – *He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (9) It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

Philippians 3:20-21 – *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.*

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