

What Can We Know About Angels?

Introduction:

- A. Angel: a messenger, one who is sent (*Acts 23:8; Psa 103:20-22; 148:1-2; 2 Pet 2:11*).
- B. Learning about angels powerfully enhances our knowledge of God (*Heb 1:14; Rev 5:11-14*).

I. Angels in Old Testament History

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| Hagar is comforted (<i>Gen 16:7-14</i>) | The law put in place through angels (<i>Gal 3:19</i>) |
| Abram promised a son (<i>Gen 18:1-12</i>) | Balaam and his donkey (<i>Num 22:22-35</i>) |
| Lot is rescued from Sodom (<i>Gen 19:1-16</i>) | Message concerning disobedience (<i>Jud 2:1-5</i>) |
| Hagar and Ishmael are comforted (<i>Gen 21:15-19</i>) | The call of Gideon (<i>Jud 6:11-22</i>) |
| Abraham's hand is stayed (<i>Gen 22:11,15-18</i>) | The birth of Samson (<i>Jud 13:1-21</i>) |
| Abraham's servant is guided (<i>Gen 24:7</i>) | Bringer of pestilence (<i>2 Sam 24:15-17</i>) |
| Jacob's dream of a ladder (<i>Gen 28:12</i>) | Elijah in the wilderness (<i>1 Kin 19:4-8</i>) |
| Jacob told to go home in a dream (<i>Gen 31:11-13</i>) | Elijah denounces Ahaziah (<i>2 Kin 1:3,15</i>) |
| Jacob wrestles with "a man" (<i>Gen 32:22-31</i>) | Horses and chariots of fire (<i>2 Kin 6:8-18</i>) |
| Moses and the burning bush (<i>Exo 3:2-4:17</i>) | 185,000 Assyrians struck down (<i>2 Kin 19:35</i>) |
| The plagues on Egypt (<i>Psa 78:49</i>) | Encamps around the faithful (<i>Psa 34:7</i>) |
| The pillars of cloud and fire (<i>Exo 14:19-20</i>) | A fourth "man" in the fiery furnace (<i>Dan 3:28</i>) |
| A guide in the wilderness (<i>Exo 23:20-21</i>) | In the den of lions (<i>Dan 6:22</i>) |
| Manna, "the bread of the angels" (<i>Psa 78:25</i>) | A guide throughout Zechariah's prophecies |

II. Angels in New Testament History

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| Gabriel's message to Zechariah (<i>Luke 1:8-25</i>) | Two with Mary Magdalene (<i>John 20:11-18</i>) |
| Gabriel's message to Mary (<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>) | Women and a vision of angels (<i>Luke 24:23</i>) |
| Messages to Joseph (<i>Matt 1:20; 2:13,19</i>) | Opening prison doors (<i>Acts 5:19</i>) |
| The shepherds in the field (<i>Luke 2:9-15</i>) | Stephen's face (<i>Acts 6:15</i>) |
| The temptations of Jesus (<i>Matt 4:6-11</i>) | Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (<i>Acts 8:26</i>) |
| Ascending and descending on Jesus (<i>John 1:51</i>) | Message to Cornelius (<i>Acts 10:3</i>) |
| Strengthening Jesus in Gethsemane (<i>Luke 22:43</i>) | Rescue of Peter (<i>Acts 12:7-11</i>) |
| 12 legions available at Jesus' call (<i>Matt 26:53</i>) | Death of Herod (<i>Acts 12:20-23</i>) |
| At Jesus' tomb (<i>Matt 28:2-7</i>) | Paul and the shipwreck (<i>Acts 27:13-26</i>) |

III. Angels and...

- A. New Testament teaching: *Luke 16:22; Rom 8:38-39; 1 Cor 13:1; Col 2:18-19; Heb 13:1-2*
- B. Spiritual warfare: *Jude 9; 2 Pet 2:4; Rev 12:7-9; Jude 6; Eph 6:10-12; 2 Cor 11:14*
- C. Jesus: *Heb 1:4-7,13; 2:5,7,9,16; 1 Pet 3:22; Rev 1:20*
- D. The gospel: *1 Cor 4:9; 6:3; Heb 2:1-4; 12:22; 1 Pet 1:12; Gal 1:8; Luke 15:10*
- E. The throne of God: *Rev 1:1; 5:11-14; 14:6-7; 19:9-10; 22:1-9*
- F. Judgment: *Matt 22:30; 2 Thes 1:7; Matt 16:27; 1 Thes 4:16; Matt 13:36-50; 24:36; 25:41*