

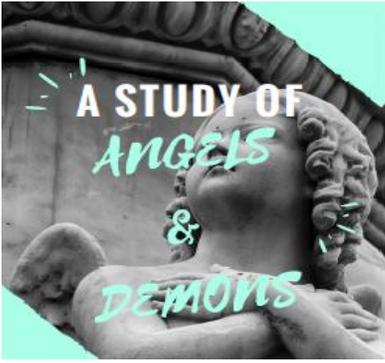
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This study is not to be taken lightly. This is a deep, challenging study, but also very rewarding. There are over 300 references to angels and demons that need to be studied (II Timothy 3:15).

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LESSON #1

THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN PATRIARCHAL AGE

Appearances of angelic beings before the flood:

- They were created by God (**Genesis 2:1, Nehemiah 9:6, Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:16**).
- They are spiritual beings created to help human beings (**Genesis 2:1, Hebrews 1:14, Revelation 4:8**).
- Satan or “the” Satan (the serpent) was in the garden of Eden before the fall of man and took the form of a serpent (**Genesis 3, Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:13, Revelation 12**).
- Cherubim were placed at the east gate of the Garden of Eden to guard the tree of life (**Genesis 3:24**).
- The “Sons of God” cohabitated with the “daughters of men” and this is our first mention of the Nephilim (**Genesis 6:1-4, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6**).
- The “Sons of God” shouted for joy at the Creation (**Job 38:1-7, Revelation 5:11-12**).
- Lucifer (light-bearer or shining one) wanted to steal the throne of God (**Isaiah 14:12-14, Revelation 12**).
- Lucifer was a beautiful anointed cherub but fell because of pride (**Ezekiel 28:12-17, Luke 10:18**).
- The angels that fell with Lucifer have names (**Luke 8:30, Revelation 9:11**).

Appearances of angelic beings to Abraham:

- The Amorites, descendants from Caanan, allied with Abraham (**Genesis 10:15-16, 14:13**).
- The “Sons of God” reported directly to God in the divine council (**Job 1:6, 2:1, Psalm 29:1, 82:1, 89:6-7**).
- Satan (the adversary, afflicter) personally seeks to persecute Job (**Job 1-2**).
- The Zuzim (Zamzummim) lived in the land of Ammon (**Genesis 14:5**).
- The Nephilim (Rephaim, Zuzim, Emim, Horites) started to spread out over the earth (**Genesis 14:5-7**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar in the wilderness (**Genesis 16:7-14, 21:17**).
- Two angels together with the Lord appeared to Abraham (**Genesis 18:1-2**).
- The same two angels appeared to Lot before destroying Sodom (**Genesis 19:1-22**).
- God destroyed the Emin and Zamzim so that the descendants of Lot’s son Ben-Ammi (the Ammonites) could live in the land (**Genesis 19:37-38**).
- The Angel of the Lord prevented Abraham from sacrificing Isaac (**Genesis 22:11-18**).
- An angel guided Abraham’s servant in finding a wife for Isaac – Rebekah (**Genesis 24:7, 40**).

Appearances of angelic beings to Jacob:

- Jacob saw angels ascending and descending on a ladder up to heaven (**Genesis 28:12**).
- The angel of God spoke to Jacob in a dream, telling him to return to Canaan (**Genesis 31:11-13**).
- Angels met Jacob on his return at Mahanaim (**Genesis 32:1-2**).
- Jacob wrestled an angel, probably “the Angel of the Lord” (**Genesis 32:24-30, Hosea 12:4**).
- Kirjath Arba was also called “Mamre” (**Genesis 35:27**) which was named after an Amorite who was an ally of Abram (**Genesis 14:13**).
- The Egyptians believed in divination and sorcery (**Genesis 44:5, 15, Exodus 7:11-12**).
- Jacob felt he was redeemed from all evil by “the Angel of the Lord” (**Genesis 48:15**).



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LESSON #2

THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN THE MOSAIC AGE

Appearances of angelic beings to Moses and the Israelites:

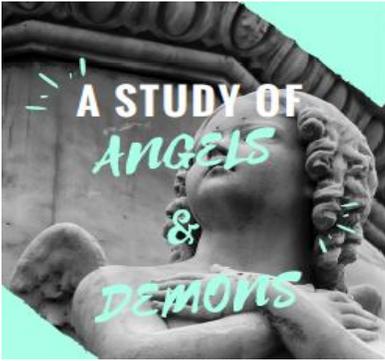
- The Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses at the burning bush (**Exodus 3:1-2, Acts 7:30, 35**).
- Demons helped the magicians to replicate plagues with dark arts (**Exodus 7:11-12, 8:7**).
- The Angel of the Lord judged the Egyptians (**Exodus 12:13, 23**).
- The Angel of God led the Israelites out of Egypt and protected them at the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:19**).
- Witchcraft and sorcery is punishable by death under the law (**Exodus 22:18**).
- The Angel of God led Israel through the wilderness (**Exodus 23:20-23, 32:34, 33:2, Numbers 20:16, Isaiah 63:9, I Corinthians 10:1-4**).
- The worship of Molech is mentioned as demonic activity (**Leviticus 18:21**).
- Divination was prohibited because of occult worship (**Leviticus 19:26, Deuteronomy 18:10**).
- Punishment is given to those who mark their bodies for demonic purposes (**Leviticus 19:28**).
- The Nephilim lived inside the Promised Land (**Numbers 13:1-33, 14:6-9**).
- King Sihon is defeated (**Numbers 21:21-34, 32:33, Deuteronomy 1:4, 2:24-32, 3:2-6, 4:46, 29:7, 31:4**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared to Balaam and his donkey (**Numbers 22:22-35**).
- Balaam prophesied that sorcery could not overtake Israel (**Numbers 23:23**).
- The Emim and Zamzummim are compared to being as tall as the Anakims (**Deuteronomy 2:10, 21, 9:2**).
- The land of Ammon was also regarded as a land of giants - Rephaim (**Deuteronomy 2:10-11**).
- Only Og king of Bashan remained as a remnant of the giants (**Deuteronomy 3:10-12**).
- There is a warning not to worship the angels (**Deuteronomy 4:19, 17:3, Colossians 2:28**).
- Necromancy and sorcery is an abomination to the Lord (**Deuteronomy 18:11-14**).
- Angels assisted in giving the law to Israel (**Deuteronomy 33:2, Hebrews 2:2**).
- Demons were used to punish the rebellious Israelites (**Psalms 78**).
- Michael fought with Satan over the body of Moses (**Jude 9**).

Appearances of angelic beings to Joshua and the Israelites:

- The Lord reminds the people about the defeat of Sihon and Og (**Joshua 2:10, 9:10, 12:5, 13:10, 21, 27**).
- The Commander of the Lord's Army appeared to Joshua (**Joshua 5:13-15**).
- Joshua fought several battles with the Anakim and the Amorites (**Joshua 11:21-22**).
- Anak is mentioned to be the son of Arba, whose genealogy is not listed (**Joshua 14:15, 15:13, 21:11**).

Appearances of angelic beings in the days of the Judges:

- The Angel of the Lord rebukes Israel at Bochim (**Judges 2:1-6**).
- The Angel of the Lord told Deborah to curse Meroz (**Judges 5:20-23**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared to commission Gideon (**Judges 6:11-24**).
- A demon was used to punish King Abimelech (**Judges 9:23**).
- The Lord reminds the people about the defeat of Sihon and Og (**Judges 11:19-21**).
- The Angel of the Lord appears to the parents of Samson (**Judges 13:1-23**).



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THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN THE DAYS OF THE KINGS

Appearances of angelic beings to King Saul, David, and Solomon:

- Samuel condemns sorcery and idol worship (**I Samuel 15:23**).
- A demon brought out the true nature of King Saul (**I Samuel 16:14**).
- Goliath is the most renowned giant slain by King David before he ascended to the throne (**I Samuel 17:4-7, II Samuel 21:15-22, I Chronicles 20:4-8**).
- The armies of the Lord were with the sword of the Lord against His enemies (**I Samuel 17:45, Psalm 89:8**).
- Saul originally banned the practice of witchcraft from the kingdom, but then used it to raise the prophet Samuel from the dead (**I Samuel 28:1-25**).
- David's mighty men killed giants named Ishbi-Benob, Saph (Sippai), and Lahmi, as well as an unnamed giant with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot (**II Samuel 21:16, 18, 20**).
- Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, one of David's mighty men, defeated a giant Egyptian (**II Samuel 23:21, I Chronicles 11:23**).
- Satan prompted David to take a census of Israel (**II Samuel 24:1-25, I Chronicles 21:1**).
- The Angel of the Lord was sent to destroy the people of Israel after David's census (**II Samuel 24:15-17, I Chronicles 21:14-18, 26-30**).
- The people had not forgotten the death of Sihon and Og (**I Kings 4:19**).
- Solomon did not wipe out all of the families of the giants, he made them slaves (**I Kings 9:20-22**).
- The worship of Molech was practiced in the days of Solomon (**I Kings 11:17**).
- Solomon taught that God would not allow those who practice evil to come to Him (**Proverbs 19:23**).

Appearances of angelic beings to other kings and prophets:

- The Angel of the Lord fed the prophet Elijah (**I Kings 19:5-7**).
- The prophet Micaiah saw a host of angels around the throne of God (**I Kings 22:19**).
- God allowed a demon to punish King Ahab for his wickedness (**I Kings 22:19-23**).
- The Angel of the Lord sent Elijah with messages to the king of Samaria (**II Kings 1:3, 15**).
- A host of angels surrounded the prophet Elisha and the Israelites (**II Kings 6:15-17**).
- Queen Jezebel practiced sorcery and witchcraft (**II Kings 9:22**).
- King Manasseh worshipped demons and condoned sorcery (**II Kings 21:6, II Chronicles 33:6**).
- The Angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men in the Assyrian army (**II Kings 19:35-36, II Chronicles 32:20-22, Isaiah 37:36, 63:9**).
- The Amorites are described as being as tall as cedar (**Amos 2:9-10**).
- Isaiah sees seraphim praising the Lord on His throne (**Isaiah 6:1-7**).
- Satan has a host of fallen angels in his demonic army (**Isaiah 14:12-15, 24:21, Matthew 25:41, Luke 10:18-20, Revelation 12:4-7, 14:14-17, 16:16**).
- Sorcerers were common in the culture of ancient Egypt and among the nations (**Isaiah 19:3**).
- The spirits of the Nephilim will not rise again and will be forgotten (**Isaiah 26:13-14**).
- God plans to punish all those who practice sorcery (**Micah 5:12**).



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THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN THE CAPTIVITY & RETURN

Appearances of angelic beings in the Babylonian captivity:

- Several prophets of God were teaching false visions (**Jeremiah 14:14, Ezekiel 12:24, 13:6-7, 23**).
- God opposed the leaders who practiced false prophesy and divination (**Jeremiah 23:25-40**).
- There is sorcery in the kingdom of Babylon (**Jeremiah 27:9**).
- The stories of Sihon and Og were circulated before the captivity (**Jeremiah 48:45**).
- The prophet Ezekiel saw cherubim in several of his visions (**Ezekiel 1:1-28, 10:1-20**).
- Divination was used to help with the direction of the state by leaders (**Ezekiel 21:21-23**).
- The Babylonians used magic and astrology (**Daniel 1:20**).
- King Nebuchadnezzar and his wise men practiced sorcery (**Daniel 2:2**).
- The Angel of the Lord delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego (**Daniel 3:24-28**).
- Those who practice magic were under limitations by God (**Daniel 4:7**).
- There are "watchers" in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (**Daniel 4:13,17,23**).
- God sent His angel to shut up the lions' mouths when the prophet Daniel was in the den (**Daniel 6:22**).
- An angel interpreted a vision for Daniel about the Ancient of Days (**Daniel 7:9-27**).
- Gabriel interpreted several visions for Daniel (**Daniel 8:15-17, 9:21-23**).
- An angel appeared to Daniel to reveal the work of "princes" like Michael (**Daniel 10:4-13, 21**).
- Satan, and demons, tried to hinder Daniel (**Daniel 10:12-13**).
- Michael is seen standing up for Israel (**Daniel 12:1-6**).

Appearances of angelic beings after the return to Jerusalem:

- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the horses (**Zechariah 1:7-17**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the horns (**Zechariah 1:18-21**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the measuring line (**Zechariah 2:1-5**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of Joshua, the high priest (**Zechariah 3:1-10**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the lampstand and olive trees (**Zechariah 4:1-14**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the flying scroll (**Zechariah 5:1-4**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the woman in a basket (**Zechariah 5:5-11**).
- The Angel of the Lord appeared in Zechariah's vision of the four chariots (**Zechariah 6:1-8**).
- The visions of the angels encouraged Ezra and Nehemiah to complete work on the temple (**Ezra 5:1, 6:14**).
- The stories of Sihon and Og were still circulated after the return to Jerusalem (**Nehemiah 9:22**).
- Malachi speaks of God's judgment on those involved in sorcery (**Malachi 3:5**).

Appearances of angelic beings in the psalms of worship:

- There are psalms that reference angels of God (**Psalms 8:5, 78:25, 78:49, 91:1-16, 103:20, 104:4, 148:2**).
- There are psalms that reference the Angel of the Lord (**Psalms 35:5, 34:7, 35:6**).
- Believers should know the will of God and consult the Scriptures, not the stars (**Psalms 119:9**).
- There are psalms that reference the giants defeated by the Israelites (**Psalms 135:11, 136:19**).



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LESSON #5

THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN THE GOSPELS

Appearances of angelic beings before the birth of Jesus:

- Gabriel predicted the birth of John to Zacharias and Elizabeth (**Luke 1:11-20**).
- Gabriel predicted the birth of Jesus to Mary (**Luke 1:26-33**).
- Gabriel visited Joseph to assure him of Mary's purity (**Matthew 1:20-24**).

Appearances of angelic beings after the birth of Jesus:

- Gabriel visited Joseph to warn him of Herod's plot (**Matthew 2:13-15**).
- Gabriel visited Joseph to tell him about Herod's death (**Matthew 2:19-20**).
- Gabriel appeared to the Shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus (**Luke 2:8-15**).
- John the Baptizer calls the Pharisees the sons of Satan (**Matthew 3:8**).

Appearances of angelic beings in the ministry of Jesus:

- Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness (**Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13**).
- Angels watched over Jesus throughout His ministry (**Matthew 4:6**).
- Angels appeared to Jesus after the temptation (**Matthew 4:11, Mark 1:13**).
- Jesus heals two demon possessed men, including Legion (**Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-15, Luke 8:27-39**).
- Jesus heals a mute demon-possessed man (**Matthew 9:32-33**).
- Jesus heals a blind, mute demon-possessed man (**Matthew 12:22-37, Mark 3:19-30, Luke 11:14-23**).
- Jesus calls the Pharisees the sons of Satan (**Matthew 13:38, Luke 11:47-48, John 8:38-44**).
- Jesus heals the Canaanite woman's daughter (**Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30**).
- Jesus heals a young boy with a demon (**Matthew 17:14-21, Mark 9:17-29, Luke 9:38-43**).
- Jesus cast seven demons out of Mary Magdalene (**Matthew 27:56-61, 28:1, Mark 15:40-47, 16:1-19, Luke 8:2, 24:10, John 19:25, 20:1-18**).
- Jesus heals a demon-possessed man in the synagogue on the Sabbath day (**Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37**).
- Jesus heals a woman who had been possessed for 18 years (**Luke 13:10-13**).
- Angels administered to Lazarus after his death (**Luke 16:22**).
- Satan entered Judas Iscariot (**Luke 22:3, John 6:70, 13:37**).
- Satan asked to sift Simon Peter like wheat (**Luke 22:31**).
- Angels appeared to Jesus during His time in the garden (**Luke 22:43**).
- Angels appeared at the Pool of Bethesda (**John 5:1-4**).
- An angel rolled back the stone on the tomb (**Matthew 28:2**).
- An angel appeared to Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, Salome, and other women at the tomb (**Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:1-7, Luke 24:1-7, 23, John 20:11-13**).
- An angel appeared to the apostles after Jesus ascended into Heaven (**Acts 1:9-11**).



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LESSON #6

THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS & DEMONS IN THE CHURCH

Appearances of angelic beings to the church leaders:

- Satan filled the heart of Ananias (**Acts 5:3**).
- An angel appeared to the apostles in prison (**Acts 5:17-20**).
- Stephen seemed to have the face of an angel when he spoke (**Acts 6:15**).
- An angel appeared to Philip to send him toward the eunuch (**Acts 8:26**).
- An angel appeared to Peter to set him free from prison (**Acts 12:7-11**).
- An angel appeared to Paul to promise deliverance from the shipwreck (**Acts 27:23-24**).
- Satan personally tempted Paul with a thorn in the flesh (**II Corinthians 12:7**).
- Satan hindered Paul and his companions from visiting Thessalonica (**I Thessalonians 2:18**).
- Many angels appeared to John (**Revelation 1:1, 10:8-11, 11:1, 17:7, 22:6, 8-11, 16**).

Appearances and influences of angelic beings in the work of the Lord:

- An angel appeared to Cornelius (**Acts 10:3-7, 22, 30-32, 11:13**).
- An angel came to kill Herod (**Acts 12:23**).
- Paul healed a slave girl who was possessed with a spirit of divination (**Acts 16:16**).
- Evil spirits were encountered by the sons of Sceva (**Acts 19:11-20**).
- Paul reveals that the Sadducees did not believe in angels (**Acts 23:8**).
- Angels cannot separate us from the love of God (**Romans 8:38**).
- Satan is crushed under the feet of the church (**Romans 16:20**).
- Angels (wicked ones) may attempt to alter the message of the gospel (**Galatians 1:8**).
- Paul condemns sorcery and demon worship (**Galatians 5:19-21**).
- The Corinthians were confused about angels (**I Corinthians 4:9, 6:3, 11:10, 13:1, II Corinthians 11:14**).
- The Colossians were warned about worshipping angels (**Colossians 2:18**).
- Satan used, possessed, and led away Christians in Ephesus (**I Timothy 1:20, 5:15**).
- Paul knew that people would teach the doctrines of demons (**I Timothy 4:1-2**).
- Christians entertain angels unaware (**Hebrews 13:2**).
- Demonic spirits seek to deceive people (**James 3:15, 17**).
- Satan continues to seek victims to devour (**I Peter 5:8**).
- The power of God is much greater than the power of sorcery (**I John 4:4**).
- There are angels overseeing each church of the Lord (**Revelation 2-3**).
- Jesus speaks about the synagogue of Satan (**Revelation 2:9, 3:9**).
- Satan, and the wicked angels, deceive the nations with sorcery (**Revelation 16:13, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15**).
- Angels are involved in the work of the church (**Revelation 1-22**).
- Demons are trying to disrupt the work of the church (**Revelation 1-22**).



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LESSON #7

THE ORIGIN & RANK OF ANGELS

The origin and names of the angels:

- They are created beings.
 - God created the angels (**Nehemiah 9:6, Psalms 148:2-5**).
 - Jesus created the angels (**John 1:3, Colossians 1:15-17**).
 - They were created before the foundation of the world (**Job 38:4-7**).
 - They rejoiced when God created the world (**Job 38:4-7**).
 - They have a similar spirit to that of human beings (**Psalms 148:1-5**).
- There are multitudes, in fact they are innumerable (**Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22**).
- There are several names given to angels:
 - They are often called the Sons of God (**Genesis 6:1-4, Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7**).
 - They are called the Stars of heaven (**Job 38:7, Isaiah 14:13, Revelation 12:4,7**).
 - Michael stands for the people (**Daniel 10:13, 12:1, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7**).
 - Gabriel stands in the presence of God (**Daniel 8:16, 9:21, Luke 1:19**).

The order and rank of the angels:

- The Angel of the Lord
 - He is sometimes described as the Lord Himself (**Genesis 16:10-13, Exodus 3:2-6, 23:20, Judges 6:11-18**), but at other times as one sent by God or bearing God's image.
 - The Lord used this messenger to appear to human beings who otherwise would not be able to see Him and live (**Exodus 33:20**).
 - The Angel of the Lord performed actions associated with God, such as revelation, deliverance, and destruction; but he can be spoken of as distinct from God (**II Samuel 24:16, Zechariah 1:12**).
- Archangel (**I Thessalonians 4:15, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7**)
- Chief Princes (**Daniel 10:13**)
- Seraphim who are above the throne of God (**Isaiah 6:2, 6**)
- Cherubim who are under the throne of God (**Ezekiel 10:1-20, 11:22, Psalm 80:1, 99:1, Hebrews 9:5**).
 - Figures of cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant (**Exodus 25:18-22, 26:1, 26:31, 36:35, 37:6-9, Numbers 7:89, I Samuel 4:4, II Samuel 6:2, I Kings 6:23-35, I Kings 7:29-36, I Kings 8:6-7, II Kings 19:15, I Chronicles 13:6, 28:18, II Chronicles 3:7-14, 5:7-8, Psalm 80:1, 99:1, Isaiah 37:16, Ezekiel 41:18-25**).
 - They also guarded the gate in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:24**).
- There are various other unnamed angels (**I Kings 22:19, Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22**).
- Some of the "Sons of God" report directly to God in the divine council, though it is unclear what rank is required for this position (**Job 1:6, 2:1, Psalm 29:1, 82:1, 89:6-7**).



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LESSON #8

THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE ANGELS

The number of the angels:

- The number must be very large (**I Kings 22:19, Matthew 26:53, Hebrews 12:22**).
- Their strength is great in numbers (**Psalms 103:20, Revelation 5:2, 18:21**).
- Their work is amazing in numbers (**Isaiah 6:2-6, Matthew 26:53, Revelation 8:13**).

The nature of the angels:

- Angels are termed "spirits," in **Hebrews 1:14**, but it is not affirmed that the angelic nature is always a bodiless form (**Mark 12:25, Colossians 1:16-18, Hebrews 1:7**).
 - In fact, the contrary seems to be implied in **Luke 20:36** and **Philippians 3:21**.
 - They appear like man and are always beholding God's face (**Matthew 18:10**).
- The appearance of angels varies according to circumstances, but is often brilliant and dazzling (**Matthew 28:2-7, Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 10:1**)
- The office of angels in heaven is only vague in most of the scriptures (**I Kings 22:19, Isaiah 6:1-3, Daniel 7:9-10, Revelation 6:11**) but they do show us that they have an adoration for God that never ceases.
- Angels are agents of God's providence, natural and supernatural, to the body and soul of humans (**Matthew 13:39-49, 16:27, 24:31**).
- Artistic portrayals of angels as winged beings are generally without basis in the Bible even though we know they can fly. Only Cherubim, Seraphim, and the living creatures are described as having wings (**Exodus 25:20, Isaiah 6:2,6, Ezekiel 1:6, Revelation 4:8**).
- Angels do not seem to be omnipotent but are very powerful (**I Peter 3:22, Revelation 12:7**).
- Angels do not seem to be omnipresent but are very quick (**Daniel 9:21-23**).
- Angels do not seem to be omniscient but have amazing knowledge (**Matthew 24:36, I Peter 1:12**).
- Angels are eternal beings (**Job 38:1-7, Mark 12:25, Luke 20:36**).
- They can shape-shift and have the power to appear as humans **Hebrews 13:2**.

1. Hagar (Genesis 16:7, 21:17)	12. Joseph (Matthew 1:20)
2. Abraham (Genesis 18:1-2, 22:11)	13. Jesus (Matthew 4:11, Luke 2:43)
3. Lot (Genesis 19:1-5)	14. Mary Magdalene (Matthew 28:1-2)
4. Balaam (Numbers 22:31)	15. Zecharias (Luke 1:11-12)
5. The Israelites (Judges 2:1)	16. Mary (Luke 1:26-27)
6. Gideon (Judges 6:11-12)	17. The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)
7. Manoah's wife (Judges 13:2-3)	18. Peter (Acts 5:19-20, 12:7)
8. David (I Chronicles 21:15-16)	19. Philip (Acts 8:26)
9. Elijah (I Kings 19:5-7)	20. Cornelius (Acts 10:3)
10. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:24-25)	21. Paul (Acts 27:23-24)
11. Daniel (Daniel 8, 9, 10)	22. John (Revelation)
- They are considered to be a little higher than humans (**Psalms 8:4-5, Ephesians 6:12, Hebrews 2:9, 2:16**).
- Some people believe that each person has a guardian angel especially little children and this is especially based on passages like **Matthew 18:10** and **Acts 12:15**.
- Angels have free will to be good or wicked (**Genesis 6:1-6, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12:7**).



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LESSON #9

THE WORK OF THE ANGELS

The mission of the angels in the Old Testament:

- Angels appear in human form (**Genesis 18:2, Daniel 10:18, Zechariah 2:1**), but still inspire awe (**Judges 13:6, Matthew 28:3-4, Luke 24:4**), even though they are meant to represent the work of God.
- Angels represent God in making significant announcements (**Genesis 18:9-10, Luke 1:13, 30, 2:8-15**).
- Angels warn of coming dangers (**Genesis 18:16-19:29, Matthew 2:13**).
- Angels are God's agents in destruction and judgment (**Genesis 19:13, II Samuel 24:16**).
- Angels help humans relieve hunger and thirst (**Genesis 21:17-19, Mark 1:13**).
- Angels guide and instruct good people (**Genesis 24:7, 40, Exodus 14:19**).
- Angels give messages through human dreams (**Genesis 28:12, 31:11, Matthew 1:20-21, 2:12**).
- Angels protect the people of God (**Exodus 14:19-20, II Kings 6:15-17, Psalm 34:7, Daniel 3:28, Matthew 26:53, Hebrews 1:7**).
- Angels helped in God's giving of the Law to Moses (**Exodus-Deuteronomy, Acts 7:38, 53, Hebrews 2:2**).
- Angels can affect God's judgments (**Numbers 22:31, II Samuel 24:16, II Thessalonians 1:7-8**).
- Angels care for people and serve in times of need (**Psalms 91:11-12, Matthew 4:11, Hebrews 1:14**).
- Angels are God's workers and do God's mission (**Psalm 103:20**).
- Angels are active in the prayers of the righteous (**Daniel 9:20-23, James 5:16**).
- Angels work in the destiny of nations (**Daniel 10:1-3, 12-13, 20-21**).
 - The angels worked with Cyrus to reveal God's word (**Ezra 1:1-2**).
 - Cyrus was stirred by an angel to listen to Daniel, prophesied 100 years earlier (**Isaiah 44:28, 45:1**).
- They can work as guardian angels (**Daniel 12:1, Matthew 18:10, Acts 12:15, Revelation 2:1**).
- Angels withstand Satan and his demons (**Zechariah 3:1-2, Revelation 12:7-12**).

The mission of the angels in the New Testament:

- Angels attended the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.
 1. Before His birth (**Luke 1:26-28**)
 2. At His birth (**Luke 2:8-15**)
 3. His temptation (**Matthew 4:11**)
 4. During His life (**Matthew 26:53**)
 5. His resurrection (**Matthew 28:1-7**)
 6. His ascension (**Acts 1:11**)
 7. Now subject to Him (**I Peter 3:22**)
 8. Second coming (**Matthew 25:31**)
- When Christ comes again He will come with His mighty angels (**Matthew 25:31, II Thessalonians 1:7-8**).
- Angels attend the souls of the righteous dead (**Luke 16:22**).
- Angels help humans overcome loneliness (**Luke 22:43**).
- The voice of the archangel will be heard at Christ's second coming (**John 5:28-29, I Thessalonians 4:16**).
- Angels sometimes deliver the people of God from danger (**Acts 5:19, 12:6-11**).
- Angels minister to the righteous (**Acts 12:7, 27:23**).
- Angels will herald the end of time (**Romans 10:1-6, Revelation**).
- Angels administer God's law and message to man (**Galatians 3:19, Hebrews 2:11-13**).
- Angels are present and involved in our worship assembly (**I Corinthians 11:10**).
- God's earthly army (**Ephesians 6:10-20**) works alongside the mighty heavenly army (**Isaiah 14:12-15**).



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THE ORIGIN & RANK OF DEMONS

The origin and names of the demons:

- They are created beings.
 - God created them as angels, but they fell from Heaven (**Nehemiah 9:6, Psalms 148:2-5**).
 - Jesus created them as angels, but they fell from Heaven (**John 1:3, Colossians 1:15-17**).
 - They were created before the foundation of the world (**Genesis 2:1, 3:4, 14, 6:1-4, Job 38:4-7**).
- There were multitudes of angels created (**Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22**).
- There are several names given to demons:
 - They are often called the Sons of God (**Genesis 6:1-4, Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7**).
 - Satan goes by many different names and titles:
 - The serpent (**Genesis 3:4, II Corinthians 11:3, Revelation 12:9, 12:14-15, 20:2**)
 - The adversary (**Numbers 22:22, Job 1:6-9, 2:1-7, I Peter 5:8**)
 - Lucifer/the Morning Star (**Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:11-19**)
 - The devil (**Matthew 4:1-11, 13:39, 25:41, Luke 4:1-13, Luke 8:12, John 8:44, John 13:2, Acts 10:38, 13:10, Ephesians 4:27, 6:11, II Thessalonians 2:9, I Timothy 3:6-7, II Timothy 2:26, Hebrews 2:14, James 4:7, I Peter 5:5-10, I John 3:8, 3:10, Jude 9, Revelation 2:10, 12:9, 12:12, 20:2, 20:10**)
 - The evil/wicked one (**Matthew 5:37, 6:13, 13:9, 13:38, Luke 11:4, John 17:15, Ephesians 6:16, II Thessalonians 3:3, I John 2:13, 3:12, 5:18-19**)
 - Beelzebub (**Matthew 12:22-27, Mark 3:20-30, Luke 11:14-26**)
 - The father of lies (**John 8:44**)
 - The prince/ruler of this world (**John 12:31, Ephesians 6:12**)
 - The perverter (**II Corinthians 2:11, Luke 8:12**)
 - The god of this world (**II Corinthians 4:4**)
 - Belial (**II Corinthians 6:15**)
 - An angel of light (**II Corinthians 11:14**)
 - The dragon (**Revelation 12:3-4, 12:9, 20:2**)
 - Abaddon (Apollyon - **Revelation 9:11**) - "the angel of the bottomless pit" (abyss, NASB, NIV; bottomless pit, NRSV)
 - Legion - many demons joined together to possess a man (**Mark 5:9**)
 - There is an army of wicked angels (**Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22**) and each of them have names (**Luke 8:30, Revelation 9:11**).

The order and number of the demons:

- There were multitudes of angels created (**Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22**).
- Whatever number was created by God 1/3 of them are now considered to be wicked because of the fall (**I Peter 3:19-20, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12**).
- The wicked ones fell to earth after the creation of the world and now seek to persecute the human race (**Genesis 3, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 12:9**).
- They sinned and were either forced to leave their habitation or forbidden from returning to the presence of God (**Isaiah 14:1-23, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Luke 10:18, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6**).



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THE ATTRIBUTES OF DEMONS

The nature of the demons:

- The wicked angels were NOT made in the image of God, but called sons of God (**Genesis 1:26-27, 6:1-4**).
- Satan or “the” Satan (the serpent) was in the garden of Eden before the fall of man and took the form of a serpent (**Genesis 3, Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:13, Revelation 12**).
- The “Sons of God” cohabitated with the “daughters of men” (**Genesis 6:1-4, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6**).
- Satan (the adversary, afflicter) personally seeks to persecute Job (**Job 1-2**).
- The wicked angels have a spirit similar to that of humans (**Psalms 148:1-5**).
- Lucifer (light-bearer or shining one) wanted to steal the throne of God (**Isaiah 14:12-14, Revelation 12**).
- The wicked angels were cast down, meaning that they no longer hold an exalted position (**Isaiah 14:12, Luke 10:18, II Peter 2:4, Revelation 12:10**).
- Lucifer was a beautiful anointed cherub but fell because of pride (**Ezekiel 28:12-17, Luke 10:18**).
- The wicked angels have free will to be wicked or good (**II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12:7**).
- The wicked angels are reserved for judgment (**II Peter 2:4, I Corinthians 6:3**).
- The wicked angels were defeated by the blood of the Lamb (**Revelation 12:11, Genesis 3:15**).
- The wicked angels are bound in power and limited (**Revelation 20:1-8, I Corinthians 10:13**) and God’s word is the only chain that can bind him (**Job 1-2**).
- The wicked angels know that their time is short (**Revelation 12:12, Matthew 8:29**).

The nature of demon possession:

- Satan and the demons seek to inflict pain and sorrow on humanity.
- Demon possession and evil activity is described in the Old Testament (**Exodus 22:18, Leviticus 19:28, Deuteronomy 18:14, I Samuel 15:23, I Samuel 16:14, II Kings 9:22, 21:6, II Chronicles 33:6, Psalms 91:1-16, Proverbs 19:23, Isaiah 8:19-20, Jeremiah 23:29-32, Daniel 1:20, 10:12-13, Micah 5:12**).
- Demon possession and evil activity is described in the New Testament (**Matthew 8:28-32, 9:32-33, 12:22, 15:28, 17:15, Mark 1:21-28, 5:2-13, 9:25, 16:9, Luke 4:35, 7:21, 8:2, 8:33, 9:42, 11:13-14, 13:10-13, 22:3, John 6:70, 13:27, Acts 19:12-16, 23:9, I Timothy 4:1-2, Revelation 16:13**).
- How should we respond to this subject today? What does the Bible say? (**Luke 10:17-19, John 10:10, Romans 12:21, I Corinthians 6:19 -20, II Corinthians 11:14, Galatians 5:16-26, Ephesians 6:10-12, I John 3:8, 4:1-3, Jude 6, Revelation 12:9**).

The danger of demonic activity:

- Divination, necromancy, witchcraft and sorcery is condemned by (**Exodus 22:18, Leviticus 19:26, Deuteronomy 18:10-14, Micah 5:12, Galatians 5:19-21, I Timothy 4:1-2**).
- Samuel condemns sorcery and idol worship (**I Samuel 15:23**), but Saul practiced it (**I Samuel 28:1-25**).
- God opposed the leaders who practiced false prophesy and divination (**Jeremiah 23:25-40**).
- Paul and John warn us to judge the spirits wisely (**II Corinthians 11:4, Galatians 1:6-9, I John 4:1**).
- The demons deceive the nations with sorcery (**Revelation 16:13, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15**).
- The demons try to disrupt the work of the church (**Revelation 1-22**).



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THE WORK OF DEMONS

The mission of Satan and the demons:

- Satan tempts God's people to go against God (**Genesis 3, 11, II Samuel 24:1-25, I Chronicles 21:1**).
- Satan wants to be in the "divine council" of God (**I Kings 22:19-23, Job 1:9, Psalm 82:1, Isaiah 6:1-6**).
- Satan seeks to accuse the people of God (**Job 1:9, 2:4, Revelation 12:10**).
- Satan has his own army to fight (**Isaiah 14:12-15, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 12:7**).
- Satan resists the work of good angels (**Zechariah 3:1, Ezra 1:1, Daniel 10:13, Jude 9**).
- Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness and will also tempt us (**Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13**).
- Satan has power over the kingdoms of the world (**Matthew 4:8-9, Genesis 10-11**).
- Satan seeks to take away the word (**Matthew 13, Luke 8:12**).
- Satan is called the prince of power of the air (**John 5:11, Ephesians 2:2**).
- Satan, and the wicked angels, took the opportunity to possess many people in the days of Christ (including Judas – **John 6:70, 13:2** and Peter – **Luke 22:31**).
- Satan is called the prince of this world (**John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11**).
- Satan seeks to oppress humanity (**Acts 10:38, Ephesians 6:10-20**).
- Satan has the power to appear as an angel of light (**II Corinthians 11:14**).
- Satan, along with the wicked angels, believe in God and tremble at His name (**James 2:19**) but are condemned for their sin (**Matthew 25:41, I Timothy 3:6**).
- Satan and the demons had free will to be wicked or good (**II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12:7**).
- Satan is the most powerful force outside of God (**I John 4:4**).
- Satan is a prince over other wicked angels (**Revelation 12:7**).

The fate of Satan and the demons:

- Jesus and His disciples can crush Satan's head (**Genesis 3:15, Romans 16:10**).
- God's word is the only chain that can bind him (**Job 1-2**).
- They were cast down, but will be punished in Hell which was prepared for them (**Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Matthew 25:41, Luke 10:18, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12:10, 20:10**).
- The gates of Hell cannot prevail against the church of the Lord (**Matthew 16:18**).
- Jesus saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven (**Luke 10:18, Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Revelation 12-13**).
- The church will help judge the angels in the final judgment (**I Corinthians 6:3**).
- Satan's power can be bound (**I Corinthians 10:13, Revelation 20:1-8**).
- Jesus condemned the fallen angels (**I Peter 3:18-20, Jude 6, Revelation 9-12**).
- They were defeated by the blood of the Lamb (**Revelation 12:11**).
- Satan knows that his time is short (**Revelation 12:12**).
- Satan and the demons will be cast into the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:10, Matthew 25:41**).
- Satan loses. The Lord wins! (**Revelation 20-22**)



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CONCLUSION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

We can see that angels are not a part of the great commission (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:44-49**). They are not involved in salvation but rejoice when they see sinners repent (**Luke 15:10, I Corinthians 4:9**). In the book of Acts an angel spoke to Philip not the eunuch (**Acts 8:26**), and the angel told Cornelius to send for Peter (**Acts 10:3, 11:14**). The gospel message is in the hands of earthen vessels, not angels (**II Corinthians 4:7, Galatians 1:6-9**).

The frequency with which angels participate in human affairs seems to have diminished since Pentecost, probably because of two reasons: (1) The Holy Scriptures are given to us by God and (2) There is a larger role played by the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. This does not mean the angels are less involved, just allowing the Holy Spirit to guide humans from within (**John 16:13, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8:9-15, I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, II Corinthians 6:16, Galatians 5:18, Ephesians 5:22-23, II Timothy 1:14, I John 2:27**). We are told to be hospitable because we still entertain the angels (**Hebrews 13:2**). The wicked angels, on the other hand, are probably more active today in order to compete with the work of the church and the power of the Holy Spirit. We should be prepared for spiritual warfare today (**Ephesians 6:10-20, Colossians 1:15-16**).

We can take comfort knowing that Satan has used the same tactics for over 6,000 years (**Genesis 3:6, Luke 4:1-13, I John 2:16**). We know that God is on our side (**Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31, Philippians 4:13, Revelation 2:10**). While Jesus spoke frequently of angels, both good and bad (**Matthew 13:41, 26:53, Mark 8:38, Luke 12:8-9**) and their activity in this world, we can know that God will ALWAYS accomplish His will and keep His promises.

Angels are quite real, and they have played and will always play a vital part in God's plan for the world. Demons also have a role in temptation (**Ephesians 6:10-20**). Above all, we must know God is greater than Satan (**I John 4:4**). Mankind is blessed above all the angels, especially the fallen angels, because we have a plan of salvation (**John 3:16, 14:1-3, II Peter 3:2**). We should be thankful for the invitation from Jesus to come unto Him (**Matthew 11:28, Revelation 22:17**)! Keep studying this interesting topic and trust in God for deliverance!