



ANGELS 3#

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We have found that the Bible teaches that:

- Angels were created by God (Col. 1:16), a little higher than man (Psa. 8:5)
- They were created, but will not suffer death because they have no body (Mt. 22:30)

And we have found that

- Angels are not Deity (Heb. 1:13) or human (Mt. 22:30)
- They are innumerable (Heb. 12:22), powerful (2 Thess. 1:7-9), spirit beings (Heb. 1:14)
- Angels experience emotions of joy (Lk. 15:10), and sometimes pride (2 Tim. 2:4)

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- Only two good angels are mentioned by name
 - *Michael*, the “Archangel” or the chief angel
 - *Gabriel* “man of God” or “God is mighty.”

Gabriel

■ Gabriel's importance

– He was sent to Daniel to give him understanding of a vision

■ **Daniel 8:15–17 (NKJV) – 15** Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. **16** And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "**Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.**" **17** So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."

Gabriel

■ Gabriel's importance

- Gabriel came to Zacharias to announce the birth of a son to be named John
- **Luke 1:18-19 (NKJV) — 18** And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” **19** And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

Gabriel

■ Gabriel's importance

- Six months later he announced to Mary that she was to bear Jesus
- **Luke 1:26 (NKJV) – 26** Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

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- **Cherubim, or Cherub**
(possibly “*to till*” or enforcer of God’s judgment)
- Placed at the entrance of Eden
- Genesis 3:24 (NKJV)
 - So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. >



Categories of Angels

- **Cherubim, or Cherub**
 - Also statues of them are found in the Holy of Holies
- (1 Kgs 6:24-27)



Categories of Angels

- **Seraphim**
(“*burning ones*”
God’s messenger
of purification).
 - Only one time in the Bible (Isa. 6:2-6)



The Activities & Work Of Angels

- What they have done in the past
 - Blocked Adam to the tree of life (Gen. 3:24)
 - Led Lot and his family out of harm's way (Gen. 19:15-23)

What angels have done in the past

- Guided Abraham's servant in finding a bride for Isaac
- **Genesis 24:7 (NKJV) — 7** The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' **He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.**

What angels have done in the past

- Law was given through the ministry of angels
- **Acts 7:38 (NKJV) – 38** “This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,
- **Acts 7:53 (NKJV) – 53** who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”
- **Galatians 3:19 (NKJV) – 19** What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and **it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.**
- **Hebrews 2:2 (NKJV) – 2** For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

What angels have done in the past

- Led the Israelites to the land of promise
- **Exodus 14:19 (NKJV) – 19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.**
- **Exodus 33:2 (NKJV) – 2 And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.**

What angels have done in the past

- **Protected Jesus from Herod's order to destroy all newborn boys**
 - **Matthew 2:13 (NKJV) – 13** Now when they had departed, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream**, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

What angels have done in the past

- Instructed Philip regarding the Ethiopian
 - Acts 8:26 (NKJV) – 26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert.

What angels have done in the past

- Suggested Cornelius to send for Peter to further instruction what he was supposed to do
- **Acts 10:3-4 (NKJV) – 3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision **an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!”** **4** And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

Conclusion

- **Do Angels help us today?**
- **Next time**