

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

I. THE DEFINITION OF ANGELS

A. The Extent in the Scriptures

In the Old Testament:

Original Word: מֵלְאָך Transliteration: malak Short Definition: angel

From an unused root meaning to dispatch as a deputy; n m; {See TWOT on 1068 @@ "1068a" }

AV-angel 111, messenger 98, ambassadors 4, variant 1; 214

- 1) messenger, representative
- 1a) messenger
- 1b) angel
- 1c) the theophanic angel



Original Word: ἄγγελος

Transliteration: aggelos

Short Definition: an angel, messenger

Definition: a messenger, generally a (supernatural) messenger from God, an angel, conveying news or behests from God to men.

AV-angel 179, messenger 7; 186



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1) a messenger, envoy, one who is sent {#Mt 11:10 Lu 7:27
9:52 Mr 1:2 Jas 2:25}
2) an angel
2a) sent from God
2a1) to execute his purposes {#Mt 4:6,11 28:2 Mr 1:13 Lu
16:22 22:43 Ac 7:35 12:23 Ga 3:19 Heb 1:14}
2a1) to make his purposes known to men {#Lu 1:11,26 2:9-14
Ac 10:3 27:23 Mt 1:20 2:13 28:5 Joh 20:12-13 }
2b) they are subject not only to God the Father but also to
Christ {#Heb 1:4-7 1Pe 3:22 Eph 1:21 Ga 4:14 } who is
described to have returned to judgment surrounded by a
multitude of them as servants and attendants {#Mt 13:41,49
16:27 24:31 25:31 2Th 1:7 Jude 14}
2c) single angels have charge of separate elements: as fire
{#Re 14:18} waters {#Re 16:5 7:1-3}
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2d) some angels are mentioned as guardian angels of
individuals {#Mt 18:10 Ac 12:15 }
2e) some angels are over churches {#Re 1:20 2:1,8,12,18
3:1,7,14}
2f) some angels have proven faithless to the trust committed
to them by God, and have given themselves over to sin {#Jude
6 2Pe 2:4 } and now obey the devil {#Mt 25:41 Re 12:7 1Co
6:3 2Co 12:7}
The Hebrew (214) and Greek (186) words = 400 times they
are used in the Bible, with 290 times being translated as
angel. (72.5%)
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B. The Essence of Spirit

Jn. 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Col. 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 1.17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

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1 Pet. 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Mk. 13:32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Angels vs. men

Psa. 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Heb. 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Angels are spiritual beings:

2 Kgs. 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Three Designations:

The cherubim's

Ex. 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

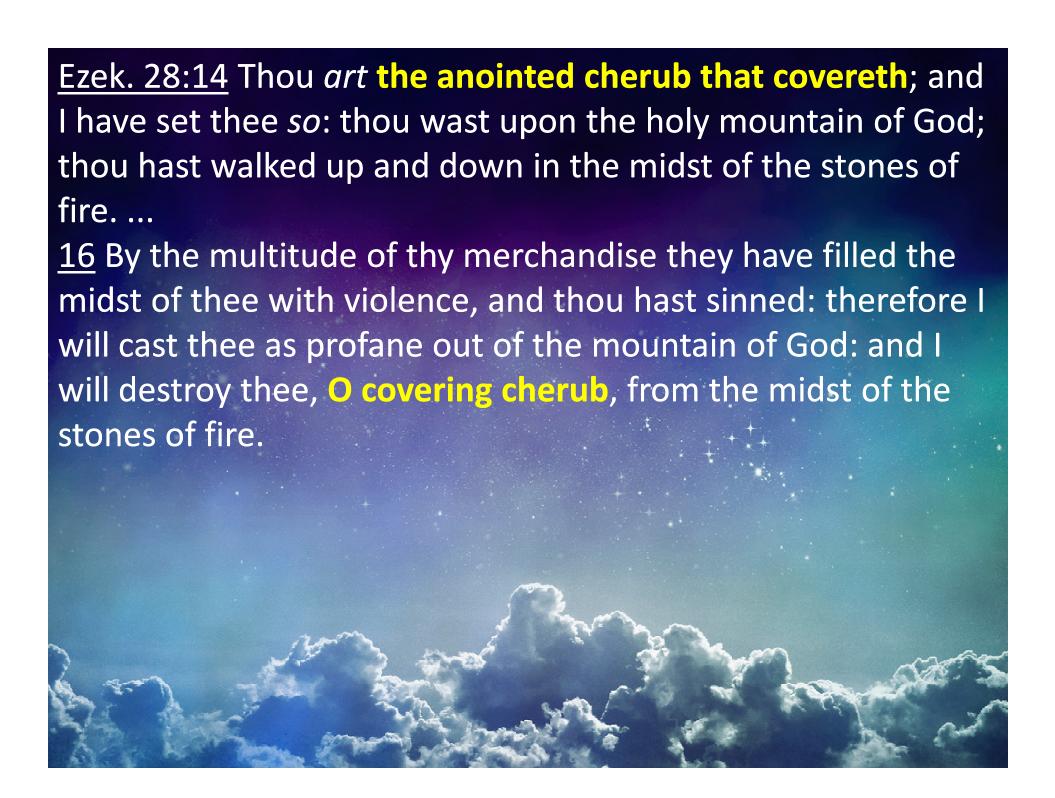
20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.



Ezek. 10:14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Ezek. 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.





The Seraphims

<u>Isa. 6:1</u> In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid *i* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.



Conclusion

- Angels are to worship toward God, exalting Him for His glory
- Angels are to work, expressing Love, for God's glory's
- Believers are to worship God, exalting Him for His glory
- Believers are to work, expressing Love, for God's glory

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.