Angelology

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I. THE DEFINITION OF ANGELS

A. The Extent in the Scriptures

In the Old Testament:

Original Word: מַלְאָך Transliteration: malak Short Definition: angel

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

In the New Testament:

Original Word: ἄγγελος Transliteration: aggelos 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

The Hebrew (214) and Greek (186) words = 400 times they are used in the Bible, with 290 times being translated as *angel*. (72.5%)

B. The Essence of Spirit, Jn. 4:24, Col. 1:16-17, 1 Pet. 3:22, Mk. 13:32

Angels vs. men - Psa. 8:3-5, Heb. 2:6-7

Angels are *spiritual* beings: 2 Kgs. 6:15-17

<u> Three Designations</u>: <u>The cherubim's - Ex. 25:19-20, Ezek. 10:14, 1:10, 28:14, 16</u>

The Seraphims - Isa. 6:1-7

Tonight we will continue looking at what the Bible says about these spiritual beings. Angels – Holy and Unholy Ones

Three Specific Ones:

<u>Archangel</u> – <u>Michael</u> – Who is like God?

<u>Dan. 10:13</u> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ... <u>21</u> But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of

truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

<u>Rev. 12:7</u> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

<u>Gabriel</u> – The "warrior of God", or "mighty man of God"

<u>Dan. 8:16</u> And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.

Dan. 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Lu. 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings... 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

<u>Lucifer</u>

<u>Isa. 14:12</u> 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!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

<u>15</u> Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. <u>16</u> They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

<u>17</u> That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

<u>18</u> All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

<u>19</u> But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

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How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

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http://biblehub.com/isaiah/14-12.htm http://biblehub.com/revelation/22-16.htm <u>Ezek. 28:11</u> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <u>12</u> Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

<u>13</u> Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

<u>14</u> Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
<u>15</u> Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

<u>16</u> By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

- 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- <u>18</u> Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. <u>19</u> All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at

thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Fallen Angels

<u>Mt. 25:41</u> 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:

<u>Jude 1:6</u> And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

<u>2 Pet. 2:4</u> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Devils

<u>Lev. 17:7</u> And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

<u>Deut. 32:17</u> They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

Psa. 106:37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

<u>1 Cor. 10:20</u> But I *say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. <u>21</u> Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. <u>Mt. 4:24</u> And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and **those which were possessed with devils**, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

<u>Mt. 7:22</u> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

<u>Mt. 8:16</u> When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: ...

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. ... 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. <u>Mt. 12:24</u> But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. ...

<u>27</u> And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.
<u>28</u> But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Lu. 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

Lu. 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, ... 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. ... 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. ... 36 They also which saw *it* told them by what means he that

was possessed of the devils was healed.

Lu. 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

<u>1 Tim. 4:1</u> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Jas. 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

<u>Rev. 9:20</u> And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

<u>Rev. 16:14</u> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

<u>Rev. 18:2</u> And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every ioul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

<u>Summary</u>

- Three specific angels are named: Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer
- One is designated an "archangel" Michael
- There are angels that are described as "fallen"
- There are devils depicted in both the Old and New Testaments
- The devils are "worshipped" and "sacrificed to" in both Testaments
- The devils "possessed" people of both sexes, men and women, during the ministry of Jesus.

- When people were possessed with devils, they exhibited great physical strength
- When Jesus cast out the devils from people, they were also deemed "healed"
- The devils spoke to Jesus and to men
- The devils acknowledged Jesus, stating, "Thou art Christ the Son of God."
- The devils use seducing spirits to promote "doctrines of devils"
- The devils believe and tremble
- Those with devils will work miracles during the Tribulation, and be instrumental in battling against God
- The devils will have Babylon as their habitation, being the hold of every foul spirit

<u>Conclusion</u>

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