

Is there life in outer space? Yes! But not like most people imagine. Let's be Scriptural not superstitious.

**Angels** – A class of celestial (or spiritual) beings divided into two camps: good angels and bad angels.

**Key verse: Hebrews 1:13-14** “But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? (v.14) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

The word “**Angel**” literally means “**messenger**” and at times is applied to the pastor (example, Rev.1-3).

For this study, we will look at the celestial beings of the Bible.

Angels are created beings (Neh. 9:6; Ps. 148:2-5; Col. 1:16). They were created during the Creation Week (Job 38:4-7). They are innumerable (Heb. 12:22). They are spirit beings who can manifest in bodily form (Ps. 104:4; Heb. 1:13,14). They are a “class” or a “company” not a “race” – meaning they do not reproduce (Matthew 22:30). They have personalities (wise, intelligent, powerful, active, swift, etc.; but they are not all-wise, all-powerful) (2 Sam. 14:20; Dan. 9:21; Matt. 24:26; 1 Pet. 1:10-12). Their power is designated power (Ps. 103:20; 2 Sam. 14:16; Rev. 18:1, 21). They are deathless beings (Luke 20:35,36). They are always referred to in the masculine gender (1 Chr. 21:15; Matt. 28:2-4; Acts 12:7). They are moral beings who had a choice to obey or rebel against God (Ezek. 28:15; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) – each bad angel fell individually, whereas ALL men fell in Adam corporately. Many angels joined in Lucifer's rebellion (Matt. 25:41).

**The sphere of Angelic activities:** First Heaven (the sky or firmament) – Acts 14:17; Eph. 2:1. Second Heaven (“outer space”) – Dan. 10:12, 13; Eph. 6:12. Third Heaven (the Throne of God) – Job 1:6,7; 22:12; Rev. 12:10.

**Angelic rankings.** Angels have a highly organized rank and order: The **Archangel** Michael – the highest angel mentioned by name in the Bible (Dan. 10:13; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7). He is “**one of the chief princes**” meaning there are others like him. Other angels mentioned by name but not designated as Archangel are Gabriel (tasked with delivering messages) and Lucifer (the light-bearer). The **Cherubims** (Gen. 3:24; Ps. 80:1; 99:1; Rev. 4:6-8) which seems to be used as guards. They have four wings, and four faces (Ezek. 1:4-28; 10:4, 18-22). Lucifer was a cherub (Ezek. 28:14). The **Seraphims** (Isa. 6:1-3; Rev. 4:6-9) similar to Cherubims, except they have six wings. Notice: the Cherubims are by the throne of God, the Seraphims are above the throne of God. **Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Powers, Might and Authorities** (Eph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 1:16; 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:22) – angelic ranks seem to parallel military or governmental arrangements. Other Angels that are named: **Gabriel** (Dan. 9:21; Lk. 1:26) & **Lucifer** (Ezek. 28:13-15).

**Good Angels:** Do God's commands. Rescue the physical life of believers (2 Kings 6:16,17; Ps. 34:7). Attend to believers (1 Kings 19:5-7; Matt. 4:11; Lk. 22:43). Transport the souls of believers (Lk. 16:22). Special ministry towards children (Matt. 18:10). Accompany Christ at His return (2 Thess. 1:7,8). Execute God's judgment (Matt. 13:41, 42; Rev. 20:15).

**Bad Angels:** Lucifer (Ezek. 28:11-19; Isa. 14:12-17; Jude 9). He fell between Day 6 and Genesis 3. His main sin was pride (1 Tim. 3:6). He is a crafty deceiver (Eph. 6:11; Rev. 20:7,8). He is a murderer and a liar (Jn. 8:44; Heb. 2:14). He is the tempter (1 Cor. 7:5). Demons in the Bible are evil spirits called “devils.” They followed Lucifer in his rebellion against God (Rev. 12:4). There are “bound” devils (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) and there are “free” devils that are roaming around today doing Satan's bidding (Matt. 12:24-27; 25:41). They distract man from salvation (devilish distractions are mentioned in Deut. 18:9-14). Remember: Satan is a defeated foe (Lk. 10:18; Rev. 20:10). Satan can be resisted (James 4:7).