

**CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
THE BOOK OF JUDE
GOD JUDGED THE ANGELS THAT REBELLED (VS 6)**

INTRODUCTION

There has always been controversy among good and Godly men about who these angels are, what they did, and what God did to them. This controversy will continue until we find out from God.

The important issue is that “*they kept not their first estate*” and God judged them for that.

If God judged angels because of rebellion. He will judge the rebellious apostate.

I. WHO ARE THE ANGELS (IN GENERAL)?

(Let’s look at some things we know about them from the Scripture.)

- A. They Are Ministering Spirits. (Hebrews 1:7; 14)**
Hebrews 13:2–“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”
- B. They Are Created by God. (Colossians 1:16)**
Colossians 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:”
- C. They Can Fly And Move Quickly. (Daniel 9:21)**
Daniel 9:21–“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.”
- D. They Are Always Referred To In The Masculine.**
- E. They Do Not Marry Or Bear Children. (Matthew 22:23-30)**
Matthew 22:30–“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”

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II. WHO ARE THESE ANGELS?

(Please note that we don’t really have to know for sure!)

- A. Who I Believe They Are Not.**
(Genesis 6:1-4; Matthew 22:30)
(I Do Not Believe They Are “The Sons Of God” In Gen. 6)

Consider that the most natural way of interpreting this passage shows differently.

Consider the statement of Jesus in **Matthew 22:30**.
Matthew 22:30–“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”

Consider the law of biogenesis—life begets similar life.
(“After its kind”)

Consider Paul’s statement in **1 Corinthians 15:35-40**.

Consider that Moses did not use the regular Hebrew word for angels (**malak**) which he later uses at least 28 times in the first 5 books of the Bible.

Consider that “**mighty men**” (supposed offspring of angels and women) is the Hebrew word **gibor** which is used dozens of times in the O.T. and always refers to human men.

- B. Who I Believe They Are.**
(Matthew 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 12:7-9)
(I Believe They Are The Angels Who Rebelled With Satan)

Matthew 25:41–“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:”

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2 Peter 2:4—“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;”

Revelation 12:7-9

**C. What Did They Do To Cause The Judgment Of God?
(A Spirit Of Rebellion—Isaiah 14:12-15)**

**D. How Did God Judge Them?
(They Are Reserved In Their Chains Of Darkness Unto The Judgment Of The Great Day—Matthew 25:41)**

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Note that there is no salvation for fallen angels! They are held by the chains of their sin!

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1 Samuel 15:23—“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”

Proverbs 17:11—“An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.”

Jeremiah 28:15-17; 29:30-32

Conclusion

We need to guard against rebellion in our own heart!

We need to be on guard against those who are out to get us to be rebellious against God! (Apostates)

We need to earnestly contend for the faith!

III. WHAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE? (Jude 6)

**A. Some Of The Angels Kept Not Their First Estate—
(i.e. They Rebelled Against What God Had For Them!)**

Man did this too, but praise God He sent us a Redeemer!

B. God Judged Rebellion In Angels!

C. God Will Judge The Rebellion Of The Apostate!

**D. God Will Judge Rebellion!
(Deuteronomy 31:27; 1 Samuel 15:23; Proverbs 17:11;
Jeremiah 28:15-17; 29:30-32)**

Deuteronomy 31:27—“For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?”