
The Spirit World Part 2

Topic: Angels: there are two groups of angels and we will talk about the Holy angels that administer God's will. Overall view of angels: good and bad angels. Then we'll go on to other beings. The word "Angels" is mentioned 297 times in the bible, so they are a very important entity. The definition of "Angel" is "messenger". They are beings created by God to be His messengers.

Psalms 148:1-5: How did the angels get here? God spoke them into existence a long, long time ago, before the earth was formed.

Colossians 1:15-17: talking about Christ here. Firstborn means he was first of all, the all was created from Him. This includes the angelic world. EVERYTHING exists to serve Christ our Lord. Angels are limited in power and authority by God. They don't die; they can materialize themselves at the discretion of God. They bring messages and interpret visions. They release prisoners. They control the forces of nature. They fight other spirits and angels, good against bad. They even kill. We are not supposed to worship angels, only God.

Hebrews 12:22: There are an innumerable company of angels.

Hebrews 13:1: Be careful how you entertain strangers, because one may be an angel.

1/3 of the angels rebelled and went with Lucifer. This tells us angels have a free will. They are called the fallen angels today. They all want to dethrone God.

In the bible, there are only three angels mentioned by name. These are: Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer, who we now know is Satan. There is only one archangel mentioned and that is Michael. What is an archangel? Apparently angels have a social hierarchy, and Michael is the protector of Israel, the war angel.

Daniel 10:13: God has sent Daniel an angel to interpret the vision Daniel had. Here we see some of the behind the scenes workings of the spirit world. Here Michael is called one of the chief princes. Gabriel was sent to deliver a message to Daniel, but was intercepted by Satan's angels and held captive with the kings of Persia for 21 days. Every country today has a demonic angel influencing the leaders. That's why they do such crazy things. A person has to be under demonic control to be able to kill 30 people, but we'll get into demonic possession later. That's another study unto itself.

Michael is always called upon when Israel is in trouble to protect and fight the demonic forces against Israel.

Jude 1:9: Michael the Archangel contends with the devil about the body of Moses, but doesn't fight with Satan. Instead he says "The Lord rebuke thee".

Daniel 8:15: the gender of angels is not stated, but here Gabriel has the appearance of a man. Everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah thought the angels were real men because they wanted to abuse them.

Luke 1:11-13, 18-19, 26-28: here Gabriel appears to Zacharias hundreds of years after Daniel and is a messenger from God again, and to Mary in vs. 26-28.