

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 6

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

The end-time will be a busy time for the angels of the Lord. This time is usually referred to as the “Tribulation: period of human history. It is during this period that God will bring judgment upon the wicked of earth. The angels have a part to play in this judgment. At the close of the Tribulation, Jesus will return to earth. We were about to consider this event when we ended lesson 5. Just as Christ returns, two armies are ready to wage war with one another. This war is better known as the Battle of Armageddon. We last looked at Revelation 19:11, which gave a description of one in heaven who was about to judge and make war upon earth. We will begin this lesson by trying to discover more about this person.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR MINISTRY

Faith: Their End-Time Ministry (Continued from Lesson 5)

What is this person called who is to judge and make war upon the earth?

Revelation 19:11 _____

Revelation 19:13 _____

Revelation 19:16 _____

What is seen following Him on His return to earth?

Revelation 19:14 _____

What did Jesus say which explains who this army is?

Matthew 25:31 _____

As the two opposing armies on earth look up and see Christ coming, what is their reaction?

Revelation 19:19 _____

What is Jesus going to do that causes these two enemies to unite and attempt to destroy Jesus and His angelic army?

Jude 1:14-15 _____

What is the weapon Jesus uses in His judgment of the ungodly?

Revelation 19:15 _____

No doubt the angels will play an important part, but we have no information.

Who is really responsible for the decision of the armies to fight God in one last great battle?

Revelation 16:14 _____

The day of this battle is called what by the prophet Isaiah?

Isaiah 34:8 _____

After the war is over, and Christ has won, what does an angel do?

Revelation 20:1-3 _____

This war at the close of the Tribulation, when Christ comes to earth again, is not the only war of the Tribulation in which angels do battle. Where is the other war to be waged?

Revelation 12:7 _____

What two groups are involved in this war?

Revelation 12:7 _____

What will be the end result of this battle?

Revelation 12:8-9 _____

(These verses will be discussed in a later lesson).

Jesus referred to this angelic war in the heavens when He said what?

Luke 10:18 _____

So far, we have covered only a few of the activities of the angels during the end-time. There seems to be so much about this period that we cannot understand, that one hesitates to attempt lengthy explanations. What is important to remember is that the Christian will not go through the Tribulation, but will be taken up into heaven before it begins.

The ministry of the angels is varied, as we have tried to show. No doubt, God has only given us a glimpse of all they do. But the angels of the Lord are kept busy doing His will, whether we see them or not.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR RECOGNITION

The Bible is clear in its teaching that man is to worship only God. To worship anything or anyone above God is the sin of idolatry. On one occasion the apostle John, after seeing great things, fell down to worship before an angel. What did this angel quickly say to John?

Revelation 22:8-9 _____

It is understood by all angels that worship belongs to God. God the Father gave clear instructions that the angels were to worship Jesus. What did God say about Jesus that He never said about any angel?

Hebrews 1:5 _____

Paul once warned the Colossian Christians to beware of anyone who would try to wreck their standing in Christ by doing what?

Colossians 2:18 _____

It is also wrong to assume that angels can answer prayer or even assist in getting your prayers answered. It will do man no good to pray to angels for protection, guidance or any other ministry. Angels do not act on our prayers. They do only what God asks. Prayer can only reach the Father in Heaven if it goes through Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus Name that prayer must be asked if the Father is to honor it with an answer.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR WISDOM

Only of God can what be said in regard to wisdom?

Psalms 147:5 _____

God is all-knowing. The angels have a limited knowledge. They, like man, must get their information from God. There is one thing specifically mentioned that angels do not know but have great interest in, what is it?

Matthew 24:36 _____

The angels also have trouble understanding how what can happen to a man's soul?

1 Peter 1:9,10,12 _____

Also like man, the angels are acquainted with many Scriptures they are unable to understand.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR RANKS

Only two good angels are named in the Bible. One is Michael and the other is Gabriel. To see that there are different ranks of angels, we need only look at two descriptions given of Michael. What class of angels did he belong to?

Jude 1:9 _____

What position did he hold in this class?

Daniel 10:13 _____

What special position did Gabriel hold?

Luke 1:19 _____

What other classifications of angels do we have?

Genesis 3:24 _____

Isaiah 6:2 _____

All angels do not have the same task. It seems that some are connected with warfare, some with worship and others with punishment of the wicked.

Various rankings is also true of fallen angels, Who is their chief leader?

Revelation 9:11 _____

Paul spoke of several groupings of evil angels, which were?

Ephesians 6:12 _____

This concludes our look at the general characteristics of angels. Beginning with our next lesson, we will attempt to understand the work of the fallen angels.