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ANGELOLOGY

Part 2

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I. QUICK REVIEW OF PART 1

- A. This is a brief study of the doctrine of angels or angelology. “The term “angelology” comes from two Greek terms, namely, *aggelos* (pronounced *angelos*) meaning “messenger” or “angel” and *logos* meaning “word,” “matter,” or “thing.” In Christian systematic theology, it is used to refer to the study of the biblical doctrine of angels.”
- B. Angels are not human beings who have died. People (especially babies) don’t die and become angels.
- C. Angels are not, never were, and never will become human beings. Angels are an entirely different order of being from humans.
- D. God created the angels.
- E. Angels do not die.
- F. Only 2 angels in the Bible have names; Michael & Gabriel. Michael is the only angel referred to as an “Archangel” (high-ranking angel).
- G. Angels are NOT God and are NOT meant to be worshiped.
- H. Angels are organized **according to humans**, but not according to the Bible.
 - 1. We owe much of what we know about the theology of angels to Dionysius who wrote *The Celestial Hierarchy* in the 5th century and Thomas Aquinas who write *Summa Theologica* in the 13th century. The medieval Jewish philosopher and physician Moses Maimonides also wrote quite a bit which influenced the Jewish perspective on angels.
 - 2. Highest/First Order
 - a. Seraphim (seraph)
 - b. Cherubim (cherub)
 - c. Thrones
 - 3. Middle/Second Order
 - a. Dominions
 - b. Virtues
 - c. Powers
 - 4. Lowest/Third Order
 - a. Principalities
 - b. Archangels
 - c. Angels
- I. Angels report to God
- J. The term “**guardian angel**” is never mentioned in Scripture. Could be based on what is stated in Matthew 18:10:
10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

II. WHO IS “THE/AN ANGEL OF THE LORD?”

A. Angels appear 273 times in the Bible

1. [Genesis 16:7](#)

The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in **the** desert; it was **the** spring that is beside **the** road to Shur.

2. [Genesis 16:9](#)

Then the angel of the LORD told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”

3. [Genesis 16:11](#)

The angel of the LORD also said to her: “You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for **the LORD** has heard **of** your misery.

4. [Genesis 22:11](#)

But **the angel of the LORD** called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

5. [Genesis 22:15](#)

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

6. [Genesis 24:7](#)

“**The LORD, the God of** heaven, who brought me out **of** my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your **offspring** I will give this land’— he will send his **angel** before you so that you can get a wife for my son from **there**.

7. [Exodus 3:2](#)

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames **of** fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though **the** bush was on fire it did not burn up.

8. [Numbers 20:16](#)

but when we cried out to **the LORD**, he heard our cry and sent an **angel** and brought us out **of** Egypt. “Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on **the** edge **of** your territory.

9. [Numbers 22:22](#)

But God was very angry when he went, and **the angel of the LORD** stood in **the** road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

10. [Numbers 22:23](#)

When **the** donkey saw **the angel of the LORD** standing in **the** road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned **off the** road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on **the** road.

11. [Numbers 22:24](#)

Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path through **the** vineyards, with walls on both sides.

12. [Numbers 22:25](#)

When **the** donkey saw **the angel of the LORD**, it pressed close to **the** wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat **the** donkey again.

13. [Numbers 22:26](#)

Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where **there** was no room to turn, either to **the** right or to **the** left.

14. [Numbers 22:27](#)

When **the** donkey saw **the angel of the LORD**, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff.

15. [Numbers 22:31](#)

Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw **the angel of the LORD** standing in **the** road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

16. [Numbers 22:32](#)

The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey **these** three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.

17. [Numbers 22:34](#)

Balaam said to **the angel of the LORD**, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in **the** road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

18. [Numbers 22:35](#)

The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with **the** men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with Balak's **officials**.

19. [Judges 2:1](#)

The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out **of** Egypt and led you into **the** land I swore to give to your ancestors. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you,

20. [Judges 2:4](#)

When **the angel of the LORD** had spoken **these** things to all **the** Israelites, **the** people wept aloud,

21. [Judges 5:23](#)

'Curse Meroz,' said **the angel of the LORD**. 'Curse its people bitterly, because **they** did not come to help **the LORD**, to help **the LORD** against **the** mighty.'

22. [Judges 6:11](#)

The angel of the LORD came and sat down under **the** oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash **the** Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from **the** Midianites.

23. [Judges 6:12](#)

When **the angel of the LORD** appeared to Gideon, he said, "**The LORD** is with you, mighty warrior."

24. [Judges 6:21](#)

Then the angel of the LORD touched **the** meat and **the** unleavened bread with **the** tip **of the** staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from **the** rock, consuming **the** meat and **the** bread. And **the angel of the LORD** disappeared.

25. [Judges 6:22](#)

When Gideon realized that it was **the angel of the LORD**, he exclaimed, "Alas, Sovereign **LORD!** I have seen **the angel of the LORD** face to face!"

26. [Judges 13:3](#)

The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son.

27. [Judges 13:13](#)

The angel of the LORD answered, "Your wife must do all that I have told her.

28. [Judges 13:15](#)

Manoah said to **the angel of the LORD**, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.”

29. [Judges 13:16](#)

The angel of the LORD replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any **of** your food. But if you prepare a burnt **offering**, **offer** it to **the LORD**.” (Manoah did not realize that it was **the angel of the LORD**.)

30. [Judges 13:17](#)

Then Manoah inquired **of the angel of the LORD**, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?”

31. [Judges 13:20](#)

As **the** flame blazed up from **the** altar toward heaven, **the angel of the LORD** ascended in **the** flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with **their** faces to **the** ground.

32. [Judges 13:21](#)

When **the angel of the LORD** did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was **the angel of the LORD**.

33. [2 Samuel 14:17](#)

“And now your servant says, ‘May **the** word **of** my **lord the** king secure my inheritance, for my **lord the** king is like an **angel of** God in discerning good and evil. May **the LORD** your God be with you.’”

34. [2 Samuel 14:20](#)

Your servant Joab did this to change **the** present situation. My **lord** has wisdom like that **of** an **angel of** God—he knows everything that happens in **the** land.”

35. [2 Samuel 19:27](#)

And he has slandered your servant to my **lord the** king. My **lord the** king is like an **angel of** God; so do whatever you wish.

36. [2 Samuel 24:16](#)

When **the angel** stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, **the LORD** relented concerning **the** disaster and said to **the angel** who was afflicting **the** people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” **The angel of the LORD** was **then** at **the** threshing floor **of** Araunah **the** Jebusite.

37. [1 Kings 13:18](#)

The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an **angel** said to me by **the** word **of the LORD**: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (But he was lying to him.)

38. [1 Kings 19:7](#)

The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for **the** journey is too much for you."

39. [2 Kings 1:3](#)

But **the angel of the LORD** said to Elijah **the** Tishbite, "Go up and meet **the** messengers **of the** king **of** Samaria and ask **them**, 'Is it because **there** is no God in Israel that you are going **off** to consult Baal-Zebub, **the** god **of** Ekron?'

40. [2 Kings 1:15](#)

The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid **of** him." So Elijah got up and went down with him to **the** king.

41. [2 Kings 19:35](#)

That night **the angel of the LORD** went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in **the** Assyrian camp. When **the** people got up **the** next morning—**there** were all **the** dead bodies!

42. [1 Chronicles 21:12](#)

three years **of** famine, three months **of** being swept away before your enemies, with **their** swords overtaking you, or three days **of the** sword **of the LORD**—days **of** plague in **the** land, with **the angel of the LORD** ravaging every part **of** Israel.' Now **then**, decide how I should answer **the** one who sent me."

43. [1 Chronicles 21:15](#)

And God sent an **angel** to destroy Jerusalem. But as **the angel** was doing so, **the LORD** saw it and relented concerning **the** disaster and said to **the angel** who was destroying **the** people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." **The angel of the LORD** was **then** standing at **the** threshing floor **of** Araunah **the** Jebusite.

44. [1 Chronicles 21:16](#)

David looked up and saw **the angel of the LORD** standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. **Then** David and **the** elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.

45. [1 Chronicles 21:18](#)

Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to **the LORD** on **the** threshing floor **of** Araunah **the** Jebusite.

46. [1 Chronicles 21:30](#)

But David could not go before it to inquire **of** God, because he was afraid **of the sword of the angel of the LORD**.

47. [2 Chronicles 32:21](#)

And **the LORD** sent an **angel**, who annihilated all **the** fighting men and **the** commanders and **officers** in **the** camp **of the** Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace. And when he went into **the** temple **of** his god, some **of** his sons, his own flesh and blood, cut him down with **the** sword.

48. [Psalms 34:7](#)

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers **them**.

49. [Psalms 35:5](#)

May **they** be like chaff before **the** wind, with **the angel of the LORD** driving **them** away;

50. [Psalms 35:6](#)

may **their** path be dark and slippery, with **the angel of the LORD** pursuing **them**.

51. [Isaiah 37:36](#)

Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in **the** Assyrian camp. When **the** people got up **the** next morning—**there** were all **the** dead bodies

52. [Zechariah 1:11](#)

And **they** reported to **the angel of the LORD** who was standing among **the** myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout **the** earth and found **the** whole world at rest and in peace."

53. [Zechariah 1:12](#)

Then the angel of the LORD said, "**LORD** Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from **the** towns **of** Judah, which you have been angry with **these** seventy years?"

54. [Zechariah 3:1](#)

Then he showed me Joshua **the** high priest standing before **the angel of the LORD**, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

55. [Zechariah 3:5](#)

Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So **they** put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while **the angel of the LORD** stood by.

56. [Zechariah 3:6](#)

The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua:

57. [Zechariah 6:5](#)

The angel answered me, "**These are the** four spirits **of** heaven, going out from standing in **the presence of the Lord of the** whole world.

58. [Zechariah 12:8](#)

On that day **the LORD** will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that **the** feeblest among **them** will be like David, and **the** house **of** David will be like God, like **the angel of the LORD** going before **them**.

59. [Matthew 1:20](#)

But after he had considered this, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son **of** David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from **the** Holy Spirit.

60. [Matthew 1:24](#)

When Joseph woke up, he did what **the angel of the Lord** had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

61. [Matthew 2:13](#)

When **they** had gone, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take **the** child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay **there** until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for **the** child to kill him."

62. [Matthew 2:19](#)

After Herod died, an **angel of the Lord** appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

63. [Matthew 28:2](#)

There was a violent earthquake, for an **angel of the Lord** came down from heaven and, going to **the** tomb, rolled back **the** stone and sat on it.

64. [Luke 1:11](#)

Then an **angel of the Lord** appeared to him, standing at **the** right side **of the** altar **of** incense.

65. [Luke 2:9](#)

An **angel of the Lord** appeared to **them**, and **the** glory **of the Lord** shone around **them**, and **they** were terrified.

66. [Acts 5:19](#)

But during **the** night an **angel of the Lord** opened **the** doors **of the** jail and brought **them** out.

67. [Acts 8:26](#)

Now an **angel of the Lord** said to Philip, "Go south to **the** road—**the** desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

68. [Acts 10:4](#)

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, **Lord**?" he asked. **The angel** answered, "Your prayers and gifts to **the** poor have come up as a memorial **offering** before God.

69. [Acts 12:7](#)

Suddenly an **angel of the Lord** appeared and a light shone in **the** cell. He struck Peter on **the** side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and **the** chains fell **off** Peter's wrists.

70. [Acts 12:23](#)

Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an **angel of the Lord** struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

71. [Revelation 11:15](#)

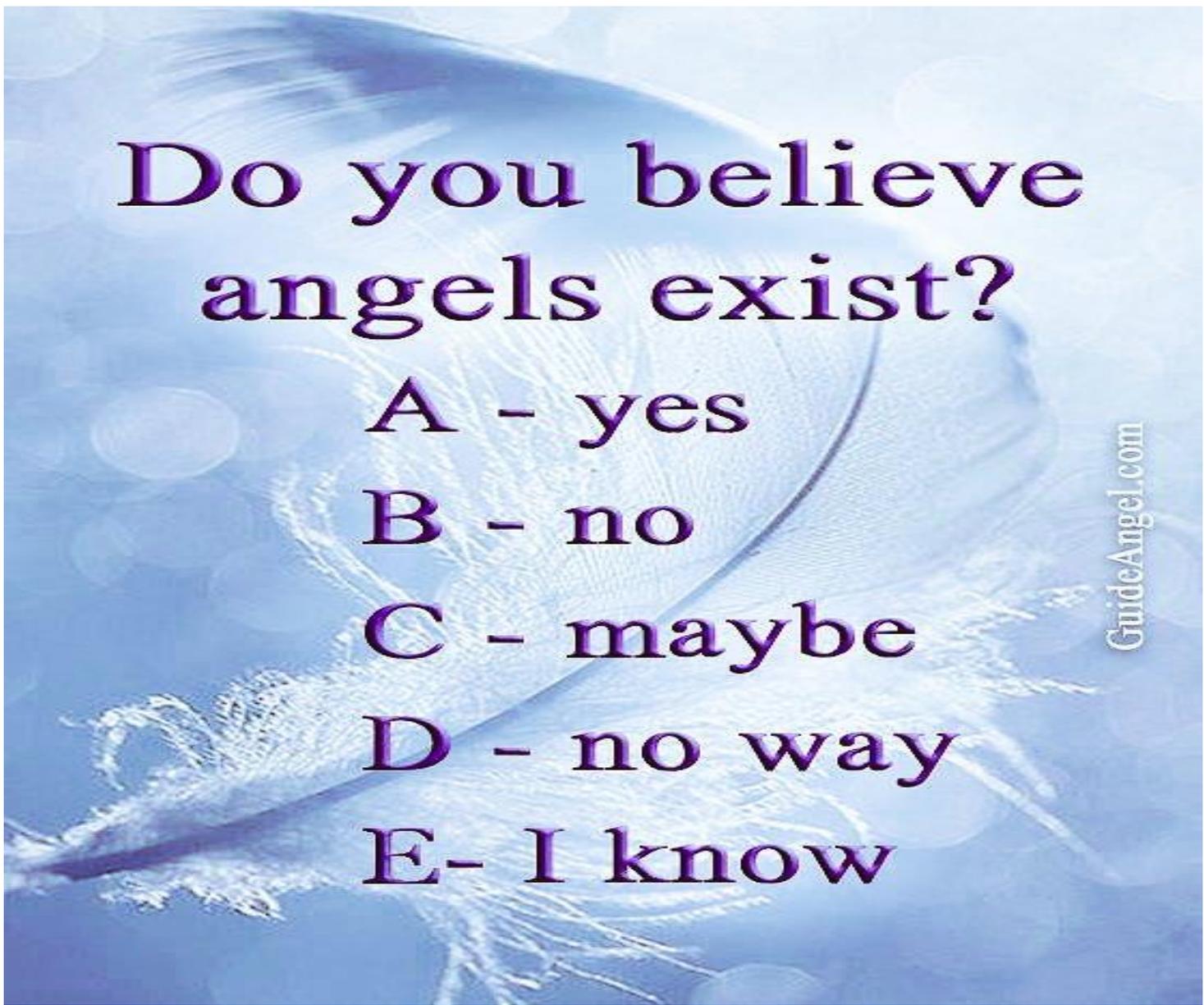
The seventh **angel** sounded his trumpet, and **there** were loud voices in heaven, which said: "**The** kingdom **of the** world has become **the** kingdom **of** our **Lord** and **of** his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

III. KEY PASSAGES TO READ

1. Numbers 21:21-35
2. Matthew 26:53
3. Luke 2:8-14
4. Hebrews 1:5-14
5. 1 Peter 1:12
6. Revelation 12:7

IV. AN ANGELIC PASSAGE THAT MIGHT FREAK YOU OUT!

I looked, and I saw the likeness of a throne of lapis lazuli above the vault that was over the heads of the cherubim. ² The LORD said to the man clothed in linen, "Go in among the wheels beneath the cherubim. Fill your hands with burning coals from among the cherubim and scatter them over the city." And as I watched, he went in. ³ Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner court. ⁴ Then the glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the LORD. ⁵ The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks. ⁶ When the LORD commanded the man in linen, "Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim," the man went in and stood beside a wheel. ⁷ Then one of the cherubim reached out his hand to the fire that was among them. He took up some of it and put it into the hands of the man in linen, who took it and went out. ⁸ (Under the wings of the cherubim could be seen what looked like human hands.) ⁹ I looked, and I saw beside the cherubim four wheels, one beside each of the cherubim; the wheels sparkled like topaz. ¹⁰ As for their appearance, the four of them looked alike; each was like a wheel intersecting a wheel. ¹¹ As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the cherubim faced; the wheels did not turn about as the cherubim went. The cherubim went in whatever direction the head faced, without turning as they went. ¹² Their entire bodies, including their backs, their hands and their wings, were completely full of eyes, as were their four wheels. ¹³ I heard the wheels being called "the whirling wheels." ¹⁴ Each of the cherubim had four faces: One face was that of a cherub, the second the face of a human being, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵ Then the cherubim rose upward. These were the living creatures I had seen by the Kebar River. ¹⁶ When the cherubim moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the cherubim spread their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels did not leave their side. ¹⁷ When the cherubim stood still, they also stood still; and when the cherubim rose, they rose with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in them. ¹⁸ Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. ¹⁹ While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them. They stopped at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. ²⁰ These were the living creatures I had seen beneath the God of Israel by the Kebar River, and I realized that they were cherubim. ²¹ Each had four faces and four wings, and under their wings was what looked like human hands. ²² Their faces had the same appearance as those I had seen by the Kebar River. Each one went straight ahead.



Do you believe
angels exist?

A - yes

B - no

C - maybe

D - no way

E- I know

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V. NEXT WEEK – THE DOCTRINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

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