

ANGELOLOGY

Part 3



According to the Bible, ANGELS:

1. Exist

2. Were created by God

...before Genesis 1 (Job 38:4-7)

...during Genesis 1 (Gen. 1:1; Exod. 20:11; Ps. 148:2-5;
Gen. 2:1)

3. Were created as *angels*

- Not human
- Not divine

According to the Bible, ANGELS:

4. Are numerically constant

- Do not reproduce
- Never die
- God finished His creation work
- Many (innumerable)

5. Are servants

6. Were created holy

7. Are ordered / ranked / hierarchical

According to the Bible, ANGELS:

8. Are subject to creaturely limitations

- Don't possess any of the "omni" characteristics

9. Are subject to creaturely limitations

The NATURE of ANGELS:

1. Their personhood

- Possess intellect
- Demonstrate emotion
- Exercise will
- Express desire
- Communicate/talk

2. Confirmed in their holiness

The NATURE of ANGELS:

3. Their power

- in comparison to humans? MORE
- in comparison to God? LESS

4. Their essence

- Spiritual
- (at times) Physical
 - Male (?)
 - No gender (?)

The APPEARANCE of ANGELS:

1. When on earth: **men**

2. In heaven:

- **Seraphim**
- **Cherubim**
- **Living Creatures**
- **Angel**

“And behold, they cried out, ‘What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?’”

Isa. 37:36 (ESV)

“And the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.”

2 Peter 2:11 (ESV)

"and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us,
when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his
mighty angels"

Matthew 28:2 (ESV)

"And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it."

1 Peter 3:22 (ESV)

"[Jesus] has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him."

Numbers 22:31 (ESV)

"Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face."

2 Kings 6:17 (ESV)

"Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

Gen. 18:22 (ESV)

"So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD."

Gen. 19:1 (ESV)

"The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth"

Gen. 19:5 (ESV)

“And they called to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.’”

Heb. 13:2 (ESV)

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Rev. 10:1 (ESV)

“Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire.”

The NAMES/DESIGNATIONS of ANGELS (*general*):

1. Angels
2. Ministering spirits
3. Heavenly host
4. Watchers
5. Sons of God
6. Stars

Heb. 1:14 (ESV)

"Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?"

Luke 2:13 (ESV)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God..."

Gen. 2:1 (ESV)

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them."

Dan. 4:13-17 (ESV)

"I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. (14)He proclaimed aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. (15)But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. (16)Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. (17)The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.'"

“sons of God” in Job

“Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord...” (1:6)

“Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord...” (2:1)

“when the morning stars sang together and the **sons of God** shouted for joy?” (38:7)

"And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon... (4)His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth... (9)And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."

The NAMES/DESIGNATIONS of ANGELS (*specific*):

1. Cherub(im)

- Guard God's holiness

2. Seraph(im)

- Direct worship toward God

3. Michael

- Protects Israel; the/an archangel; one of the chief princes

4. Gabriel

- Conveyed new revelation

Gen. 3:24 (ESV)

"He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life."



"Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew... (6) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar."

Dan. 12:1

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book."

Jude 1:9 (ESV)

"But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you.'"

"Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back"