

# Angels

Long before the physical universe existed, the spiritual universe existed. This is the Realm of Yahuah and Angels. The Bible doesn't reveal the names of many angels, but it does name three important members of the Angelic Realm, Michael, Gabriel and Satan. Mankind lives in a physical, tangible, material world which is influenced by the invisible spiritual world around us. Though independent from the physical world, both the spirit world and the physical world are in constant interaction. This spiritual world is just as real today as it was when Yahusha walked the face of the earth nearly 2,000 years ago.

The spirit world is believed to be a place of continued spiritual growth for all who embrace the teachings of Yahusha. Glimpses of the spirit world are revealed throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is only here that we can factually learn about angels, demons and Satan. Sadly many have been misinformed about this subject, so there is a great need to bring biblical truth regarding this subject because of the present angel craze, channeling and a belief in spirit guides.

## Hebrew meaning of Angels

The Hebrew word for angel is mala'ak; in meaning it is equivalent to the Greek word, angelos from which the English word is obviously derived. In both Hebrew and Greek, the term simply means "messenger" and was used for both Yahuah's messengers as well as those of a king or ruler on Earth.

Angels are mentioned numerous times in the Scriptures. So, we learn that angels are spiritual beings created by Yahuah to serve him, and sent by Yahuah to watch over the human race, to deliver his message, to guard and protect us from danger, to do battle with other spiritual beings on our behalf.

Old Testament names for angel are Seraphim (singular Seraph), simply means "flame". It only shows up twice, both times in Isaiah and both times in one chapter: **Isaiah 6:2 and 6.**

Seraphim means fiery ones, in allusion to their burning love. They are represented as "standing" above the King as he sat upon his throne, ready at once to minister unto him. Their form appears to have been human with the addition of wings.

This word is used elsewhere only for the "fiery serpents" **Numbers 21:6, 8;**

**Deuteronomy 8:15; Isaiah 14:29; 30:6** sent by Yahuah as his instruments to inflict on the people the righteous penalty of sin.

The second term is considerably more common and is translated into English as "Cherub"; it is these angels that are described as particularly unusual to look at. They are first mentioned in connection with the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden **Genesis 3:24**.

There is no explanation given of their shape or form. They are next mentioned when Moses was commanded to provide furniture for the tabernacle **Exodus 25:17-20; Exodus 26:1, 31**.

Yahuah promised to commune with Moses "from between the cherubim" **Exodus 25:22**.

This expression was afterwards used to denote the Divine abode and presence **Numbers 7:89; 1 Samuel 4:4; Isaiah 37:16; Psalms 80:1; Psalms 99:1**. In Ezekiel's vision **Ezekiel 10:1-20** they appear as living creatures supporting the throne of Yahuah. From Ezekiel's description of them **Ezekiel 1; 10; 41; Ezekiel 18, 19**, they appear unlike any real object in nature; artificial images possessing the features and properties of several animals. Two cherubim were placed on the mercy seat of the ark; two of colossal size overshadowed it in Solomon's temple.

**Ezekiel 1:4-14** speaks of four and this number of "living creatures" is mentioned in **Revelation 4:6**. Those on the ark are called the "cherubim of glory" **Hebrews 9:5**, i.e., of the Shechinah or cloud of glory, for on them the visible glory of Yahuah rested. They were placed one at each end of the mercy seat with wings stretched upward, and their faces "toward each other and toward the mercy seat." They were anointed with holy oil, like the ark itself and the other sacred furniture.

The cherubim were symbolical. They were intended to represent spiritual existences of immediate contact with Yahuah. Some have regarded them as symbolical of the chief ruling power by which Yahuah carries on his operations in providence **Psalms 18:10**. Others interpret them as having reference to the redemption of men and as symbolizing the great rulers or ministers of the church.

Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. **6** Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles

of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. **8** The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. **9** Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward. **10** As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. **11** Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. **12** And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went. **13** As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. **14** And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning. **15** Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. **16** The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. **17** When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. **18** As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. **19** When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. **20** Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. **21** When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. **22** The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures[c] was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. **23** And under the firmament their wings spread out straight, one toward another.

Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body. **24** When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings. **25** A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings. **26** And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. **27** Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around

within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. **28** Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahuah **Ezekiel 1:5-28**.

This is the most detailed description we have of cherubim. They reappear in Revelation in virtually the same form. They appear most frequently, as decoration in Solomon's Temple, including the two cherubim that were part of the Ark of the Covenant.

### **The duties of Angels**

We don't know whether every angel carries out the same tasks, or whether some of them specialize in certain areas. Scripture does speak about classes of angelic beings, the unnamed angels who appear most often in Scripture carry out a variety of tasks, all designed to serve Yahuah...

**Worship and praise** - This is the main activity portrayed in heaven **Isaiah 6:1-3; Revelation 4-5**

**Answering prayer** - Yahuah often uses angels as His means of answering the prayers of His people **Daniel 9:20-24; 10:10-12; Acts 12:1-17**.

**Delivering revelation** - They serve as messengers to communicate Yahuah's will to men. They helped reveal the law to Moses **Acts 7:52-53**, and served as the carriers of much of the material in Daniel, and Revelation.

**Guidance** - Angels gave instructions to Joseph about the birth of Yahusha **Matthew 1-2**, to the women at the tomb, to Philip **Acts 8:26**, and to Cornelius **Acts 10:1-8**.

**Providing** - Yahuah has used angels to provide physical needs such as food for Hagar **Genesis 21:17-20**, Elijah **1 Kings 19:6**, and Yahusha after His temptation **Matthew 4:11**.

**Protection** - Keeping Yahuah's people out of physical danger, as in the cases of Daniel and the lions, and his three friends in the fiery furnace **Daniel 3 and 6**.

**Deliverance** - Delivering Yahuah's people out of danger. Angels released the apostles from prison in Acts 5, and repeated the process for Peter in **Acts 12**.

**Strengthening and encouraging** - Angels strengthened Yahusha after His temptation **Matthew 4:11**, encouraged the apostles to keep preaching after

releasing them from prison **Acts 5:19-20**, and told Paul that everyone on his ship would survive the impending shipwreck **Acts 27:23-25**.

**Carrying the spirit at the moment of death** - In the story of Lazarus and the rich man, we read that angels carried the spirit of Lazarus to "Abraham's bosom" when he died **Luke 16:22**.

### **Ministering Spirits**

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? **Hebrews 1:14**

### **Angels were created to worship, Praise and obey Yahusha**

For by him [Yahusha] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **Colossians 1:16**

Yahuah is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when Yahusha is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. **2 Thessalonians 1:6, 7**

Yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. **2 Peter 2:11**  
And again, when Yahuah brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all Yahuah's angels worship him." **Hebrew 1:6**

Praise Yahuah, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. **Psalms 103:20**

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. **Psalms 148:2**

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living Elohim. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, **Hebrews 12:22**

### **We are to worship Yahuah not angels**

Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' "And he added, "These are the true words of Yahuah." At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Yahusha. Worship Yahuah! For

the testimony of Yahusha is the spirit of prophecy." **Revelations 19:9, 10**

And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book." **Revelations 22:8, 9**

It is vitally important that you worship ONLY the true and living Elohim. Never worship an angel, servant of Yahuah or creation itself.

### **Angels attended to Yahusha**

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. **Matthew 4:11**

Yahusha could have been delivered by legions of angels from his cruel death on the tree: Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **Matthew 26:53**

But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Yahusha's body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. **John 20:11, 12**

### **Angels bring deliverance and Guard the Righteous of Yahuah**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; **Psalms 91:11**

My Elohim sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king. **Daniel 6:22**

But during the night an angel of Yahuah opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. **Acts 5:19**

### **Angels will separate the righteous from the wicked and deliver his wrath**

The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. **Matthew 13:41**

He unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility a band of destroying angels. **Psalms 78:49**

This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 13:49, 50**

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. **Matthew 24:31**

And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. **Mark 13:27**

For it seems to me that Yahuah has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. **1 Corinthians 4:9**

#### **When Yahusha returns He will come with angels:**

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. **Matthew 16:27**

#### **Believers will judge Angels**

Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! **1 Corinthians 6:3**

#### **There are only two angels that are specifically given names in Scripture.**

Michael, whose name means "who is like Yahuah" is mentioned in **Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1, Jude 9, and Revelation 12:7.**

Gabriel, "soldier of Yahuah", is mentioned in **Daniel 8:16; 9:21, Luke 1:19 and 26.**

The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of Yahuah, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. **Luke 1:19**

In the sixth month, Yahuah sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **Luke 1:26 16** And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision. **Daniel 8:16**

**21** while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice **Daniel 9:21.**

The archangel Michael is a warring angel **9** Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him

a reviling accusation, but said, "Yahuah rebuke you!" **Jude 9**

In the future, Michael and his angels will fight against Satan [the dragon] and his angels: And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down -- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. **Revelations 12:7-9**

### **Physical appearance of angels**

Since angels are spirits rather than physical beings, they don't have to be visible at all **Colossians 1:16**.

Elisha once prayed that his servant would see the armies of angels surrounding the city, and the young man discovered that he had overlooked a lot of invisible beings **2 Kings 6:17!**

When angels do appear, they generally appear in the form of men. In **Genesis 18**, Abraham welcomed three angelic guests who appeared at first to be nothing more than some travelers. In the following chapter, two angels went to Sodom where they were assumed to be simply a pair of human visitors.

With the possible exception of one debatable passage in **Zechariah 5:9**, Angels always appear as males rather than females **Mark 16:5**.

Sometimes an angel appears to be a man with unusual features. Daniel saw an angel with arms and legs resembling polished metal and precious stones, and a face like lightning **Daniel 10:5-6**.

The angel that rolled back the stone from Yahusha's tomb was radiating dazzling light **Matthew 28:3; Luke 24:4**.

The book of Revelation describes some highly unusual beings that may be a variety of angel in **Revelation 4:6-8**.

Angels in Scripture never appear as cute, chubby infants! They are always full-grown adults. When people in Scripture saw an angel, their typical response was to fall on their faces in fear and awe, not to reach out and tickle an adorable baby.

Some Scripture passages picture angels with wings **Isaiah 6:2, 6**. Other verses talk

about angels flying, and we assume that the wings would be useful for that flight **Daniel 9:21**.

However, I suspect that angels can move around without having to depend on wings. Most references to angels in Scripture say nothing about wings, and in passages like **Genesis 18-19**, it is certain that no wings were visible.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:2**

### **One angel will seize Satan, the great deceiver and throw him into the Abyss:**

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent (who is the devil, or Satan) and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended **Revelations 20:1-3**.

It is important that you should never call on an Angel for guidance, deliverance, etc. To do so will open you up for spiritual deception. According to the Bible, we should only call on Yahuah. We are also to trust only in Yahuah for deliverance, not an Angel. While it is true that Yahuah might deliver us with angels it is still Yahuah who is our Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, etc. Yahuah commands his angels what to do and they obey Him.

### **What Do Angels Do?**

The word "angel" means "messenger"; that gives some hint of their primary role. Steven and Paul both state that the law was delivered to Moses by way of angels **Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19**.

Elsewhere, we find angels delivering messages to people, for instance to Hagar **Genesis 16:7**, Samson's parents **Judges 13**, Mary **Luke 1:26**, and Joseph **Matthew 1:20**.

At the end of time, one sees them coming with Yahusha to establish the kingdom, and we see them at around the same time in armed conflict with the host of Satan.

There is no doubt that angels help protect **Daniel 6:20-23; 2 Kings 6:13-17**, reveal information **Acts 7:52-53; Luke 1:11-20**, guide **Matthew 1:20-21; Acts 8:26**, provide for **Genesis 21:17-20; 1 Kings 19:5-7**, and minister to believers in general **Hebrews 1:14**.

## **Do we have guardian angels?"**

“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” **Matthew 18:10**

In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel had the archangel (Michael) assigned to it **Daniel 10:21; Daniel 12:1**, but Scripture nowhere states that an angel is “assigned” to an individual. Angels were sometimes sent to individuals, but there is no mention of permanent assignment. The Jews fully developed the belief in guardian angels during the time between the Old and New Testament periods. Some early church fathers believed that each person had not only an angel assigned to him/her, but a demon as well.

The belief in guardian angels has been around for a long time, but there is no explicit scriptural basis for it.

To return to **Matthew 18:10**, the word “their” is a collective pronoun in the Greek and refers to the fact that believers are served by angels in general. These angels are pictured as “always” watching the face of Yahuah so as to hear His command to them to help a believer when it is needed. The angels in this passage do not seem to be guarding a person so much as being attentive to the Father in heaven. The active duty or oversight comes more from Yahuah than from the angels, which makes perfect sense because Yahuah alone is omniscient. He sees every believer at every moment, and He alone knows when one of us needs the intervention of an angel. Because they are continually seeing His face, the angels are at His disposal to help one of His “chosen ones.”

It cannot be emphatically answered from Scripture whether or not each believer has a guardian angel assigned to him/her. But, as stated earlier, Yahuah does use angels in ministering to us. It is scriptural to say that He uses them as He uses us; that is, He in no way needs us or them to accomplish His purposes, but chooses to use us and them. Whether or not we have an angel assigned to protect us, we have an even greater assurance from God: if we are His children through faith in Yahusha, He works all things together for good **Romans 8:28-30**, and Yahusha will never leave us or forsake us **Hebrews 13:5-6**.

If we have an omniscient, omnipotent, all-loving Yahuah with us, does it really matter whether or not there is a guardian angel protecting us?