

Angels in the New Testament—Part 1

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Angels in the New Testament—Part 1.”

The presentation discussed angels from Matthew to Jude (but not covering the book of Revelation). For this article, I will present angels in eight sections.

Angels subject to God and Christ

Hebrews 1:4—“Having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

Hebrews 1:6—“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ ”

Angels who sinned

2 Peter 2:4—“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”

Jude 6—“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.”

Birth of Son of God

- Matthew 1:20-21—An angel appeared unto Joseph.
- Luke 1:11-19—Gabriel appeared unto Zacharias.
- Luke 1:26-38—Gabriel appeared unto Mary.
- Luke 2:9-12—An angel went to the shepherds.
- Luke 2:13-14—The heavenly host praised God.

Comforting the Son of God

Matthew 4:11—“Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

Luke 22:43—“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”

At the tomb

Matthew 28:2—"And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it."

John 20:12—"And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain."

Gospels and after resurrection

There are many scriptures that talk about angels in the Gospel accounts and after the resurrection of the Son of God.

John 5:4—"For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had."

Acts 5:19—"But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors . . ."

When the Son returns

Matthew 16:27—"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

Matthew 24:36—"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Matthew 25:31—"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory."

Administering correction

Matthew 13:39—"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."

Matthew 13:41—"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness."

Matthew 13:49—"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just."