ANGELS: A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

We will look at angels from three perspectives:

- Descriptions and duties
- Old Testament appearances
- New Testament appearances

1. Angels: Descriptions and Duties

- a. They were present at creation. Job 38:1-7
- b. They are created beings. Psalm 33:6, Psalm 148:2-5, Colossians 1:16-17
- c. They are not perfect. Job 4:17-19
- d. They don't die or marry. Luke 20:36
- e. They are not omniscient. Matthew 24:32-36, I Peter 1:10-12
- f. They are ministers. Hebrews 1:6-7, Hebrews 1:13-14, Matthew 4:11
- g. They protect. Daniel 6:22, Psalm 34:4-7, Psalm 91:11-12
- h. They guide. Genesis 24:7
- i. They give directions. Acts 8:26
- j. They are involved in prayer. Daniel 9:20-23, Daniel 10:2-21, Psalm 10:19-20, Joel 2:11
 - i. Prayer
 - **1. Daniel 9:22** instruction, insight, understanding.
 - **2. Daniel 10:11** understanding.
 - **3. Daniel 10:12** angelic visitation.
 - **4. Daniel 10:13** demonic intervention/angelic warfare.
 - **5. Daniel 10:14** interpreting prophetic vision/ future understanding.
 - v12, He set his heart on understanding Jeremiah's 70 years
 - **6. Daniel 10:18** human-like appearance touched me and strengthened me.
 - **7. Daniel 10:19** he spoke (the angel), and Daniel was strengthened.

19The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all. 20Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word. 21Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will.

Psalm 103:19-21 NASB

- 19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word. 21 Bless (affectionately,

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gratefully praise) the Lord, all you His hosts, you His ministers who do His pleasure.

Psalm 103:19-21 AMPC

- Angels are mighty in strength.
- They perform His Word.
- They obey the voice of His Word.
- In prayer, we can call on the mighty strength of angels and give them the Word of God to perform, to act on and we can give voice to God's Word to give the angels His word to obey. Angels serve Him and us by doing His will according to His Word.

1. Old Testament Appearance

- a. To Moses (to call a deliverer) Exodus 3:1-2
- b. To Gideon (to bring deliverance) Judges 6:11-24
- c. To Manoah/wife (to conceive a deliverer) Judges 13:1-21
- d. To Elisha (to provide support) II Kings 6:17
- e. To David (to bring judgement) II Samuel 24:15-17
- f. To Balaam (to bring judgement) Numbers 22:22-23

2. New Testament Appearances

- a. Introduction: John 1:51, Hebrews 12:18-24
- **b.** To Zacharias **Luke 1:11-20**
- **c.** To Mary **Luke 1:26-38**
- d. To Joseph Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:13-23
- e. To the shepherds Luke 2:8-15
- f. To Mary Magdalene Matthew 28:1-7
- g. To the apostles Acts 1:9-11, Acts 5:17-20
- h. To Cornelius Acts 10:1-5
- i. To Peter Acts 12:5-16
- i. To Herod Acts 12:20-23
- k. To Paul Acts 27:22-25
- I. To John Revelations 1:1-2, Revelations 22:12-16
- m. To many unawares Hebrews 13:2, Judges 13:2-3, Judges 13: 11-22