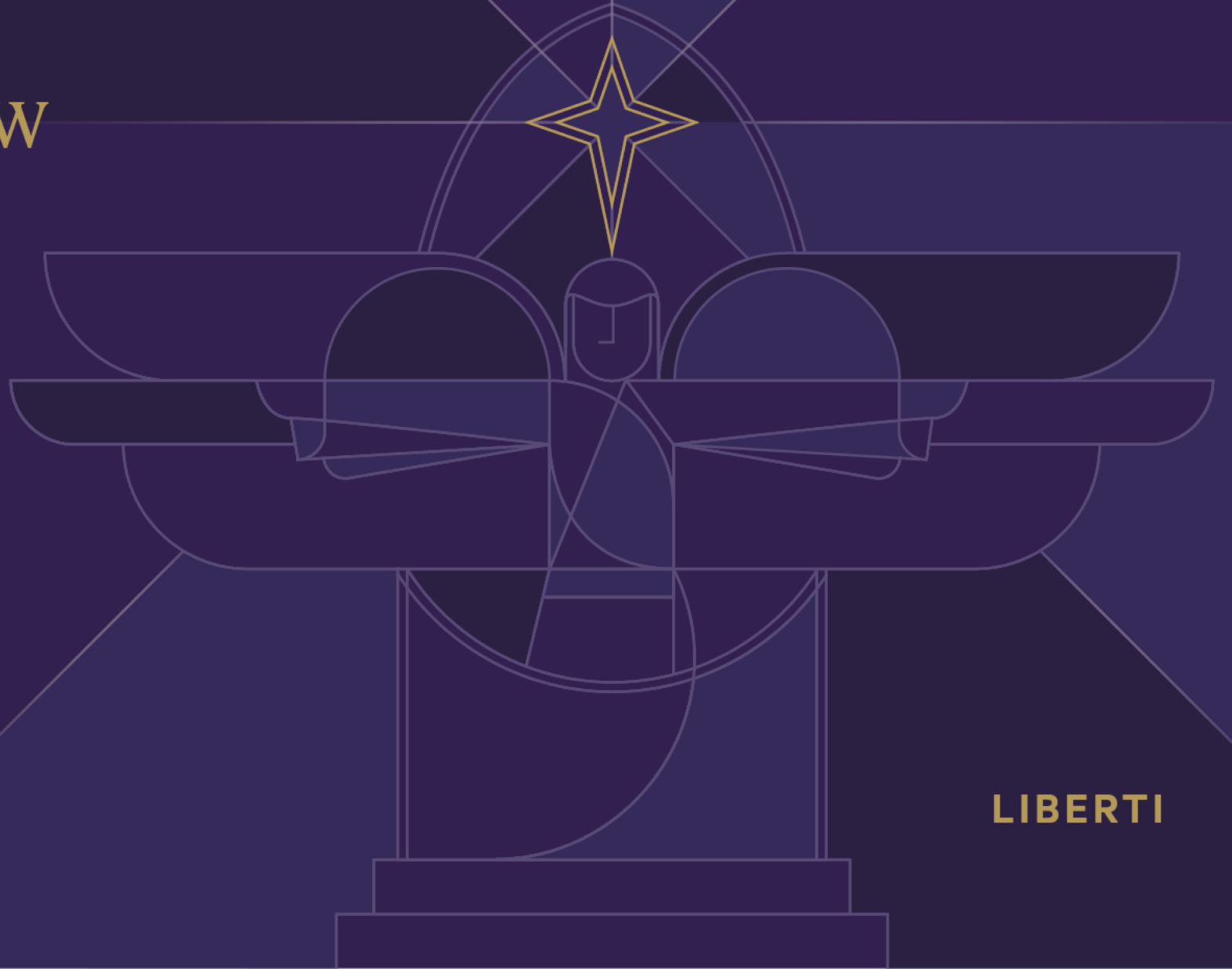


An Angel's View of Christmas

Part One: 1 Peter 1:3-12

What Angels Long to See



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What Angels Longs To See



1 Peter 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...



What Angels Longs To See



1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.



What Angels Longs To See



1 Peter 1:10-12

¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.



“There are two equal opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

C.S Lewis







Hebrews 13:2

² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.





Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.² 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. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”



Revelation 22:8-9

And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”



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- Created beings;
- Spiritual beings;
- Of various kind & rank;
- Powerful, wise...and limited;
- Extremely numerous.



What Angels Are



1 Peter 1:10,12

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“That is what keeps them riveted. Your salvation is like a book they can’t put down, because they can’t wait to see what happens next...Angels may be greater in power, but saints are greater in privilege. Because you have something they don’t. Jesus did something for you that he never did for them. If you could somehow talk to an angel and ask, “What’s got you so curious? Why are you so interested in my little life?” He would say, “It’s because I have a Creator, but you have a Redeemer.”

Justin Dillehay