ANGELOLOGY





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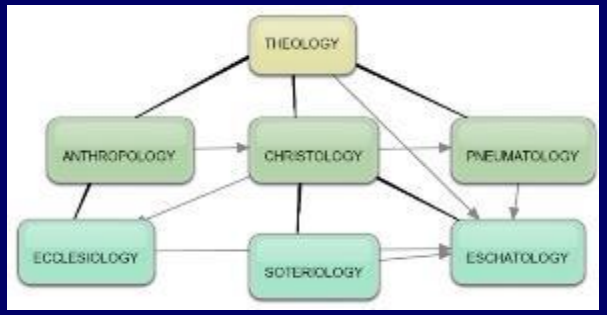
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Areas of Systematic Theology



- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- **Angelology – Study of angels**
- Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end



Preview of Angelology

1. **Good angels**
2. Satanology
3. Demonology
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



Preview

A. **Existence**
B. Origin
C. Nature
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E. Names and classifications
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Existence

- OT – 108 references
- NT – 165 references


THE ANGELS' SONG AND THE SHEPHERDS' VISIT

Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 2:3

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Origin

- Created by God – Col 1:16
- Time of creation
  - Before the earth (Job 38:4-7)
  - Perhaps on the first two creation days (Gen 1:1; Exod 20:11; Ps 148:2-5; Gen 2:1)
- Created as angels
  - Not human (Heb 12:22-23)
  - Not deity (Rev 19:10)

Origin
(cont'd)

- Created with creaturely limitations
  - Not omnipresent (Dan 9:22-23)
  - Not omnipotent (Dan 10:13)
  - Not omniscient (Matt 24:36; 1 Pet 1:12)



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Nature

- Personhood
  - Attributes
    - Intellect (1 Pet 1:12)
    - Emotions (Luke 15:10)
    - Will (Ps 103:20)
  - Actions
    - Desire (1 Pet 1:12)
    - Talk (Luke 1:13)
- Confirmed in holiness (1 Tim 5:21; Rev 14:10)

Nature
(cont'd)

- Power
  - Relative to man (2 Pet 2:11)
  - Relative to God (2 Pet 2:11)
- Material
  - Spiritual (Heb 1:7, 14)
  - Physical Gen 18–19; Heb 13:2)
- Gender
  - Male? (Gen 19, masculine pronouns)
  - Neuter? Cannot reproduce, Spirit, no female angels

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Appearance

- On earth: men (Acts 1:10)
- In heaven
  - Seraphim (Isa 6)
  - Cherubim (Ezek 1; 10)
  - Living creatures (Rev 4:6-8)
  - An angel (Rev 10:1-3)

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Names and Classifications

- General
  - Angels
  - Ministering spirits (Heb 1:14)
  - Heavenly hosts (Luke 2:13)
  - Watchers (Dan 4:13-17)
  - Sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)
  - Stars (Rev 12:3-4, 9)

Names and Classifications (cont'd)

- Specific
  - Cherub(im) – Gen 3:24; Exod 25:17-22
  - Seraph(im) – Isa 6:2, 6
  - Michael – Dan 12:1; Jude 9; Rev 12:7
  - Gabriel – Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:18-19, 26-38

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- Past
  - Witnessed creation (Job 38:7)
  - Brought judgment (Gen 19:22; Acts 12:22-23)
  - Accompanied the Law (Gal 3:19)
  - Announced births of John and Christ (Luke 1:11-13, 26-27)
  - Strengthened Christ (Matt 4:11)
  - Announced resurrection (Matt 28:1-7)
  - Observed Ascension (Acts 1:11)
  - Brought messages (Luke 1:13)

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Activities of the Angels (cont'd)

- Present
  - Protect believers (Ps 34:7; 91:11-12)
  - Deliver God's answers to prayer (Dan 9:23; 10:12)
  - Take souls to heaven (Luke 16:22)
  - Involvement in government (Dan 10:21; 11:1; 12:1)

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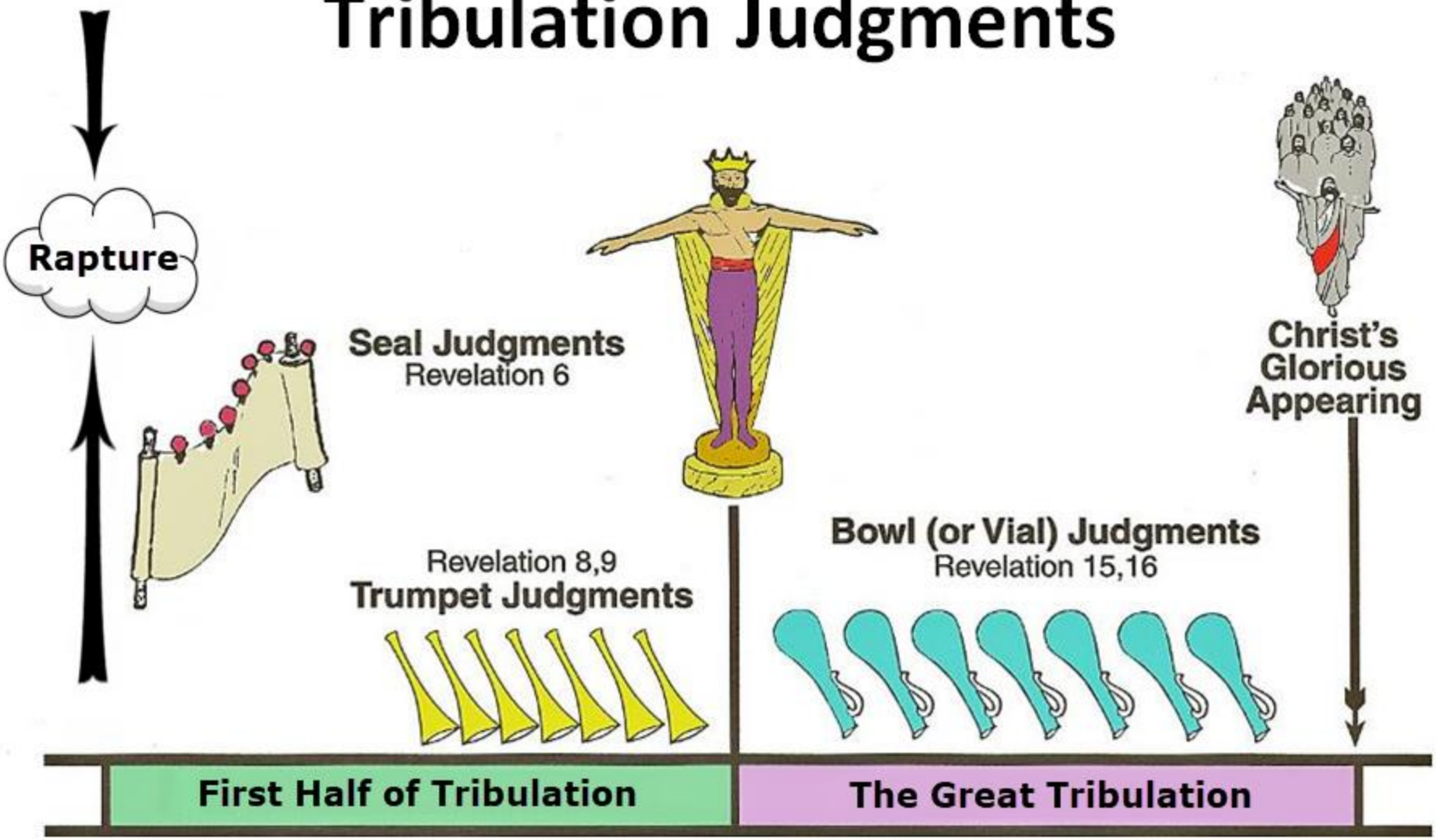
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