ANGELOLOGY





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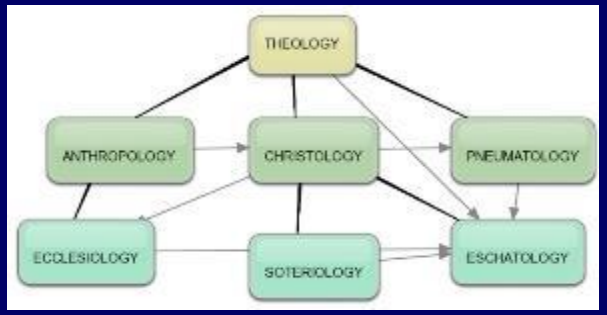
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Areas of Systematic Theology



- 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
D. Appearance
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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)

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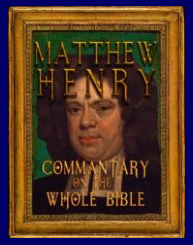
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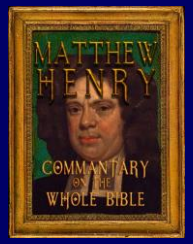
"Some think the word Michael represents Christ, and I do not object to this opinion…Michael may mean an angel; but I embrace the opinion of those who refer this to the person of Christ, because it suits the subject best to represent him as standing forward for the defence of his elect people."



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"Jesus Christ shall appear his church's patron and protector: At that time, when the persecution is at the hottest, Michael shall stand up, v. 1. The angel had told Daniel what a firm friend Michael was to the church, ch. 10:21. He all along showed this friendship in the upper world; the angels knew it; but now Michael shall stand up in his providence, and work deliverance for the Jews, when he sees that their power is gone, Deu. 32:3. 6. Christ is that great prince, for he is the prince of the kings of the earth, Rev. 1:5. And, if he stand up for his church, who can be against it?...But this is not all: At that time (that is, soon after) Michael shall stand up for the working out of our eternal salvation; the Son of God shall …



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"… be incarnate, shall be manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Christ stood for the children of our people when he was made sin and a curse for them, stood in their stead as a sacrifice, bore the cure for them, to bear it from them. He stands for them in the intercession he ever lives to make within the veil, stands up for them, and stands their friend. And after the destruction of antichrist, of whom Antiochus was a type, Christ shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, shall appear for the complete redemption of all his…When Christ appears he will recompense tribulation to those that trouble his people."

Why Michael the Archangel is Not Jesus Christ

1. Michael = one among many (Dan. 10:13) vs. Jesus = one of a kind (John 3:16; Rev. 19:16)
2. Jesus created the angels (Col. 1:16) including Michael
3. Jesus is higher than the angels (Heb. 1–2)
    a. Angels not Sons (Heb. 1:5) vs. Jesus a Son (Matt. 3:17)
    b. Angels to worship Son (Heb. 1:6; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)
    c. Angels not rule world (Heb. 2:5) vs. Jesus will (Ps. 2:6)

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4. Michael does not rebuke Satan (Jude 9) vs. Jesus does (Matt. 4:10; 16:23)

5. Michael is distinguished from the Lord (Jude 9; Philip. 2:11)

6. Jesus (Rev. 12:5) distinguished from Michael (Rev. 12:7)

7. Jesus does not actually speak with the voice of the Archangel (1 Thess. 4:16) but may be accompanied by Michael (2 Thess. 1:7)

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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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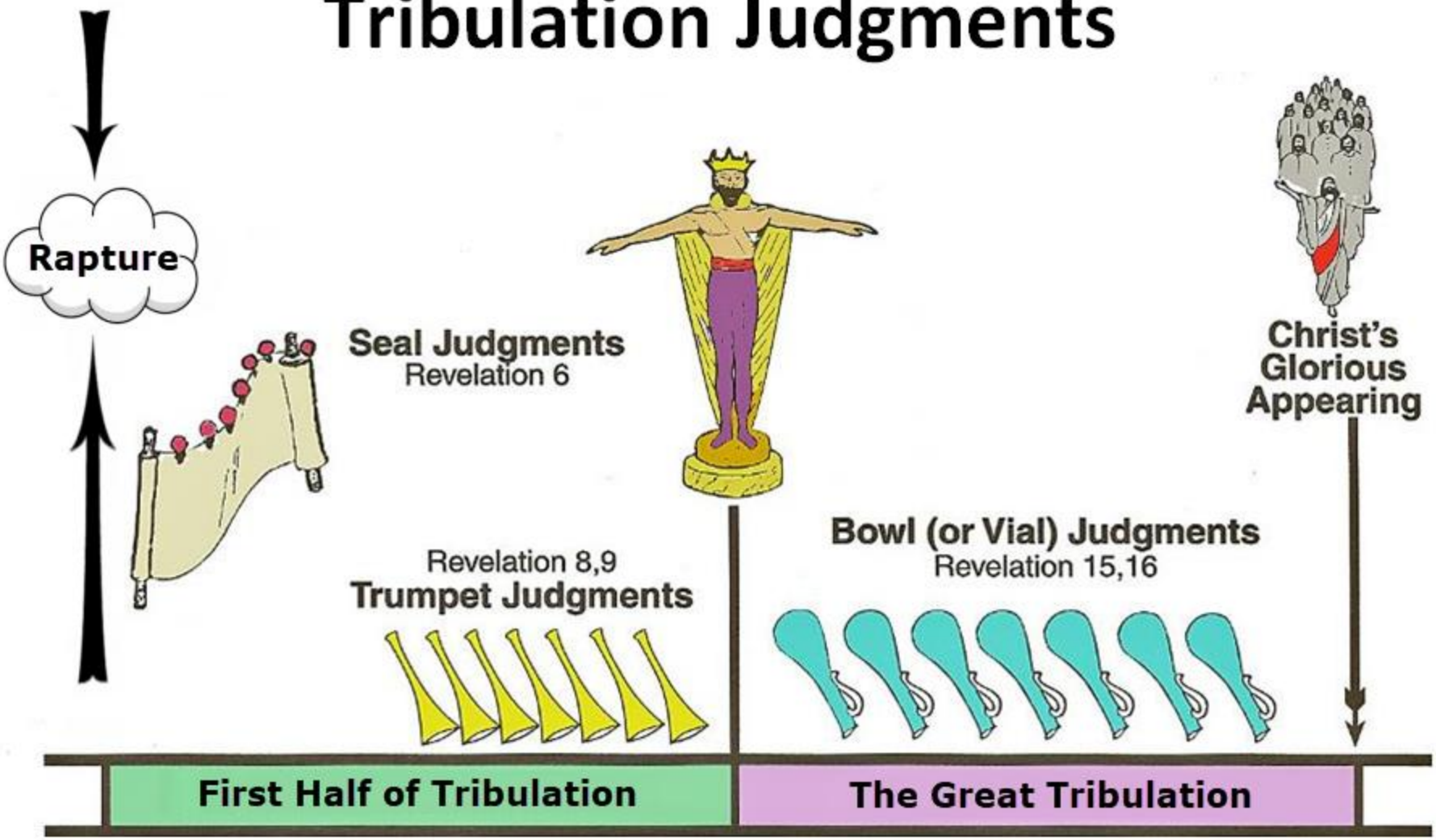
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