

# Zechariah 3 Pt 1 The Angel of the LORD

Jesus

1. Vision of 4 Horses
2. Vision of 4 Horns
3. Vision of 4 Craftsmen
4. Vision of Measuring Line
5. **Vision of the High Priest**

**1** Then he showed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before the **Angel of the Lord**, and **Satan** [lit. *the adversary*] standing at his right hand to **oppose him**. **2** And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! **The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem** rebuke you! *Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?*" **3** Now Joshua was **clothed with filthy garments**, and was standing before the Angel. **4** Then [Angel of the LORD] answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." **5** And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And **the Angel of the Lord** stood by.

**3 Players in Fifth Vision:** Joshua the high Priest/Satan and...

## **The Angel of the LORD**

- **Angel** of the LORD: heb. *mal-awk'* lit Messenger.
- **Not an angel** but **The Angel of the LORD** Jesus messenger of the Father

Second Person of Trinity...One God/Three Persons...  
**Definitively Differentiated from Created Beings...**

**Hebrews 1:1** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also **He made the worlds**; **3** who being the brightness of His glory and the **express image of His person**, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **5** For to which of the angels did He ever say: "**You are My Son**, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

**God the Father declares Jesus to be God the Son**

**[Continued] ...6** But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God **worship Him**." **...8** But to the Son He says: "**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever**; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. **9** You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; **Therefore God, Your God**, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." **[Father to the Son...]** **10** And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. **11** They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; **12** Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they

will be changed. But **You are the same**, And Your years will not fail." 13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?

## Second Person of Trinity...One God/Three Persons... **Definitively Differentiated from Created Beings...**

- **Jesus is The Angel of the LORD.** Not a created being but **Creator of all beings**
- **Jesus is declared to be God the Son** by God the Father. **Jesus has always existed**

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- **Throughout the OT** Jesus manifests Himself as the **Angel of the LORD**
- **IOWs The Angel of the LORD** in the OT is the **preincarnate Jesus Christ**

## **How do we know?**

**Hermeneutics:** Theory/methodology of interpretation, especially the interpretation of biblical texts. Hermeneutics is more than interpretative principles or methods used when immediate comprehension fails and includes the art of **understanding and communication**

- **Hermeneutics:** Methods of interpreting Scripture [not excluding Holy Spirit's revelation]

**Hermeneutical Law of First Mention:** The law (or principle or rule) of first mention is a guideline for studying Scripture. The law of first mention says that, to understand a particular word or doctrine, we must find the first place in Scripture that word or doctrine is revealed and study that passage. The Bible's first mention of a concept is the simplest/clearest presentation; doctrines are then more fully developed on that foundation. So, to fully understand an important and complex theological concept we start with its "first mention."

- **First Mention of The Angel of the LORD**

1. God promises Abram/Sarai a child. Can't wait on God so...
2. Sarai gives Egyptian maid to Abe to help God keep His promise
3. Hagar becomes pregnant/Sarai becomes mad/Throws Hagar out...

Pregnant. No place to go, No Hope for Future

**First mention of The Angel of the LORD is to an outcast...**

**Genesis 16:7** Now the **Angel of the LORD** found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." 9 The **Angel of the LORD** said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." 10 Then the **Angel of the LORD** said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." 11 And the **Angel of the LORD** said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." 13 Then she **called the name of the Lord who spoke to her**, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

- **What can we learn** from First Mention of The Angel of the LORD?

1. He to her First to an outcast
2. He questions her As God did Adam. Where are you?
3. He instructs her Return/Submit. Speaks w/authority
4. He prophesies about her Multitude of descendants
5. He is **definitively identified by Hagar...**

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She called on the name of the Angel of the LORD: **You are the God who sees**  
First Mention of The Angel of the LORD is that He is God

- **Jesus:** The Good Shepherd Jesus Christ who peruses the lost
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Mention of The Angel of the LORD**

1. Abe now 100 receives the Promised son of faith by Sarah
2. Isaac [laughter] is now late 20 early 30's
3. Abe called to sacrifice Isaac who whom God promised many descendants
4. 3 Day Journey to Mt. Moriah. Me and boy will be back. Knife is up...

**Nothing makes sense.** Abraham acts on faith

**Genesis 22:11** But the **Angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, **from Me.**" 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." 15 Then the **Angel of the LORD** called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have **obeyed My voice.**"

- **What can we learn** from this mention of The Angel of the LORD?

1. He claims to be God Did not withhold your son from Me/One who asked
2. He provides substitute Ram in place of Isaac
3. He claims to be God again By Myself I have sworn SAYS THE LORD
4. He prophesies to Abe By your Seed I will bless the entire world

- Jacob speaks of **The Angel who redeemed him**

**Genesis 48:15** And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, 16 **The Angel** who has redeemed me from all evil.."

**All the Attributes of God because He is God**

**Exodus 3:1** Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the **Angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Every Word that follows from the Burning Bush...  
**Is spoken by the Angel of the LORD**

**[Continued] ...3** Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." 4 So when **the Lord saw** that he turned aside to look, **God called to him from the midst of the bush** and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was **afraid to look upon God**. [vv7-10 God give Moses instructions] **...11** But Moses said **to God**, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 So He said, "**I will certainly be with you**. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 Then Moses **said to God**, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, '**What is His name?**' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.' "

- **Seven I AM** Statements from Jesus of Himself
  1. **I am** the bread of life
  2. **I am** the light of the world
  3. **I am** the door of the sheep
  4. **I am** the resurrection and the life
  5. **I am** the good shepherd
  6. **I am** the way, the truth, and the life
  7. **I am** the true vine

Because Jesus is the Angel of the LORD  
**Jesus is the voice from the Burning Bush. The I AM**

- How important is it to believe **Jesus is the I AM?**

**John 8:24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I am** [He not in orig.], you will die in your sins."

- **Balaam asked to curse Israel...**

**Numbers 22:22** Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the **Angel of the LORD** took His stand in the way as an adversary against him... [Vv 23-31 5x] **...31** Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the **Angel of the LORD** standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and **fell flat on his face**. 32 And the **Angel of the LORD** said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I

have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me. 33 The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live." 34 And Balaam said to the **Angel of the LORD**, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back." 35 Then the **Angel of the LORD** said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." ...

- **V31 Balaam falls on his face** before the Angel of the LORD
- **V32 AOL calls out sin: Your way is perverse before Me**
- **V34 Balaam confesses sin to AOL** [David: Against you alone...]

**Note:** Continuity of Scripture within different books. Back to Law of First Mention

- **The Angel of the LORD** revealed as the One who **led Israel from bondage**

**Judges 2:1** Then the **Angel of the Lord** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "**I led you up from Egypt** and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers ...**2b** you have not obeyed My voice ... 4 So it was, when the **Angel of the Lord** spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept. [c.f. 5:23]

**John 8:36** Therefore if the Son makes you free, **you shall be free indeed.**

**Judges 6:11** Now the **Angel of the LORD** came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the **Angel of the LORD** appeared to him, and said to him, "**The Lord is with you**, you mighty man of valor!" 13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." 14 **Then the Lord turned** to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" 15 So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." 17 Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back." 19 So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. 20 **The Angel of God** said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. 21 Then the **Angel of the LORD** put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the **Angel of the LORD** departed out of his sight. 22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the **Angel of the LORD**. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the **Angel of the LORD** face to face."

- **V14 Then the Lord** turned to him
- **V20 Angel of God** synonymous w/The Angel of the LORD
- **V22 Gideon perceive** that He was The Angel of the LORD. Feared he would die

**Exodus 33:20** You cannot see My face; for **no man shall see Me, and live.**

Feared that He would die, yet ...  
**As the Angel of the LORD, God could be seen by man**

- **The Angel of the LORD** in story of Samson

**Judges 13:3** And the **Angel of the LORD** appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. 5 For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." [Vv 6-12 speaks to Samson's parents] 13 So the **Angel of the LORD** said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. 14 She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe." 15 Then Manoah said to the **Angel of the LORD**, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You." 16 And the **Angel of the LORD** said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the Lord." [For Manoah did not know He was the **Angel of the LORD**.] 17 Then Manoah said to the **Angel of the LORD**, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?" 18 And the **Angel of the LORD** said to him, "**Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?**" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the Lord. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on— 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the **Angel of the LORD** ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 When the **Angel of the LORD** appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the **Angel of the LORD**.

- **Receives** Sacrifice
- **Called** Wonderful

**Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...And His name will be called **Wonderful**

- **Angel of LORD** commands David to buy Threshing Floor [Later 1 Chron. 21]

**2 Samuel 24:16b** ...the **angel of the LORD** was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

- **The Angel of the LORD** ministers to Elijah.

**1 Kings 19:5** [After running from Jezebel Elijah] slept under a broom tree, suddenly an **Angel** touched him, and said to him, "Arise *and* eat." <sup>6</sup> Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the **Angel of the Lord** came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you."

**Mark 10:45** [Jesus the Servant] For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- Jesus has met Abe, Moses, Balaam, David, Samsons parents and Elijah
- **2 Kings 1:3-15 Angel of the LORD** 2x speaks to Elijah

- **The Angel of the LORD instrument of God's wrath OT/NT**

**2 Kings 19:35** And it came to pass on a certain night that the **Angel of the LORD** went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

**Revelation 6:16** [Unrepentant Trib sinners] ...said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the **wrath of the Lamb!**"

- **1 Chronicles 21** David given 3 choices of Judgment for sinful census
  1. **Three Years** famine
  2. **Three Months** being thrashed by enemies
  3. **Three Days** of the sword of the LORD, i.e. **The Angel of the LORD**

**1 Chronicles 21:13** And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." <sup>14</sup> So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. <sup>15</sup> And God sent an [or **the**] angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the Lord looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the **Angel of the LORD** stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>16</sup> Then David lifted his eyes and saw the **Angel of the Lord** standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. <sup>17</sup> And **David said to God**, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O Lord my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued." <sup>18</sup> Therefore, the **Angel of the LORD** commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>26</sup> And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the Lord; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering. <sup>27</sup> So the Lord commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath. <sup>28</sup> At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there. ... <sup>30</sup> But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the **Angel of the LORD**.

- **Threshing Floor**
  1. This is where Abe was to sacrifice Isaac
  2. This is where Solomon's was to build the Temple
  3. This is where Jesus was to be sacrificed
- Other C.f. The Angel of the LORD

**Psalms 35:5,6** [David calls on The Angel of the LORD to defend him]

**Isaiah 37:36** [c.f. same incident 2 Kings 19:35]

**Zechariah 1:11 2x**

**Zechariah 3:1,5**

- Also **His Angel:** Gen. 24:7,40
- Also **My Angel:** Ex. 23:23, 32:34,33:2

## **The Angel of the LORD**

Not seen again after Jesus Incarnation

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**Last Mention same as First Mention** Deity of the Angel of the LORD

**Zechariah 12:8** In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the **Angel of the LORD** before them.