



## The Messengers We Encounter

Revelation 12:3-9

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### A. What does the Bible say about angels?

1. 2 groups of spirit creatures and they are at war

Job 38:4,7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Ezekiel 28:11-16

Revelation 12:9

2. They are ambassadors of their commander

3. They are powerful

2 Kings 19:35

Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead.

Luke 8:26-33

3. They are messengers

Matthew 1:20

Luke 1:26-28

Luke 1:8-20

Acts 5:3

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?"

5. They protect or injure

Acts 5:19-20

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."

### B. Contemporary Belief Traps

1. All angels are good  
2 Corinthians 11:14  
No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
2. Angels are spirit guides
4. Angels are feminine
5. People become angels when they die  
1 Corinthians 6:3
5. We all have guardian angels  
Matthew 18:10  
See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

### **C. Our Personal Takeaway**

1. There is an unseen spirit world operating around us
2. Two sides are at war; you are a target
3. There is joy among the angels when a sinner repents



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# Angels

## 24 Facts About Angels

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| 1.  | They are mentioned 273 times in 34 biblical books. |                            |
| 2.  | They were all created by God.                      |                            |
| 3.  | They report directly to God.                       | Job 1:6; 2:1               |
| 4.  | They were present at the Creation of the world.    | Job 38:1, 4, 7             |
| 5.  | They announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds.      | Luke 2:10–14               |
| 6.  | They do not marry.                                 | Matthew 22:30              |
| 7.  | Their purpose is to glorify God.                   | Revelation 4:8             |
| 8.  | Some angels help human beings                      | Hebrews 1:14               |
| 9.  | Some angels (demons) harm human beings.            | Mark 5:1–5                 |
| 10. | They are spirit beings.                            | Ps. 104:4. Heb. 1:7, 14    |
| 11. | They are innumerable.                              | Dan. 7:9–10. Rev. 5:11     |
| 12. | They possess intelligence.                         | Matt. 1:18-21. Luke 1:8-20 |
| 13. | They are more intelligent than men.                | Dan. 9:21–22; 10:14        |
| 14. | They possess will.                                 | Luke 1:8-20                |
| 15. | They display joy.                                  | Job 38:7. Luke 2:13        |
| 16. | They display desire.                               | 1 Peter. 1:12              |
| 17. | They are stronger than men.                        | 2 Thess. 1:7. 2 Peter. 2:1 |
| 18. | They are swifter than men.                         | Dan. 9:21. Rev 14:6        |
| 19. | They are not omnipresent.                          | Daniel 10:12               |
| 20. | They are not omnipotent.                           | Daniel 10:13. Jude 9       |
| 21. | They are not omniscient.                           | Matthew 24:36              |
| 22. | Some are cherubim.                                 | Ezekiel 1:1–28; 10:20      |
| 23. | Some are seraphim.                                 | Isaiah 6:1–8               |
| 24. | The majority remained true to God.                 | Revelation 12:3-9          |

## Angels in Action

They are messengers and ministers of God:

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| to Daniel.                | Daniel 6:22           |
| to Zacharias.             | Luke 1:11–20          |
| to Mary.                  | Luke 1:26-33          |
| to Joseph.                | Matt. 1:20; 2:13, 19  |
| to the shepherds.         | Luke 2:9–12           |
| to the women at the tomb. | Luke 24:4–7           |
| to the apostles.          | Acts 1:10–11          |
| to Philip.                | Acts 8:26             |
| to Cornelius.             | Acts 10:3–6           |
| to John.                  | Revelation 17:1; 21:9 |

They protected:

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| Lot from the Sodomites.  | Genesis 19:10–11 |
| Elisha from the Syrians. | 2 Kings 6:15–17  |

They comfort.

1 Kings 19:5. Acts 27:23–24

They deliver.	Acts 5:19; 12:7	
They escort us at death.	Luke 16:22	
They judge:		
the Egyptians	Exodus 12:13; 23	
the Sodomites	Genesis 19:13	
the Assyrians	2 Kings 19:35	
Kings - Herod	Acts 12:23	
In Revelation they:		
pronounce the seven trumpet judgments.		Revelation 8:2
cast Satan and his angels out of heaven.		Revelation 12:7–8
pour out the seven vial judgments.		Revelation 15:1
announce Armageddon.		Revelation 19:17
They accompany Christ at his second coming.		2 Thessalonians 1:7–8
They gather the unsaved for eternal hell.		Matthew 13:39–43
An angel binds Satan in the bottomless pit.		Revelation 20:1–2
For Israel they:		
fight		Judges 5:20
seal the 144,000 Israelites		Revelation 7:1–4
will regather the faithful.		Matthew 24:31
To Israel they gave the law.		Deuteronomy 33:2. Acts 7:53.
		Galatians 3:19. Hebrews 2:2.
Concerning Christ:		
They worship Him.		Hebrews 1:6
They were made by Him and for Him.		Colossians 1:17
They predicted His birth.		Matthew 1:20–21. Luke 1:31
They announced His birth.		Luke 2:9–14
They helped protect Him.		Psalms 91:11. Matt. 2:13
They ministered to Him in the wilderness.		Matthew 4:11
They ministered to Him in the garden.		Luke 22:43
They rolled away the tombstone.		Matthew 28:2
They announced his resurrection.		Matthew 28:5–6
They predicted his second coming.		Acts 1:10–11
They are in total subjection to him.		1 Peter 3:22

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