

Syllabus

Angels (מַלְאָכִים /cǎγγελος) and Demons (דַּיְמוֹן / δαίμων)

1- Introduction

There has been much speculation about angles and demons; however, in this study we will attempt to unveil only what is plainly revealed in the Scripture.

2- Origen of Angels and Classification Ps 148:2; Col 1:16; Jb 38:7

a- Referred to as בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים (sons of God) (Gen 6:2,4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7

b- They are referred to as divine beings בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים Psalms 29:1; 82:1;89:6-7

c- Common term is angel of the Lord or angel מַלְאָכֵי־יְהוָה translated in the LXX; Gk- aggelos

3- Types of Angels

a- Cherub Gen 3:24; Ex 25:18; 26:31; 2 Chronicles 3:7

b- Seraphim- (Is 6:1-8)

c- Living Creatures

d- Watchers

f- Horses and Chariots of Fire

g- Archangels that are named- Michael, Gabriel; Others, Lucifer, Azzazel; also Raphael and Uriel in non-canonical literature. (Dn 8:16; 9:21; 10:13; Lk 1:19, 26; Jude 9; Rv 12:7-9).

4- God refer to as an מַלְאָךְ, and מַלְאָכֵי־יְהוָה Malachi 3:1; Gen 16:7; 18:14; 22:11; 31:11; Exodus 3:2; 23:20

5- The works and deeds of Angels- one angel slew 185,000 men (2 Kings 19:35) announce good news (Jgs 13:3), warn of danger (Gn 19:15), guard from evil (Dn 3:28; 6:22), guide and protect (Ex 14:19), nourish (Gn 21:14-20; 1 Kgs 19:4-7), or instruct (Acts 7:38; Gal 3:19); Jesus spoke about the guardian angels of little children (Mt 18:10). Philip was guided by an angel (Acts 8:26). Apostles were rescued from prison by an angel (Acts 5:19; 12:7-11). In a frightening situation, the apostle Paul was encouraged by an angel (Acts 27:21-25). It was an angel who struck Herod Agrippa dead (Acts 12:21-23).

6- Fallen Angels (Lk 10:18; Jb 1:6-12; Mt 25:41; 2 Pt 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9)

a- origen- Is 14:12; Ez 28:13

b- appearance

c- structure and activities

7- Demons- The word demon is derived from the Greek word δαίμων (daimon). Actually the term is more properly translated devil

a- Distinction between angels and demons

a- OT (found twice) Deut 32:17; Psalms 106:37

b- NT (246 times- demons and devils)

8- Classifications of Demons

a- Unclean spirits once in OT Zach 13:2; 44x in NT

b- Familiar spirits (OT only 32x

c- spirit of infirmity Luke 13:11)

9- Works and Deeds of Angels and Demons Eph 2:2

