

ANGELS

Angels — Angels are spirit beings that God created even before He created the universe (as the Bible mentions in Job 38:1-7 that they shouted for joy at its creation). They are “messengers” of God and do His will. The two most powerful angels mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael and Gabriel (Jude 1:9; Luke 1:19). Angels are in heaven (Revelation 5:11-12) but are sometimes sent to earth to aid God’s people (Daniel 9:21-23).

Job 38:1-7 — Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the *morning stars* sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Jude 1:9 — Yet *Michael the archangel*, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

Revelation 12:7-12 — And war broke out in heaven: *Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought*, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So *the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan*, who DECEIVES the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and *his angels [demons]* were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the *kingdom of our God*, and the power of His Christ have come, for the ACCUSER of

our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And *they overcame him* by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! *For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.*”

Luke 1:19 — And the *angel* answered and said to him, “I am *Gabriel*, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.”

Luke 1:26-28 — Now in the sixth month *the angel Gabriel* was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the *angel* said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”

Daniel 8:16-17 — And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, “*Gabriel*, make this man understand the vision.” So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the *time of the end*.”

Daniel 9:21-23 — yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man *Gabriel*, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.”

Daniel 10:11-21 — And he [*Gabriel?*] said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, *Michael [the archangel]*, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people *in the latter days*, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.” When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.” Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. No one upholds me against these, except *Michael your prince.*”

Daniel 12:1-4 — “At that time *Michael* shall stand up, the *great prince* who stands watch over the sons of your peo-

ple; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. THOSE WHO ARE WISE SHALL SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT, AND THOSE WHO TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE THE STARS FOREVER AND EVER. “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and *seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.*”

Revelation 5:11-12 — Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many *angels* around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”