

## Angels in the Bible

Hebrew – *malak* – messenger; representative; angel.

Greek – ἄγγελος – a messenger; one sent to announce or proclaim.

Created by God – Psalm 148:1-6

Present at creation – Job 38:4-7

They don't die – Luke 20:36

They are spirit beings (non-physical) – Luke 24:39

They are innumerable – Hebrews 12:22

Angels (my definition) – “innumerable, created, spirit beings who are neither divine nor human that are involved in the revelation of God's will and the accomplishment of His purposes.”

*Angel(s)* found 292 times in 15 OT books and 17 NT books.

2 named: Michael – Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7.

Gabriel – Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Lk. 1:19, 26.

Angels are always masculine.

Different classes of angels:

1. Cherubim (a winged, powerful, angelic servant of God – not infants)
  - a. Gen. 3:24
  - b. Ex. 25:18-20, 22; 26:1, 31; 36:8, 35; 37:7-9
  - c. Num. 7:89
  - d. 1 Sam. 4:4
  - e. 2 Sam. 6:2; 22:11
  - f. 1 Kg. 6:23-29, 32, 35; 7:29, 36; 8:6-7
  - g. 2 Kg. 19:15
  - h. 1 Chr. 13:6; 28:18
  - i. 2 Chr. 3:7, 11-14; 5:7-8
  - j. Ps. 18:10; 80:1; 99:1
  - k. Isa. 37:16
  - l. Eze. 10:1-3, 5-9, 14-16, 18-20; 11:22; 28:14, 16; 41:18, 20, 25
  - m. Heb. 9:5
2. Seraphim (a 6-winged servant of God)
  - a. Isa. 6:2, 6

Called:

1. Sons of God – Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7
2. Host of heaven – Neh. 9:6; 1 Kg. 22:19; 1 Chr. 18:18

3. Hosts of heaven – Ps. 80:14; Isa. 37:16; Jer. 44:25; Hag. 2:6; Mal. 3:10
4. Commander of the Lord's army – Joshua 5:13-15
5. Archangels (Michael) – 1 Thes. 4:16; Jude 9
6. Chariots – 2 Kg. 6:16-18

### Angels in the OT

**Genesis** 16:7-11 – Angel of the Lord appears to Hagar

19:1, 15 – two angels visit Sodom

21:17 – Angel of the Lord speaks to Hagar

22:11, 15 – Angel of the Lord speaks to Abraham

24:7, 40 – an angel helps find a bride for Isaac

28:12 – angels on Jacob's ladder

31:11 – Angel of God speaks to Jacob in a dream

32:1 – Angels of God met Jacob

48:16 – a blessing for Ephraim and Manasseh

**Exodus** 3:2 – Angel of the Lord appears to Moses

14:19 – Angel of God with Israel

23:20, 23 – Angel of God with Israel

32:34 – God's Angel to go with Israel

33:2 – God's Angel to go before Israel

**Numbers** 20:16 – Angel brought Israel out of Egypt

22:22-35 – Angel of the Lord and Balaam

**Judges** 2:1, 4 – Angel of the Lord speaks to Israel

5:23 – Angel of the Lord in Deborah's song

6:11-12, 20-22 – Angel of the Lord appears to Gideon

13:3-22 – Samson's parents see the Angel of God/the Lord

**2 Samuel** 24:16-17 – the angel who struck from Dan to Beersheba because of David

**1 Kings** 13:18 – a false prophet claimed an angel spoke to him

19:5, 7 – Angel of the Lord fed Elijah

**2 Kings** 1:3, 15 – Angel of the Lord speak to Elijah

19:35 – Angel of the Lord kills 185,000 Assyrians

**1 Chronicles** 21:12-30 – Angel of the Lord struck Israel because of David

**2 Chronicles** 32:21 – Angel of the Lord strikes Assyrians

**Job** 4:18

**Psalms** 8:5 – man is a little lower than the angels

34:7 – Angel of the Lord encamps around the faithful

35:5-6 – Angel of the Lord against God’s enemies

68:17 – chariots of God

78:25, 49 – angels’ food...angels destroyed Israel

91:11-12 – angels to protect the faithful

103:20-21 – servants of God who excel in strength

104:4 – God’s servants a “flame of fire”

148:2 – they praise God

**Isaiah** 37:36 – Angel of the Lord strikes 185,000 Assyrians

63:9 – Angel of God’s presence among Israel

**Daniel** 3:28 – Angel of God with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego

6:22 – God’s Angel shut the lions’ mouths

**Hosea** 12:4 – Jacob wrestled with the Angel of God

**Zechariah** 1:9-21 – angels and the Angel of the Lord

2:3 – angel talked with Zechariah

3 – the Angel of the Lord in a vision

4 – angel speaks with Zechariah

5:5-10 – angel speaks with Zechariah

6:4-5 – angel speaks with Zechariah

12:8 – Angel of the Lord

## Angels in the NT

**Matthew** 1:20, 24 – an angel speaks to Joseph

2:13, 19 – an angel appears to Joseph about fleeing to Egypt and then returning

4:6, 11 – Satan quotes Psalm 91:11...angels minister to Jesus after the temptation

13:39, 41, 49 – angels in parables

16:27 – angels at judgment

18:10 – angels of little ones in heaven

22:30 – angels not married

24:31 – angels (messengers?) at AD 70

24:36 – angels do not know of that day and hour

25:31 – angels at judgment

25:41 – devil has angels

26:53 – twelve legions of angels

28:2, 5 – angel at empty tomb

**Mark** 1:13 – angels minister to Jesus after temptation

8:38 – angels at judgment

12:25 – angels not married

13:27 – angels (messengers?) at AD 70

13:32 – angels do not know of that day and hour

**Luke** 1:11, 13, 18-19 – angel speaks to Zacharias

1:26, 28, 30, 34-35, 38 – Gabriel speaks to Mary

2:9-10, 13, 15 – angel and multitude of heavenly host with shepherds

2:21 – Gabriel revealed the name of Jesus

4:10 – Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12

9:26 – angels in judgment

12:8-9 – confession

15:10 – angels rejoice at repentance

16:22 – angels carried Lazarus to Abraham's bosom

20:36 – angels not married

22:43 – angel strengthened Jesus in Gethsemane

24:23 – angels at tomb (24:4-7)

**John** 1:51 – angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man

5:4 – angel stirred pool (a suspicion)

12:29 – some thought an angel spoke to Jesus

20:12 – angel at tomb

**Acts** 1:9-11 – angels speak to apostles

5:19 – angel freed apostles

6:15 – face of an angel

7:30, 35, 38 – Angel of the Lord

7:53 – law delivered by angels

8:26 – angel told Philip to go to eunuch

10:3, 7, 22; 11:13 – angel spoke to Cornelius

12:7-11 – angel frees Peter

12:15 – thought it was Peter's "angel"

12:23 – angel struck Herod

23:8-9 – Sadducees say no angels...if Paul has spoken by an angel

27:23 – an angel communicated with Paul

**Romans** 8:38 – angels

**1 Corinthians** 4:9 – apostles made a spectacle to angels and men

6:3 – Christians to judge angels

11:10 – angels are under authority

13:1 – tongues of angels

**2 Corinthians** 11:14 – Satan can appear to be an angel of light

**Galatians** 1:8 – angels teach no other doctrine

3:19 – Law appointed through angels

4:14 – Paul received as an angel (messenger?) of God

**Colossians** 2:18 – worship of angels

**2 Thessalonians** 1:7 – revealed from heaven with Jesus

**1 Timothy** 3:16 – Christ was seen by angels

5:21 – a charge before the elect angels

**Hebrews** 1:4-7 – Jesus better than angels

1:13-14 – angels are God’s ministering spirits

2:2 – Law spoken by angels

2:5, 7, 9, 16 – Jesus is superior to angels

12:22 – innumerable angels

13:2 – some have unwittingly entertained angels

**1 Peter** 1:12 – angels look into salvation

3:22 – angels subject to Jesus

**2 Peter** 2:4 – angels who sinned

2:11 – angels will not do what false teachers do

**Jude** 6 – angels who fell

**Revelation** 1:1 – things revealed to John by angel

1:20 – angels of churches (2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 5, 7, 14 – messengers?)

5:2 – a strong angel wondering who can open the scroll

5:11 – many angels praising God – innumerable

7:1 – four angels holding the four winds

7:2 – another angel ascending from the East

7:11 – angels around the throne

8:2 – seven angels standing before God

8:3-5 – another angel holding golden censor

8:6-12 – four of the seven angels blow trumpets

8:12 – angel in heaven pronouncing woes

9 – fifth and sixth angels blow trumpets

10:1, 5 – another mighty angel

10:8-11 – angel holding book  
11:1 – angel with John  
11:15 – seventh angel blows trumpet  
12:7-9 – Michael and his angels fight Satan and his angels  
14:6-7 – an angel flying in heaven with gospel  
14:8 – a second angel announces fall of Babylon (Rome)  
14:9 – a third angel with a warning  
14:15 – an angel announcing a judgment  
14:17-19 – reaping angels  
15:1, 6-8; 16:1-21 – seven angels with seven last plagues  
17:1, 7 – one of the seven angels with the plagues talked with John  
18:1 – another angel talks with John  
18:21 – a mighty angel  
19:17 – an angel standing in the sun  
20:1 – an angel coming from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit  
21:9, 17 – one of the seven plague angels showed John the bride  
21:12 – twelve angels at each of the twelve gates  
22:6, 8, 16 – angel sent to reveal to John

### **About guardian angels**

There are angels that were sent from God, to His people, in order to protect them (Dan. 6:20-22; Acts 5:17-25).

Catholicism says – “all men have their angels, good and bad,” “it is a dogma of the Christian faith,” “they guide us to good thoughts, works and words, and too preserve us from evil.”

Matthew 18:10 used (no 1 on 1 ratio; no guiding; they’re in heaven beholding God’s face)

For those who do believe in guardian angels, or are open to the possibility, it can be difficult to know when your angel is close by. Here are some signs...

1. You may dream about them.
2. You may see strange color orbs.
3. You may notice a sudden, sweet smell.

4. You might find a white feather.
5. Your baby sees something you can't.
6. You see angels in the clouds.
7. You spot "angel numbers" or repeating numbers (111 or 333).
8. You notice a sudden temperature change.
9. You hear a muffled voice.
10. You feel like you're not alone.
11. You feel a tingling sensation on the top of your head.

The above list is from an article at [www.littlethings.com](http://www.littlethings.com)

My 5 responses to that list...

- It is very subconscious (something you're not fully aware of).
- It is very subjective.
- There is nothing in this list that can be found in Scripture.
- There is no example of any of these happening to anyone in Scripture.
- The Bible is the complete revelation of God's will.