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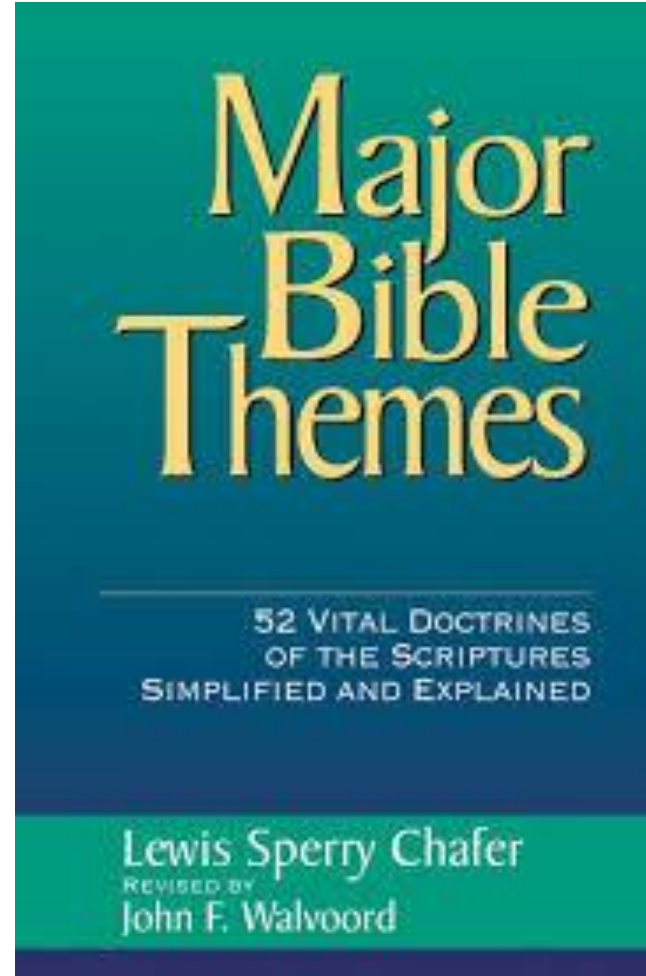
52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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Chapter Twenty two : The Angels

Step # One Chapter Twenty Two : The Angels

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter Twenty Two : The Angels

A. The nature of Angels

B. The Unfallen Angels

C. The Fallen Angels

D. Ministry of Angels

Understand It



MBT Chapter Twenty two Outline

A. The **nature** of Angels

According to Scripture, before the creation of man God created an innumerable company of beings described as angels. Like men, they have personality and are capable of great intelligence and moral responsibility. The word "angel" means messenger and, while referring to a special class of beings, the term is sometimes employed of others who are messengers - such as the angels of the seven churches of Asia and the term is sometimes used of ordinary human messengers. The term is also used of the spirits of men who have died but when so used it should not be concluded that angels are departed spirits of men or that men at death become angels.

Understand It



A. The **nature** of Angels

In like manner the term "angel" is used of the Angel of Jehovah, referring to appearances of Christ in the Old Testament in the form of an angel and as a messenger from God to men. When not used in reference to men or God Himself, the term is used of a distinct order of beings who, like man, have moral responsibility and who are servants of God in the moral sphere. Like man, angels continue forever and are distinct from all other created beings. They form a prominent part of God's program for the ages.

Understand It



A. The **nature** of Angels

Angels apparently were all created simultaneously and were innumerable in number. They have all the essential elements of personality including intelligence, moral will, and sensibility or emotion and, accordingly, are able to render intelligent worship of God

They are also held responsible for the quality of their service and their moral choices.

Their natures do not include bodies unless they are bodies of a spiritual order although they may be seen at times in bodies and appear as men. They do not experience increase in number through birth nor do they experience physical death or cessation of existence.

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B. The **Unfallen** Angels

Angels generally fall into two major classifications: (1) the unfallen angels, (2) the fallen angels. The first classification are those who have remained holy throughout their existence and thus accordingly are called "holy angels" (Matt. 25:31). In Scripture, generally, when angels are referred to, the unfallen angels are in view. By contrast, fallen angels are those who have not maintained their holiness.

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B. The **Unfallen** Angels

Unfallen angels fall into special classes, and certain individuals are mentioned.

1. Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels and his name means "who is like unto God"
2. Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God, his name meaning "hero of God." He was entrusted with important messages such as those delivered to Daniel, the message to Zacharias and the message to the Virgin Mary.
3. Most angels are not given individual names but are described as elect angels

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B. The **Unfallen** Angels

4. The expressions "principalities" and "powers" seem to be used of all angels whether fallen or unfallen. There is unceasing warfare between the holy angels and the fallen angels for control of men in history
5. Some angels are designated "cherubims," living creatures who defend God's holiness from any defilement of sin. Satan, the head of fallen angels, was originally created holy for this purpose. Also Angelic figures in the form of cherubim were made of gold overlooking the mercy seat of the ark and the Holy of Holies in both the Tabernacle and the Temple.

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B. The **Unfallen** Angels

6. Seraphim are mentioned only once in the Bible. They are described as having three pairs of wings, apparently have the function of praising God and being God's messengers to earth, and are especially concerned with the holiness of God.
7. The term "angel of Jehovah" is found frequently in the Old Testament to refer to appearances of Christ in the form of an angel. The title belongs only to God and is used in connection with the divine manifestations in the earth, and therefore it is in no way to be included in the angelic hosts. The strongest contrast between Christ, who is the Angel of Jehovah, and the angelic beings is presented in Hebrews 1:4-14.

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C. The **Fallen** Angels

In contrast with the unfallen angels, an innumerable company of angels is described as fallen from their first estate. Led by Satan, who originally was a holy angel, an innumerable company of angels defected, rebelled against God, and became sinful in their nature and work.

The fallen angels have been divided into two classes: (1) those who are free, and (2) those who are bound. Of the fallen angels, Satan alone is given particular mention in Scripture. It is probable that when Satan fell he drew after him a multitude of lesser beings. Of these, some are reserved in chains unto judgment the remainder are free and are the demons, or devils, to whom reference is constantly made throughout the New Testament. They are Satan's servants in all his undertakings and share his doom.

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D. Ministry of Angels

Most of the references to angels in Scripture refer to their ministries, which cover a wide field of achievement.

Primarily they are given to worshiping God and, according to at least some of them "rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

Frequent other allusions to this are found in Scripture. In general, the ministry of unfallen angels extended to many different forms of service for God.

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D. Ministry of Angels

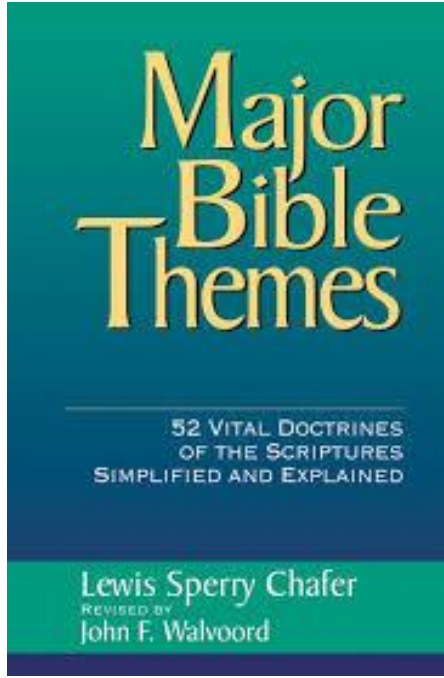
They were present at creation, at the giving of the law, at the birth of Christ, at His temptation, in the garden, at the Resurrection, at the Ascension, at the second coming of Christ, are spectators and witnesses of the things of earth, Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, they are seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem, they will be judged and rewarded at the end of the millennium. The angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Though we have been given no communication or fellowship with the angels, yet we should recognize the fact of their ministry, which is constant and effective.

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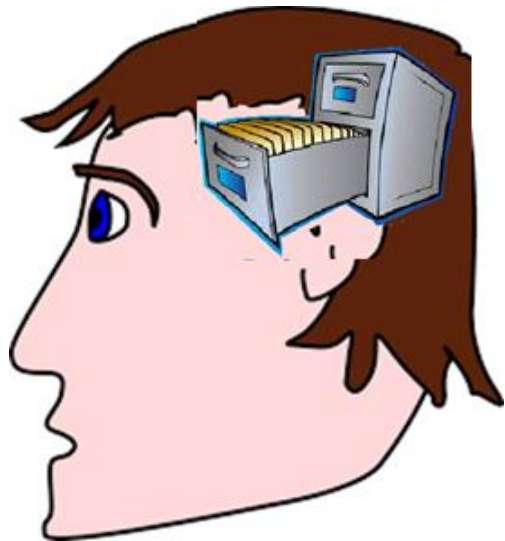
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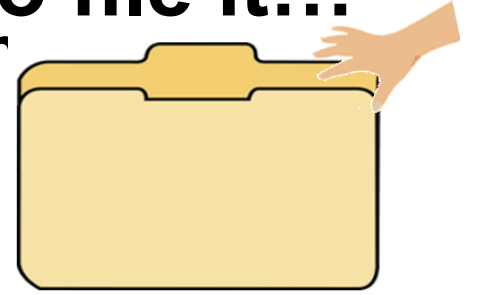


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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



A. The nature of Angels

Angel is sometimes employed of others who are human messengers

Luk 7:24 *And when the **messengers (same word as Angels)** of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?*

Jas 2:25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the **messengers (same word as Angels)**, and had sent them out another way?*

The term is also used of the spirits of men who have died or Guardian Angels

Mat 18:10 *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven **their angels do** always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

Act 12:15 *And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, **It is his angel.***

Angel of Jehovah, referring to appearances of Christ in the Old Testament in the form of an angel and as a messenger from God to men (Gen. 16:1-13); 21:17-19; 22:11-16).

Exo 3:2-4 *And the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.*

Joh 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he **hath declared him**.*

Angels apparently were all created simultaneously and were innumerable in number

Heb 12:22 *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **innumerable company of angels,***

Rev 5:11 *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;***

Able to render intelligent worship of God

Psa 148:2 *Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.*

Their natures do not include bodies unless they are bodies of a spiritual order

1Co 15:44 *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

Rev 18:1 *And after these things **I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.***

May be seen at times in bodies and appear as men

Mat 28:3 *His **countenance** was like lightning, and his **raiment** white as snow:*

Rev 15:6 *And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, **clothed in pure and white linen**, and having their **breasts girded with golden girdles.***

B. The **Unfallen** Angels

Unfallen Angels are called "holy angels"

Mat 25:31 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the **holy angels** with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

Unfallen angels fall into special classes, and certain individuals are mentioned.

1. Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels and his name means "who is like unto God"

Dan 10:21 *But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holds with me in these things, but **Michael your prince.***

Dan 12:1 *And at that time shall **Michael stand up, the great prince** which stands for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

1Th 4:16 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the **voice of the archangel**, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

Jud 1:9 *Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

Rev 12:7 *And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

B. The **Unfallen** Angels

2. Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God, his name meaning "hero of God."

Dan 8:16 *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, **Gabriel**, make this man to understand the vision.*

Dan 9:21 *Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man **Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

Luk 1:26-27 *And in the sixth month the angel **Gabriel** was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

Luk 1:19 *And the angel answering said unto him, I am **Gabriel**, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.*

3. Most angels are not given individual names but are described as elect angels

1Ti 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels...

4. The expressions "principalities" and "powers" seem to be used of all angels whether fallen or unfallen (Luke 21:26; Rom. 8:38; Eph. 1:21; 3:10; Col. 1:16; 2:10, 15; 1 Pet. 3:22).

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Eph 1:21 *Far above all **principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:***

Eph 3:10 *To the intent that now unto the **principalities and powers** in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

Eph 6:12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.***

Col 1:16 *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be **thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:** all things were created by him, and for him:*

Col 2:10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all **principality and power:***

1Pe 3:22 *Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and **authorities and powers** being made subject unto him.*

5. Some angels are designated "cherubims," living creatures who defend God's holiness from any defilement of sin

Gen 3:24 *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Exo 25:18 *And thou shalt make two **cherubims** of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.*

Description of Cherubim

Eze 1:5-9 *Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.*

Eze 10:2 *And he spoke unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in **between the wheels**, even under the **cherub**, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the **cherubims**, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.*

6. Satan was a Cherubim

Eze 28:14 *Thou art the **anointed cherub** that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

7. Seraphim are mentioned only once in the Bible

Isa 6:2 *Above it stood **the seraphims**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.*

8. The Angel of Jehovah

(Gen. 18:1- 19:29; 22:11, 12; 31:11-13; 32:24-32; 48:15, 16; Josh. 5:13-15; Judg. 13:19-22; 2 Kings 19:35; 1 Chron. 21:12-30; Ps. 34:7).

The Angel of Jehovah is called God

Exo 3:2-4 *And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.*

The Angel of Jehovah is Christ

Exo 14:19 *And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and **went behind them**; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:*

(Compare)

1Co 10:4 *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual **Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.***

Contrast between Christ, who is the Angel of Jehovah, and the angelic beings .

Heb 1:4-6 *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.***

C. The **Fallen** Angels

Satan fell

Isa 14:12 *How art thou **fallen from heaven, O Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

Satan drew after him a multitude of lesser beings.

Rev 12:4 *And his tail **drew the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

Some are reserved in chains unto judgment

2Pe 2:4 *For if God spared **not the angels that sinned**, but cast them down to hell, and **delivered them into chains of darkness**, to be reserved unto judgment;*

Jud 1:6 *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath **reserved in everlasting chains** under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

Fallen Angels who are free and are the demons

Mar 5:8 *For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou **unclean spirit**. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And **all the demons besought him**, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*

Mar 5:15 *And they come to Jesus, and see him that was **possessed with the demon**, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

Fallen Angels who are free and are the demons

1Ti 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons;***

Fallen Angels are Satan's servants in all his undertakings and share his doom

Mat 25:41 *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the **devil and his angels:***

Rev 12:7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the **dragon fought and his angels,***

D. Ministry of Angels

They were present at creation

Job 38:7 *When the **morning stars** (Angels) sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

At the giving of the law and to the churches

Act 7:53 *Who have **received the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept it.*

Gal 3:19 *Wherefore then serveth the **law**? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was **ordained by angels** in the hand of a mediator.*

Rev 22:16 *I Jesus have **sent mine angel to testify** unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

At the birth of Christ

*Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was **with the angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

At His temptation

*Mat 4:11 Then the devil left him, and, behold, **angels came** and ministered unto him.*

In the garden

*Luk 22:43 And there **appeared an angel** unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*

At the Resurrection

Mat 28:2 *And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for an **angel of the Lord** descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.*

At the Ascension

Act 1:10 *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, **two men stood by them in white apparel***

At the second coming of Christ

Mat 24:31 *And he shall **send his angels** with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Mat 25:31 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy **angels with him**, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

Guardians of the Saints

Heb 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to **minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?***

Psa 34:7 *The angel of the LORD **encamps round about them** that fear him, and delivers them.*

Psa 91:11 *For he shall give his **angels charge over thee**, to keep thee in all thy ways.*

Witnesses of the things of earth

Psa 103:20 *Bless the LORD, **ye his angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

Luk 12:9 *But he that denies me before men shall be **denied before the angels of God.***

1Co 11:10 *For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.*

1 Pe 1:12 *Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which **things the angels desire to look into.***

Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom

Luk 16:22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the **angels into Abraham's bosom:** the rich man also died, and was buried;*

Seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem

Heb 12:22 *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of **angels**,*

Rev 21:12 *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and **at the gates twelve angels**, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter 22: The Angels

1. How did angels originate?

According to Scripture, long before the creation of man God created an innumerable company of beings described as angels.

2. How are angels like men?

They do not experience increase in number through birth nor do they experience physical death or cessation of existence. Thus, while they are similar to man in personality, they differ from man in many important particulars.

3. How is the word "angel" used of beings other than angels themselves, and how is this derived from the meaning of the name?

The word "angel" means messenger and, while referring to a special class of beings, the term is sometimes employed of others who are messengers - such as the angels of the seven churches of Asia

4. How frequently do angels appear in Scripture, and how do you explain their appearance as men?

There is a great body of truth about the appearance of Angels. Their natures do not include bodies unless they are bodies of a spiritual order, although they may be seen at times in bodies and appear as men

5. Into what two major classifications can angels be placed, and what is the nature of each?

Angels generally fall into two major classifications: (1) the unfallen angels, (2) the fallen angels.

6. What unfallen angels are named in the Bible, and what do they do?

Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels and his name means "who is like unto God" and Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God, his name meaning "hero of God."

7. What is the meaning of the terms "elect angels," "principalities," and "powers" as relating to angels?

Elect Angels are unfallen and seem to be chosen as we are.

Principalities and powers refer to various levels of offices of angels

8. What are the cherubims, and what do they do?

Some angels are designated "cherubims," living creatures who defend God's holiness from any defilement of sin

9. How are seraphim described in the Bible, and what is their function?

Seraphim are mentioned only once in the Bible - in Isaiah 6:2-7. They are described as having three pairs of wings, apparently have the function of praising God and being God's messengers to earth, and are especially concerned with the holiness of God.

10. What is the meaning of the term "angel of Jehovah" in the Old Testament, and why is this not a reference to angels?

The term "angel of Jehovah" is found frequently in the Old Testament to refer to appearances of Christ in the form of an angel. The title belongs only to God and is used in connection with the divine manifestations in the earth, and therefore it is in no way to be included in the angelic hosts

11. Into what two classifications can fallen angels be placed, and what are their respective functions according to Scripture?

The fallen angels have been divided into two classes: (1) those who are free, and (2) those who are bound. Of the fallen angels, Satan alone is given particular mention in Scripture. Free Angels are Demons

12. Describe some of the important ministries of holy angels in Scripture.

They were present at creation, at the giving of the law, at the birth of Christ, at His temptation, in the garden, at the Resurrection, at the Ascension, at the second coming of Christ, are spectators and witnesses of the things of earth, Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, they are seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem, they will be judged and rewarded at the end of the millennium. The angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.

13. How are angels related to God's providential sovereign direction of His creation?

The ministry of angels throughout Scripture is an important doctrine and essential to understanding God's providential and sovereign direction through their various ministries of His creation throughout history.

14. What part do angels have in the second coming of Christ and the eternal state?

They will come with Christ and gather the elect, and will be present in heaven worshiping and serving Him