

# Angels and Satan

## Definition:

Angel in Hebrew (mal' a k) "messenger, angel", 116 times in the O.T.  
Greek (angelos) "to deliver a message" 179 times in the N.T.  
Always masculine

## Attributes:

Superior to humans Heb 2:7, Ps 8:5  
Belonging to heaven Mat 24:36, Mark 12:25  
Belonging to God Luk 12:8  
Engaged in God's service Ps 103:20  
Spiritual beings Heb 1:14  
Appears in human (masculine) form Luke 24:4,23 Acts 10:3,30  
Holy Mark 8:38  
Elect 1 Tim 5:21  
Some sinned Mat 25:41, 2 Pet 2:4, Jud 6, 2 Cor 5:2  
We will judge angels 1 Cor 6:3  
Sang at creation Job 38:7  
Will sing again in the future Rev 5:9  
People do not become angels when they die.  
Only Cherubim (singular Cherub) and Seraphim (singular seraph) had wings  
(4 wings, 6 wings) – living creatures – not angels  
"Angel of God" a manifestation of God Gen 22:11, Ex 3:2  
May be rank among angels  
Thrones – thronoi  
Powers – kyriotetes  
Rulers – archai  
Authorities – exousioi  
Powers – dynameis  
Heavenly bodies  
Michael is the only archangel mentioned in Scripture – special guardian of Israel  
Gabriel is the only other angel named (other than Satan who has many names)  
Explained the vision of the ram and he-goat to Daniel 8:16  
Prophecy of 70 "weeks" Daniel 9:21-27  
Announced birth of John and Jesus (Luke 1:19, 26-33)  
Angels are not mediators between humans and God  
We are not to worship them.  
Our struggle is against the fallen ones.  
Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.  
Angels created by God Col 1:16  
God made the angels before the world began Job 38:4-7  
How many angels are there?  
At Jesus' crucifixion he said he could call 12 legions of angels if he wanted to (Roman legion 6000 backed by 6000, 144,000). One angel slew 185,000 in the Old Testament but they are innumerable Rev 5:11, Heb 12:22  
The angels rebelled, 1/3 of them fell Rev 12:3,4  
Leader of the rebellion was Satan (Mat 25:41 .. the devil and his angels)  
Some of the fallen angels are loose and some are bound. The loose ones we call demons, the bound ones are two kinds; permanently and temporarily bound.

# Satan

## Is Satan real?

The Bible tells us there is a real devil.

Lucifer (Is 14, Ezek 28), fallen angel

Anointed cherub

Sparkled with all the jewels of heaven

The highest being God ever made

Jesus believed in him

He talked with him in Mat 4

He talked about him in John 12,14,16 and elsewhere

The apostles believed in him

Paul talked about him

Peter talked about him

James talked about him

If you look at history you know there is a devil

Temped Eve in Gen 3

Tempted Christ in Mat 4

Perverted God's Word Mat 4

Opposed God's work Zech 3

Hindered God's servant 1 Thes 2

Hindered the gospel 2 Cor 3

Snares the wicked 1 Tim 3

Desires the nations Rev 16

Angel of light 2 Cor 11

Fights with Michael Jude

Brought sin into the world Gen 3

Now has the whole world in his lap 1 John 5:19

## Satan's personal titles:

Eze. 28 Anointed Cherub

John 16 Prince of this world

Eph 2 Prince of the power of the air

2 Cor 4 God of this age

Luke 11:15 Prince of demons

52 times called Satan means "adversary" – most common title

35 times called devil – diabolos – slanderer

old serpent

great dragon

roaring lion

evil one

Abaddon (Hebrew) "tempter" Apollyon (Greek) "accuser" Rev 9:11

Spirit now working in the sons of disobedience

Described by Jesus in John 8:44 – murderer and liar

## **How does he work, what does he do?**

He works overtly and covertly with flat out doctrines of devils and seducing spirits

He is:

A sinner in 1 John 3:8

Oppressor in Rev 12:10

Perverter 1 Tim 4:3

Imitator 2 Cor 11:13-15

Some formidable enemy – Lucifer fallen from heaven, ruler of a vast host of demon beings who have been around for centuries and they are; wily, clever, subtle, cunning, invisible, super-human and they are our enemy.

### **Methods – false doctrine.**

Eph 6:11 – they operate on the schemes, wiles (Gk. Methodia), methods of the devil

Eph 4:14 translated “cunning craftiness” by which they lie in wait to deceive us. We are like children tossed to and from – carried about by every wind of doctrine. The emphasis is that the wiles of the devil are lies – false doctrines – false religions – false teaching.

He is a liar and the father of it, a deceiver – his whole system deceives subtly, supernaturally, cleverly, powerfully.

He deceived mankind the world over with false religious systems – many times, it is incredible how sophisticated they come

### **Satan is clever**

He disguises himself as an angel of light

Can you believe:

In the Old Testament Satan deceived Israel into turning their back on God and worshipping idols.

In the New Testament he deceived Israel into murdering their own Messiah

In the future he will deceive Israel into thinking the antichrist is Christ

### **Satan is a liar**

Subtle – his area – lies, heresy and false doctrine

He will lie about everything whether simple or sophisticated

Denial of the truth of the Word of God

Zoroastrianism

Gods order for the family

Homosexuality the new morality

Cults, isms, schisms

Old line religions of the world

These things should be blasted with a fierceness equal to their hellish origins because they are from Satan – they are the wiles of the devil and he is clever.

### **Satan is a deceiver, oppressor**

He moves into the world and prevents the word from reaching the hearts of people. He snatches the word (Luke 8:12). He twists and perverts it.

He has men stand in pulpits who:

- Deny the authority of Scripture
- Deny the deity of Christ
- Deny salvation by grace
- Deny the second coming
- Deny judgment
- Deny sin
- Deny everything ----

He teaches a lifestyle that damns, involving politics, governments of nations as well as individual lives.

### **Satan's attack on Christians and the Church**

To Christians he comes and creates doubt in their minds. He creates persecutions against them, hinders their service, and infiltrates the Church with his tares.

He tempts us to:

- Self-reliance
- Doubt
- Immorality
- Worldliness
- Pride
- Discouragement
- ...

The longer you are a Christian, the more subtle the temptation.

A formidable enemy – not just the devil himself, for we “struggle not against flesh and blood”. Our enemy is not the system, it is a demon empire that is the real enemy. The word “struggle” in roman times means “wrestle to the death”.

They read the Bible, they know there is the abyss and a lake of fire.

The final attack is through division in the Church:

- An over emphasis on doctrine to the exclusion of love
- An over emphasis on love to the exclusion of doctrine
- There has to be a balance of both, and Satan wants to destroy the balance.