

The Angels in Heaven

1. Angelic Beings and Their Nature

Angels are spiritual beings created by Elohim to serve Him and fulfill His divine will. They are described as ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14) and are not bound by physical limitations.

2. Types of Angels

A. Seraphim

- **Description:** The Seraphim are heavenly beings who are closest to Elohim, constantly worshiping and praising Him.
 - **Scriptural Reference:**
 - **Isaiah 6:1-3 (KJV):**
"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. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."
 - **Role:** Their primary role is to worship Elohim and proclaim His holiness.
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B. Cherubim

- **Description:** The Cherubim are guardians of Elohim's glory and often serve as protectors of holy places.
 - **Scriptural References:**
 - **Genesis 3:24 (KJV):**
"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."
 - **Ezekiel 10:1-22 (KJV):** A detailed description of the Cherubim is given, including their four faces and wheels.
 - **Role:** Guardianship, particularly of sacred places, and carriers of Elohim's throne.
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C. Archangels

- **Description:** Archangels are leaders among angels, often tasked with significant responsibilities.
- **Scriptural Reference:**

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16** (KJV):
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."
 - **Jude 1:9** (KJV):
"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."
 - **Named Archangels:**
 - **Michael:** The warrior angel who leads Elohim's armies (Daniel 10:13, Revelation 12:7).
 - **Gabriel:** The messenger angel who delivers Elohim's messages (Daniel 8:16, Luke 1:19, 1:26).
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D. Angels (General Messengers)

- **Description:** These angels act as messengers of Elohim, delivering His word and aiding His people.
 - **Scriptural References:**
 - **Luke 1:26-28** (KJV): Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary.
 - **Genesis 19:1** (KJV): Angels rescue Lot from Sodom.
 - **Psalms 91:11** (KJV):
"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
 - **Role:** Protect, guide, and communicate Elohim's will.
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E. Watchers

- **Description:** Watchers are mentioned in the book of Daniel and are angels who oversee and carry out Elohim's decrees.
 - **Scriptural Reference:**
 - **Daniel 4:13** (KJV):
"I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven."
 - **Role:** They are heavenly beings who execute divine judgment and watch over humanity.
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F. The Host of Heaven

- **Description:** This term refers to the vast multitude of angels who serve Elohim collectively.
 - **Scriptural References:**
 - **Luke 2:13-14** (KJV):
"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising Elohim, and saying, Glory to Elohim in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
 - **1 Kings 22:19** (KJV):
"I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left."
 - **Role:** Worship, praise, and execution of Elohim's will.
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G. Fallen Angels

- **Description:** Angels who rebelled against Elohim and were cast out of heaven.
 - **Scriptural References:**
 - **Revelation 12:7-9** (KJV): Satan and his angels fought against Michael and were cast out.
 - **2 Peter 2:4** (KJV):
"For if Elohim spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."
 - **Role:** Oppose Elohim and lead humanity astray.
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I do not believe Lucifer and Satan are not the same being. Here's a breakdown of the scriptural descriptions of Lucifer and Satan as distinct entities, emphasizing their separate purposes and roles based on your belief:

Lucifer: The "Son of the Morning"

1. **Key Scripture: Isaiah 14:12** (KJV)
"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!"
 - **Context:** This passage is directed at the King of Babylon, using symbolic and poetic language. It describes the fall of a proud figure who sought to elevate himself above others.

- **Purpose:** Lucifer ("light bearer") may represent a being (or entity) that was created to reflect glory, light, and majesty, but later fell due to pride.
- **Role:** The focus of Isaiah 14 is tied to arrogance, earthly kingship, and judgment rather than Satan's broader spiritual rebellion. This aligns with your belief that Lucifer had a distinct purpose separate from Satan.

2. Lucifer's Purpose:

- If Lucifer is not Satan, his role could be interpreted as an exalted being or symbolic representation of human pride and rebellion, specifically tied to earthly kingdoms (e.g., Babylon).
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Satan: The Adversary

1. Key Scripture: Job 1:6-7 (KJV)

"Now there was a day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

- **Role:** Satan is described as the adversary or accuser, actively opposing Elohim and His people.
- **Purpose:** Satan was created to serve a role as a tester or accuser, challenging the faithfulness and righteousness of humanity.

2. New Testament Depictions:

- **1 Peter 5:8:** Satan is described as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.
- **Revelation 12:9:** Satan is called the "great dragon," "that old serpent," and the deceiver of the whole world.

3. Satan's Purpose:

- His purpose seems to center on deception, opposition, and rebellion against Elohim's purposes, working as a spiritual force of evil rather than a symbolic or earthly being.
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Differences Between Lucifer and Satan

1. Name and Role:

- Lucifer is mentioned in Isaiah 14 as a "light bearer" associated with a fall from greatness, often linked to the pride of an earthly king (Babylon).

- **Satan is consistently described as a spiritual adversary, accuser, and deceiver throughout the Bible.**

2. Purpose:

- **Lucifer: Associated with light, glory, and earthly exaltation, potentially symbolizing pride and earthly rebellion.**
- **Satan: Opposes Elohim's plan, tempts and accuses humanity, and acts as a force of spiritual deception.**

3. Scriptural Emphasis:

- **Lucifer appears once in Isaiah 14:12, with language focused on earthly kingship and pride.**
- **Satan is a recurring figure throughout both the Old and New Testaments, with a consistent focus on spiritual warfare and opposition to Elohim.**

If Lucifer and Satan are viewed as entirely distinct beings with separate purposes:

- **Lucifer: Could be a symbolic or literal entity representing light, glory, or pride that led to an earthly fall (e.g., the King of Babylon or a unique creation of Elohim with its own role).**
- **Satan: A spiritual being specifically created to act as an adversary, tempter, and accuser in Elohim's divine plan.**

H. Apocryphal Angels

The Apocrypha includes additional angelic names and roles not found in the canonical KJV.

1. Raphael:

- **Mentioned in:** The Book of Tobit (Tobit 12:15).
- **Role:** Healing and guidance. Raphael is one of the seven holy angels who present prayers before Elohim.

2. Uriel:

- **Mentioned in:** 2 Esdras (Apocrypha).
- **Role:** Interpreter of visions and divine mysteries.

3. Remiel:

- **Mentioned in:** 2 Esdras.
- **Role:** Overseer of souls awaiting judgment.

3. Roles and Duties of Angels

- **Worshiping Elohim:**
 - **Isaiah 6:3:** Seraphim continually praise Elohim's holiness.
 - **Revelation 4:8:**
"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord Elohim Almighty."
- **Messengers:**
 - Gabriel delivers messages to Daniel, Zechariah, and Mary.
- **Warriors:**
 - Michael leads the heavenly armies against Satan (Revelation 12:7).
- **Guardians:**
 - Cherubim guard the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:24).
- **Guides and Protectors:**
 - Angels protect the faithful (Psalm 91:11).
- **Judgment:**
 - Watchers and angels execute Elohim's judgment (2 Kings 19:35).

4. Appearance of Angels

- **Bright and Glorious:**
 - **Matthew 28:3:**
"His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow."
- **Human-like Form:**
 - **Genesis 18:2:** Abraham encounters three men, one being the Lord and two angels.
- **Wings and Faces:**
 - **Ezekiel 1:10:** Cherubim with four faces and wings.

The Majesty of Angels

- **Angels are Elohim's messengers, protectors, and warriors, created to fulfill His will.**

- Today, we will explore the types of angels, their roles, and how their existence reveals Elohim's glory and power.
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I. Angels Who Reflect Elohim's Power: The Angel with the Appearance of Lightning

Key Scripture: Matthew 28:2-3 (KJV)

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow."

- **Description of the Angel:**
 - Appeared during the resurrection of Christ.
 - His appearance was dazzling, reflecting lightning, and his clothing was pure and radiant like snow.
- **Symbolism:**
 - **Lightning:** Represents Elohim's power, swiftness, and divine judgment.
 - **Snow-like clothing:** Purity and holiness.
- **Role in the Resurrection:**
 - Rolled away the stone, not to let Jesus out (He was already risen), but to demonstrate the power of Elohim.
 - This angel brought fear to the guards but comfort to the women.

Lesson:

- Angels are a visual reminder of Elohim's majesty and power.
- Their appearance, like lightning, reflects the glory of Elohim and His ability to conquer death and darkness.

Angels' Roles in the Last Days

The Bible and the Apocrypha reveal that angels will play a crucial role in the Last Days, carrying out Elohim's judgments, assisting in the redemption of His people, and proclaiming the fulfillment of His plan. Here's an in-depth exploration of their roles in the Last Days, supported by KJV and Apocryphal references.

1. Angels Announce the Day of the Lord

Key Scripture: Revelation 14:6-7 (KJV)

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear Elohim, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

- **Role:** Angels proclaim Elohim's warning to humanity, urging repentance and worship before the final judgments.
 - **Relevance:**
 - The angel preaching the everlasting gospel reminds us of Elohim's mercy, even in the midst of judgment.
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2. Angels Carry Out Divine Judgments

A. The Seven Trumpets

- **Scriptural Reference:** Revelation 8:6-13 (KJV): *"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."*
- **Role:** Each trumpet announces a specific judgment, such as:
 1. Hail and fire mixed with blood (Revelation 8:7).
 2. A burning mountain falling into the sea (Revelation 8:8).
 3. A star called Wormwood poisoning the waters (Revelation 8:10-11).
 4. The darkening of the sun, moon, and stars (Revelation 8:12).

B. The Seven Bowls of Wrath

- **Scriptural Reference:** Revelation 16:1 (KJV): *"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of Elohim upon the earth."*
- **Role:** These angels pour out Elohim's final judgments upon the earth:
 1. Sores on those with the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2).
 2. Seas and rivers turning to blood (Revelation 16:3-4).
 3. The sun scorching humanity (Revelation 16:8-9).
 4. Darkness over the beast's kingdom (Revelation 16:10).

C. Angel of the Abyss

- **Scriptural Reference:** Revelation 9:11 (KJV): *"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."*

- **Role: Oversees the release of demonic locusts during the fifth trumpet judgment (Revelation 9:1-11).**
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3. Angels in the Final Harvest

A. Separating the Wheat from the Tares

- **Scriptural Reference: Matthew 13:39-41 (KJV): *"The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."***
- **Role: Angels gather the righteous and separate the wicked for judgment.**

B. Reaping the Earth

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 14:14-19 (KJV):**
 - **One angel gathers the harvest of the righteous.**
 - **Another angel uses a sickle to gather the grapes of wrath (symbolizing the wicked) for destruction in the winepress of Elohim's wrath.**
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4. Angels Battle Against Evil

Michael and His Angels

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 12:7-9 (KJV): *"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."***
- **Role: Michael leads the heavenly army to defeat Satan and cast him and his fallen angels out of heaven.**

Binding of Satan

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 20:1-3 (KJV): *"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."***
 - **Role: An angel binds Satan and casts him into the bottomless pit.**
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5. Angels Protect and Gather the Elect

Gathering the Saints

- **Scriptural Reference: Matthew 24:31 (KJV):** *"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."*
 - **Role:** Angels gather the faithful at Christ's return, ensuring they are protected from judgment.
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6. Angels Worship Elohim and Proclaim His Victory

Angels Rejoicing

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 5:11-12 (KJV):** *"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; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."*
- **Role:** Angels join the heavenly host in worshipping Christ as He reigns victoriously.

Announcing Babylon's Fall

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 18:1-2 (KJV):** *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen."*
 - **Role:** Proclaim the final judgment and destruction of Babylon.
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7. Angels Escort the Redeemed into the New Jerusalem

Guiding the Redeemed

- **Scriptural Reference: Revelation 21:9-10 (KJV):** *"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from Elohim."*
 - **Role:** Guide John (and by extension, the redeemed) into the eternal dwelling of Elohim.
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Apocryphal Insights on Angels in the Last Days

1. Uriel

- **2 Esdras 4:1-4:** Uriel interprets the visions of the end times, revealing Elohim's divine plan to humanity.

2. Raphael

- **Book of Tobit 12:15:** Raphael is one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints, reflecting his intercessory role in the end times.

3. Angels and the Book of Life

- **2 Esdras 6:20:** Angels are involved in opening the books of judgment, revealing the fate of all creation.

Conclusion: The Role of Angels in the Last Days

1. **Messengers:** Announcing Elohim's final call to repentance.
2. **Judges:** Executing divine wrath and separating the righteous from the wicked.
3. **Protectors:** Gathering the elect and escorting them into eternal glory.
4. **Warriors:** Battling Satan and his forces, ensuring ultimate victory for Elohim's kingdom.
5. **Worshippers:** Leading the eternal praise of the Lamb, glorifying Elohim for His justice and mercy.

Call to Action:

As we study the roles of angels in the Last Days, let us prepare our hearts by living in obedience to Elohim, trusting in His protection, and worshiping Him as Lord and King. Angels are a reminder of Elohim's sovereignty and His ultimate plan for His creation.

Angels are a crucial part of Elohim's divine order. They serve as worshipers, messengers, warriors, and guardians, fulfilling the will of Elohim. Each type of angel has a unique role, reflecting the depth of Elohim's design in the heavenly realm. Through the study of angels, we gain a deeper understanding of Elohim's majesty and the intricate workings of His kingdom.
