

Trinity Bible Church  
Lesson 7  
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## **The Angelic Conflict**

### **4. Angels.**

- A. Scripture Declares the Existence of Angels.**
1. **MAL'AK = Hebrew, used 213x; basic meaning is "messenger."**
    - a. **Used about 65x for the Angel of the Lord.**
    - b. **Used about 97x for men.**
  2. **KeRUBH = Hebrew, used 91x, translated as "Cherub." The meaning of this word is not determined. It has been identified as everything from power to grace.**
  3. **AGGELOS = Greek, used 175x, basic meaning is "messenger."**
    - a. **Used about 14x of the Angel of the Lord.**
    - b. **Used about 14x of men.**
  4. **Jesus Himself taught the existence of angels. Matt 18:10; 26:52-53**
- B. The Creation of Angels:**
1. **Angels were created out of nothing, after the universe and before man. Ezek 28:13-14**
  2. **They were created at His command, with the clear implication that it was instantaneous, although different as to sequence. Psa 148:1-5; 33:6**
  3. **Thus, they were there at the restoration and population of the earth. Job 38:1-7**
  4. **He made a lot of them. Heb 12:22; Rev 5:11**
  5. **They were initially created with order like armies having various ranks, as indicated by the word "hosts" which refers to "armies." 1 Kings 22:19**
- C. God Created Them Perfectly Complete. Eze 28:12-15**
1. **Perfection in a conscious being would include the elements of the soul with the perfect ability to decide.**
  2. **It does not mean they all look the same for they do have differing characteristics. Eze 1 Cf Isa 6:2,6**
  3. **They are a higher order of being than humans and thus distinct, therefore they are not spiritual manifestations of human beings. Heb 2:5-7**
  4. **They do not marry and are referred to as masculine. Mark 12:24-25 & Luke 20:36**
- D. The Spiritual Status of Angels:**

1. Some chose to follow God, others chose to follow Satan. Rev 12:7-9
2. Some angels who chose God are called "Godly" or "chosen" in one place in Scripture. 1 Tim 5:21
3. In this study we will use the term "Godly" for those who chose to follow God and "ungodly" for those who chose against Him. More in depth analysis will follow.
4. Godly angels are citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem. Heb 12:22
5. Even Godly angels can have varying states of loyalty. Dan 10:21

**E. The Essence of All Angels:**

1. They have souls and spirits, documented by a prior analysis of Satan's soul. Heb 1:7,14
2. They possess intellect, curiosity and interests which develops personality. Acts 19:13-15
3. Their doctrinal knowledge is incomplete since they learn from man. 1 Pet 1:12
4. This especially includes prophecy and Church Age doctrine. It seems they understood sin. Eph 3:10; Heb 2:1-3
5. They have tremendous power. 2 Pet 2:10-11; Rev 18:21
6. They have bodies comprised of some type of matter, although normally invisible to man, that can be harnessed to touch the physical realm. Gen 19:10,16 cf Gen 6:1-4
7. They are not subject to physical death. Luke 20:34-36
  - a. Being a spiritual creature (Heb 1:14), sin would render them spiritually dead. Eze 28:15
  - b. And those that chose with Satan would be subject to the Second Death, which is the Lake of Fire. Matt 25:41; Rev 20:14
  - c. Their problem is similar to man's twofold problem of Adam stated, "Dying, you shall die!" Gen 2:16-17

**F. Angelic Habitats:**

1. Both Godly and ungodly angels presently have access to both heaven and earth. Mark 13:32
2. Ungodly angels will have access to Heaven until near the midpoint of the Tribulation. Rev 12:7-9
3. Some Ungodly angels were confined to Tartarus because of infiltration of humanity before the Flood. Gen 6:1-4
4. They will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. Matt 25:41

**G. Angelic Organization:**

1. The Godly Angels:

- a. **They are led by Michael the "Archangel," mentioned five times, whose name means "Who is like El?" Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev 12:7**
    - 1) **He is leader of the angelic armies. Rev 12:7**
    - 2) **He is not the only Archangel, being called "one of the chief princes." Dan 10:13**
    - 3) **His loyalty to God is intense. Dan 10:21**
    - 4) **He contended with Satan over the body of Moses. Jude 9**
    - 5) **He is the guardian angel of Israel. Dan 12:1**
  - b. **The only other Archangel mentioned by name is Gabriel, four times, whose name means "The Mighty One of El." Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19,26**
    - 1) **It appears that he is leader of the teaching angels. Dan 8:16**
    - 2) **He told Daniel about "Seventy Weeks" allotted to Israel. Dan 9:20-22**
    - 3) **He announced the birth of John to Zacharias. Luke 1:18-19**
    - 4) **He also announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. Luke 1:26-27**
  - c. **There are lesser ruling angels, called rulers, authorities, powers, dominions and principalities. Eph 1:19-21; Eph 3:8-10; Eph 6:12; Rom 8:38-39; Col 1:16**
  - d. **The Four Living Creatures seem to replace Satan after his fall and represent the gospel. Eze 1:5-28; Rev 4:5-11**
  - e. **The Six-winged Seraphim whose name means to "burn," indicates they are ones who execute judgment. They lead in the worship of God. Isa 6:1-3**
  - f. **The Cherubim have a multitude of functions before God and are most frequently used in reference to the Tabernacle & Temple.**
2. **The Ungodly Angels:**
- a. **They are led by Satan. Rev 12:7**
  - b. **Satan is the only one named in Scripture, although occult books are full of their names.**
  - c. **They too have an organization similar to that of the Godly Angels. Eph 6:12; Col 2:15; Rom 8:38**
  - d. **Unconfined (not in Tartarus) Ungodly Angels, often called "demons," will be operative until the Second Advent. Gen 3:15 Cf Rev 20:10**