

ABOUT THE ANGELS **(Exodus 14:19)**

WHERE DID ANGELS COME FROM

Ne. 9:6; Ps. 148:5; Col.1:16-17 These scriptures and others show that angels were part of God's creation, therefore, they have not existed from all eternity.

Dan. 7:10; Matt. 26:53; Heb.12:22 There are no definitive numbers given as to how many angels there are, however, the scriptures are clear that there are an innumerable number of angels.

WHAT DO ANGELS LOOK LIKE

Lu. 24:37-39; Heb. 1:14 Angels are basically spirit beings and do not have physical bodies as we do. **Heb. 13:2** From this verse we can learn that angels can take on the appearance of humans, otherwise how would we be able to “entertain angels unawares.”

Matt. 28:2-4 At this time the angel took on a entirely different appearance and was frightful.

II K. 6:14-17 Since angels are spirit beings they do not have to be visible to us and most of the time they are not visible until the Lord wants them to be.

Ge.18:1-13; Jos. 5:13-15; Ge. 32; Gen. 12:7-9 All these verses and more show the appearance of an angel who is sometimes referred to as “the Angel of the Lord”. This Angel is none other than Jesus Christ Himself revealed in the Old Testament. These appearances are called a Christophany, or preincarnate appearances of Jesus Christ. When an O.T. angel is called Lord or is okay with receiving worship, it is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is. 6:2, 6 In this verse we find one of the two classes of angels that actually have wings. These are called Saraphims and are only found standing behind God's throne and moving only to momentarily put a coal of fire on Isaiah's mouth. Saraphims are not found anywhere else in scripture.

Da. 9:21-23 Here we see that angels really do fly, however, it doesn't indicate Gabriel had wings.

Ge. 3:24; Ex. 25:17-20; 26:1, 31; Ez. 1:4-14; Ez. 10:1-22; Rev. 4:8 These verses and others in scripture show us the other class of angels that had wings. These are called Cherubim and appear as living creatures that support or represent the throne of God. From Ezekiel's description of them they appear to have a compound figure of both man and animals along with between four to six wings. There are approximately 100 verses in the bible referring to Cherubim.

WHAT IS THE JOB OF THE ANGELS

I Tim. 5:21; Matt. 25:31 These verses show angels as holy or elect, these are God's good angels.

Matt. 25:41; II Pt. 2:4 These verses and some others show that some of God's angels are bad and are now following the Devil. Questions as to the “free will” issue are not answered pertaining to angels.

Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7 These verses tell us of Micheal the archangel. The word 'archangel' comes from the Greek meaning “chief angel”. He is described as a warrior and the chief angel for the nation of Israel. Micheal is the only angel in scripture referred to as an archangel.

Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Lu. 1:19, 26 These verses show Gabriel, the messenger of God. He talks to Daniel, Zacharias (John's father), then to Mary, the mother of the Lord Jesus.

Rev. 9:11 Another angel that is named in scripture is Abaddon or Apollyon (same angel) who seems to be some type of keeper of the bottomless pit.

Rev. 4:8 Some of the angels do nothing but praise God.

Heb.1:13-14 Angels are assigned as ministering spirits for those to be saved at some point in life.

I K. 19:6; Dan. 3; Acts 27:23-25 Angels provide, protect, and strengthen believers.

