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Angelology

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Angelology Broad Overview

Definition
A created spirit being with moral and intellectual ability but no physical body.

Terms

- ✓ "Host" (of heaven) (Neh 9:6; 1 Kings 22:19)
- ✓ "Sons of God" and "morning stars" (Job 1:6; 38:7)
- ✓ "Watchers" or "Watchmen" (Dan 4:13, 17, 23)
- ✓ "Ministering spirits" (Heb 1:14)

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Not called angels specifically but the best option:

- ✓ “Cherubim” (Eden and Ark of the Covenant)
- ✓ “Seraphim” (Isa 6:2–3, 6–7)
- ✓ “Living creatures” (Ezek 1; Rev 4)

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Characteristics

- ✓ Likely created first day of creation to be witnesses to creation (Job 38:6–7)
- ✓ Non-reproducing (Matt 22:28–30)
- ✓ Immortal (Luke 20:36)
- ✓ Personal beings
- ✓ Spirit beings (Heb 1:14) yet can manifest physically (Gen 18:2–3)
- ✓ Powerful (Ps 103:20)
- ✓ Arranged in hierarchy (Col 1:16; Jude 6–9)
- ✓ Holy angels (1 Tim 5:21) vs. fallen angels (2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 9:11)

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Tasks

- ✓ Rejoicing – at creation (Job 38:7)
- ✓ Guarding Eden (cherubs; Gen 3:24)
- ✓ Visiting patriarchs (Gen 18 – 19)
- ✓ Protecting Israel (Dan 10:13; cf. chaps 8 – 12)
- ✓ Giving the Law (Gal 3:19; Acts 7:53; see Deut 33:2; Ps 68:17)

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Tasks

- ✓ Delivering messages (Dan 4, 9; Rev 1:1; Acts 12; 27:23–24)
- ✓ Delivering revelation concerning Christ:
 - ❖ birth (Luke 1:26)
 - ❖ resurrection (Matt 28:5–7)
 - ❖ ascension (Acts 1:10)
- ✓ Strengthening Christ in wilderness (Matt 4:11) and in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43)
- ✓ Army of Christ at his Second Coming (Matt 25:31)

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Tasks

With Believers:

- ✓ Sent to serve (Heb 1:14)
- ✓ Protection (Ps 91:11)
- ✓ Conducting departed spirit (?) (Luke 16:22)
- ✓ Observing Christian experiences (1 Cor 4:9; cf. 11:10; 1 Pet 1:12)
- ✓ Gathering the elect at the end (Matt 24:31)

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Satan and Demons: Key Facts

- ✓ Satan's name is not Lucifer
- ✓ Christian cannot be "possessed" (2 Cor 5:17; Col 1:13)
- ✓ Don't major on demons
- ✓ Don't dabble in anything occult-related
- ✓ Focus on following Christ
- ✓ Our protection is in Christ and in the armor of Ephesians 6
 - ❖ We resist (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9)
 - ❖ Trust **God's** power (1 Cor 10:13)
- ✓ Don't **under/over**-estimate Satan's power
- ✓ Romans 8:31

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