

Angels (Ἄγγελος—Gk.32 [to bring *tidings*] *a messenger*) (Context: 2 Cor 12:1-7 verses Rev 2:1)

Characteristics:

Superhuman Power

(But not all-powerful.)

Psa 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that **excel in strength**, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His **mighty angels**,

- Example:

Dan 6:22 My God hath sent His angel, and hath **shut the lions' mouths**, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the **lions had the mastery of them**, and **brake all their bones** in pieces **or ever** (*even before*) they came at the bottom of the den.

(These were not tame circus animals!)

Super Human Speed

(But not omnipresent.)

Dan 9:20 And **whiles I was speaking**, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused **to fly swiftly**, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 **At the beginning** of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Free Moral Agents

Job 4:18 Behold, He put no trust in His servants; and His angels He charged with folly:

Job 15:15 Behold, He putteth no trust in His saints (**Heb.6918-sacred, an angel**); yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight.

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the **angels that sinned**, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jud 1:6 And the angels which **kept not their first estate**, but **left their own habitation**, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

- *"The ability to sin...implies power of choice."* Thus, there must be (a) law in **Heaven**.

1Jn 3:4 **Whosoever** committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the (*Divine*)law.

Rom 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: **for where no law is, there is no transgression**.

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Heb 2:16 For verily He took not on *Him the nature of angels*; but He took on *Him* the seed of Abraham.

- The gospel plan does not apply to fallen angels.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**

The fallen angels were in the presence of **God (they saw God)** and yet disobeyed.

- *"The Bible does not indicate that any more angels fell after the evil angels were banished from Heaven and punished by God."*

Emotional Beings

Joy

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God **shouted for joy?**

Irritation

Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. **20** And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, **because thou believest not my words**, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Curiosity

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things **the angels desire to look into**.

Humility

Rev 5:11 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; **12** 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.

Rev 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I **fell down** to worship **before the feet of the angel** which shewed me these things. **9** Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren** the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Lack of Hatred

2Pe 2:11 Whereas **angels**, which are greater in power and might, **bring not railing accusation** against them before the Lord.

Jud 1:9 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**.

- *"The absence of personal hatred is an extension of their Holy nature."*

Innumerable

("Their numbers are not infinite, just innumerable.")

Psa 68:17 The chariots of God *are* **twenty thousand**, *even* **thousands of angels**: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.

Mat 26:53 **Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?**

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Of Latin origin; a "legion", that is, Roman *regiment* (figuratively): - legion.

- The **Roman** legion consisted of between 3,000 and 6,000 soldiers. **Jesus** could have called to **His** aid 36,000 to 72,000 angels. "Legion" is used four times in the **New Testament**.
(**Mat 26:53; Mk 5:9, 15; Lk 8:30**)

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Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: **thousand thousands** ministered unto Him, and **ten thousand times ten thousand** stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **innumerable** company of angels,

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