

Angels, Cherubim And Seraphim

Seraphim: 'I (Isaiah) saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up and His train filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings; with two wings he covered his own face, with two wings he covered his feet and with two wings he flew. One seraphim called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts, the whole earth is filled with His glory" ... One of the seraphim flew to me, having a burning coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from off the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "Behold this has touched your lips. Your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven"' (Isaiah 6:1 to 7).

The above verses describe the seraphim; they have six wings and can fly. They have faces, hands and feet, indicating they have arms, legs and a whole body as humans do. They can see, hear and can speak in a language people can understand. The four wings covering their faces and feet reveal they worship God and the words they spoke were words of worship. The two wings with which they flew reveals service to God, plus the conversation with Isaiah confirms that. Their role is both worship and service. They can communicate with humans when required. They are only mentioned in the scriptures as being in pairs. Seraph is singular; seraphim are plural. They are all holy. There are no scriptures to suggest any seraphim have ever rebelled against God.

This is a study of three heavenly beings named in the Bible; seraphim, cherubim and angels. Angels do not have wings but they can fly. They can appear and disappear suddenly. Cherubim sometimes have two, four or six wings and seraphim have six wings. Their wings are made up of feather-like structures much like a bird's wing but the cherubim wings are very soft to touch. They all wear brilliant, glistening white garments. They are all part of the heavenly hosts and all stand before God. All of the heavenly beings are spoken of in the masculine gender. We cannot usually see them unless God opens our eyes into the spirit realm. There are two huge, spiritual kingdoms out there, full of heavenly beings both good and evil. There is the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 4:20) and there is the kingdom of darkness (Ephesians 6:12). People have the Spirit of God within them and that makes us spiritual beings too (Acts 13:52). Humans are not God's only creation and there are more than just angels, seraphim and cherubim in heaven, there are creatures like eagles and horses (Revelation 8:13; 19:14) so it is logical there are other creations in heaven too.

Cherubim: 'God drove out the man and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life' (Genesis 3:24).

There are 69 references to cherubim throughout the Bible and they are different to angels and seraphim. The Bible mentions three distinctly different types of cherubim. Cherubim are usually in pairs except when they are physically with God. Cherub is singular; cherubim are plural. Cherubim have a human-like hand under their wings (Ezekiel 10:8). Their role is worship and service to God, and to reveal His glory. They can speak to men who understand what they were saying. When the Israelites were told to make the Ark of the Covenant, they were instructed to make images of two cherubim of solid beaten gold and place them onto the ark on either side of the Mercy Seat, and the stance of the golden cherubim was that of worship (Exodus 25:18 to 22). The cherubim were to show the glory of God (Hebrews 9:5). The glory of God rests on the cherubim (Ezekiel 9:3), indicating they are responsible for revealing the glory of God to all other creation. The linen curtains for the tabernacle had cherubim carefully embroidered into the fabric (Exodus 26:1). The linen veil also had cherubim woven into the fabric (Exodus 26:31). Here is a little thought; God gave precise details regarding the building of the tabernacle but there is no scripture that tells us God had to describe the cherubim to the Israelites, so make the cherubim, the Israelites must have known what they looked like. We are strictly forbidden to make images of any kind (Exodus 20:4) but in this case the Lord instructed the images of the cherubim to be made to show His glory. When Solomon built the temple, he made images of cherubim from olive wood overlaid with gold (1 Kings 6:23 to 28). He placed the Ark of the Covenant beneath the huge wings of the golden cherubim (1 Kings 8:6 & 7). There were cherubim carved into the wall panels and doors (1 Kings 6:29, 32 & 35; 7:36). In the New Jerusalem in a new temple, there will be images of cherubim (Ezekiel 41:18, 20 & 25). The Lord God sits in heaven above the cherubim (Psalm 80:1) and He also sits enthroned among the cherubim, they serve Him and are obedient to His instructions (Psalm 99:1). Sometimes the Lord God rides on a cherub (Psalm 18:10). There was once an Israelite man named Cherub (Ezra 2:59).

The four Living Creatures mentioned in Ezekiel are a very different kind of cherubim. They have wings and wheels, many eyes, and are over two metres tall. They have four different faces and constantly travel between God's heavenly house (the throne room) and God's earthly house, Jerusalem (Genesis 28:17). They never turn away from God, but move while always keeping their many eyes on Him and the noise of their wings is exceedingly loud. 'The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court like the voice of God Almighty when He speaks ... I (Ezekiel) looked and beheld four wheels beside the

cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub and another wheel beside another cherub, and the appearance of the wheels was like beryl stone. As for their appearance, the four cherubim had one likeness as if a wheel was within a wheel (indicating they were identical). When they moved they went in their four directions. They did not turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed. Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings and the wheels were full of eyes all around. As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, 'The Whirling Wheels'. Every cherub had four faces; the first face was the face of the cherub. The second face was the face of a Man. The third face was the face of a lion. The fourth the face was the face of an eagle ... When the cherubim moved the wheels went beside them and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also did not turn from beside them. When the cherubim stood, the wheels stood. When they mounted up, the wheels mounted up with them for the Spirit of the Living Creature was in the wheels. The glory of God went forth from over the threshold of the heavenly house (the throne room) and stood over the cherubim. The cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my (Ezekiel's) sight when they went forth, with the wheels beside them and they stood at the door of the East Gate of the Lord's house (Jerusalem) and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. This is the Living Creature I saw under (in submission to) the God of Israel ... and I knew they were cherubim. Every one had four faces, every one had four wings and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings ... Then the cherubim lifted up their wings and the wheels were beside them and the glory of the God of Israel was above them' (Ezekiel 10:5, 9 to 22; 11:22).

The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel were very blessed to be shown these amazing heavenly beings. Hundreds of years later, the Apostle John had a similar experience with four different Living Creatures. This time the cherubim had changed and their role was quite different. These other four cherubim did not travel to and from Israel but remained in the throne room with the twenty-four Jewish Elders, worshipping Jesus and God the Father day and night. These four cherubim had six wings instead of four and they spoke as loudly as thunder in a language John could understand. There was no sign of whirling wheels with the four new cherubim but they did have many eyes like Ezekiel's cherubim. These cherubim did not have four faces like Ezekiel's ones, they had one face and their bodies were similar to that of a lion, an eagle, a calf and a human man. In these verses, John makes a definite distinction between angels and cherubim. 'In the midst of the throne and around the throne were four Living Creatures full of eyes before and behind. The first creature was like a lion. The second creature was like a calf. The third creature had a face like a man and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. The four Living Creatures, each one of them having six wings are full of eyes around and within. They have no rest day and night saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, Who was and Who is and Who is to come!" (Revelation 4:6 to 8). 'I (John) saw in the midst of the throne (room), in the midst of the four Living Creatures and in the midst of the twenty-four elders, a Lamb standing as though It had been slain ... When He (Jesus) had taken the book, the four Living Creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb ... The four Living Creatures said, "Amen!" (Revelation 5:6, 8 & 14). 'I saw the Lamb had opened one of the seven seals and I heard one of the four Living Creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come and see!" (Revelation 6:1). 'All the angels were standing around the throne, the elders and the four Living Creatures, and they fell on their faces before His throne and worshipped God' (Revelation 7:11). 'They sing a new song before the throne, before the four Living Creatures and the twenty-four elders' (Revelation 14:3). 'One of the four Living Creatures gave to the seven angels, seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God' (Revelation 15:7). 'The twenty-four elders and the four Living Creatures fell down and worshipped God Who sits on the throne saying, "Amen! Hallelujah!" (Revelation 19:4).

There was once a third type of cherub and he was the only cherub to rebel against God. Although most people assume the devil was once an archangel, the scriptures actually say he was once a beautiful, anointed cherub who covered the throne room with music. He was never an archangel. That is an assumption not based on scripture. Angels and cherubim are very different. According to the scriptures, he was the only cherub who rebelled and was expelled from heaven; all the other cherubim have remained holy. The devil had already sinned before Adam and Eve were created about 6,000 years ago. All holy heavenly creatures have a body. When Christians ascend to heaven they will be given a new, incorruptible body. In contrast, evil beings will be left without bodies when they are sent to the lake of fire. 'You were the Anointed Cherub who covers (the throne room with music) and I set you on the holy mountain of God ... You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. As your pride grew you became filled with violence and you have sinned, therefore I have cast you as filth out of the mountain of God and I have destroyed you, Covering Cherub ... Your heart was lifted up (with pride) because of your beauty. You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness. I have cast you to the ground (to earth) ... By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your crimes, you have defiled your sanctuaries, therefore have I brought forth a fire (anger) from the midst of you and it has devoured you and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who see you. All those who know you among the peoples will be astonished at you for you are an object of terror and you will nevermore have any being (a body)' (Ezekiel 28:14 to 19). 'Your pomp (pride) is brought down to Sheol with

the sound of your stringed instruments ... How you have fallen from heaven Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly in the far north (the highest heaven!). I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!" Yet you will be brought down to hell and to the depths of the pit (lake of fire)' (Isaiah 14:11 to 15). The devil does not have any rights as some preachers say. This claim was obviously perpetrated by the devil who loves to big-note himself and foolish people believe it. The devil is nothing more than a created being that rebelled and sinned and has been rejected by God like all other sinners that will be rejected by God on Judgement Day. The major difference between him and earthly sinners, is he was given power because he was once an anointed cherub.

Angels: There are 273 references to angels scattered throughout the Bible. Angels are often very human looking and have several roles unlike seraphim and cherubim who are 'specialists' in their given fields. The Lord in His sovereignty sends angels to do a vast array of deeds. Firstly though, we will deal with the archangel Michael. From what we can read in the Bible, Michael is the one and only archangel. Michael was (and still is) the defending Prince over Israel (Daniel 10:13 & 21; 12:1; Revelation 12:7). He was the one and only angel who was ever named as the one, singular archangel (Jude 1:9). Further to that, the scriptures say when Jesus returns to earth, He will return with a shout from the (one, singular) archangel (1 Thessalonians 4:16). There were about nine Israelite men named Michael (Numbers 13:13; 1 Chronicles 5:13 & 14; 6:40; 7:3; 8:16; 12:20; 27:18; 2 Chronicles 21:2; Ezra 8:8). Gabriel is an angel; the special messenger who stands in the presence of God. If he were an archangel, the scriptures would have said so. Instead, he was simply called, 'Gabriel' and he identified himself as, "I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God." It was Gabriel who explained the vision to Daniel (Daniel 8:16), and he looked so human, Daniel described him as having the appearance of a man (Daniel 8:15; 9:21). It was Gabriel who told Zachariah, his wife Elizabeth would have a son who was to be named John (Luke 1:19). Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she was going to give birth to Jesus (Luke 1:26). It is not written in the Bible, Gabriel was an archangel; that is an assumption not based on scripture. He was a messenger in just the same way as the angel who was sent to the Apostle John. 'He sent and gave the Revelation through His (messenger) angel to His servant John' (Revelation 1:1).

The first mention of angels named as angels in the scriptures, is when they were sent to spy out Sodom to see if the sin there was as bad as God had heard it was, and it was the angels who pulled Lot and his family out of danger (Genesis 19:1 to 16). Prior to that they were referred to as 'sons of God' (Genesis 6:2 & 4). The divine 'Angel of the Lord' mentioned many times in the Old Testament was Jesus before He was born on earth. The 'Angel of the Lord' was not mentioned again after Jesus came.

Angels worship God and there are millions of them. 'I saw and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands' (Revelation 5:11). Jesus said, "Do you think I cannot ask My Father, and He will send Me more than twelve legions (about 80,000) of angels?" (Matthew 26:53). 'Suddenly there appeared with the angel, an army of the troops of heaven' (Luke 2:13). Angels are totally obedient to God and they praise Him. The author of Psalm 148 exhorts the angels to praise the Lord, almost like he is saying, "Come on angels, let's praise Him." 'Bless the Lord, you His angels, you mighty in strength, who do His commandments, obeying the voice of His Word' (Psalm 103:20). 'Praise Him all His angels, praise Him all His (heavenly) army' (Psalm 148:2).

We are strictly forbidden to worship angels. To do so could cause us to lose our prize of salvation. 'Let no one rob you of your prize, insisting on false humility and worshipping of angels' (Colossians 2:18). Angels are servants of God like we are, as the Apostle John found out when he attempted to worship an angel on two occasions. 'I fell at his feet to worship him but he said, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with those who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!"' (Revelation 19:10). "You must not do that. I am a fellow servant along with you and with your people, with the prophets and with those who keep the Words of this book. Worship God!" (Revelation 22:9).

God has given angels strength of power we humans do not have. 'The angels struck the men with blindness so they groped for the door' (Genesis 19:11). Their power can cause the earth to shake. 'Behold, there was a great earthquake for an angel descended from heaven' (Matthew 28:2). 'During the night an angel opened the prison doors' (Acts 5:19). 'I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth holding back the four winds of the earth ... and with a loud voice he called out to the four angels who had been given authority and power ...' (Revelation 7:1 & 2).

Angels are holy/divine spirits sent to minister to God's people, they guide us, give us instructions and protect us. When Philip and Cornelius saw an angel they were not in the least surprised but Peter thought he seeing a vision. 'The angels are all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service of those who are to inherit

eternal life' (Hebrews 1:14). 'Behold, angels came and ministered to Jesus' (Matthew 4:11). 'There appeared to Jesus an angel from heaven, to strengthen Him in Spirit' (Luke 22:43). 'He will send His angel before you' (Genesis 24:7). 'The Lord in Whose Presence I walk, will send His angel with you and prosper your way' (Genesis 24:40). 'Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared' (Exodus 23:20). 'Behold, My angel will go before you' (Exodus 32:34). 'An angel said to Philip, "Rise and go south on the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza"' (Acts 8:26). 'The angel said to Cornelius, "Send men to Joppa and have them call for Peter"' (Acts 10:5). 'An angel stood by Peter and a light shone in the cell. The angel gently smote Peter on the side and awakened him saying, "Get up quickly, get dressed, put on your sandals, put on your cloak and follow me." The chains fell off Peter's hands and Peter went out following the angel. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he saw a vision. They passed through the first guard and the second, then the iron gate swung open of its own accord then the angel left him' (Acts 12:7 to 10). 'He will give His angels charge over you to protect you in all your ways. They will bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone' (Psalm 91:11 & 12). 'My God has sent His angel and has shut the lion's mouths so they have not hurt me' (Daniel 6:22). Every little child has their own angel. 'Beware, do not despise any of these little ones (children) for I tell you, in heaven their angels are always in the presence of My Father Who is in heaven' (Matthew 18:10).

Angels are witnesses to our conduct and people who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah will live in heaven along with holy angels. 'I command you in the presence of God and of Messiah Jesus and of the chosen angels, obey these rules without partiality' (1 Timothy 5:21). 'Even angels, though superior in might and power, do not bring a charge against them (wicked people) before the Lord' (2 Peter 2:11). 'You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to countless multitudes of angels, to the general assembly and assembly of the Firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the souls of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant' (Hebrews 12:22 to 24). The Lord Jesus will tell the angels about His dedicated followers. "I tell you, whoever declares Me before men, the Son of Man will declare them before the holy angels. Whoever disowns Me before men, will be disowned in the presence of the angels" (Luke 12:8 & 9). "Even so I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). 'They who overcome will be dressed in white garments and I will not blot their name from the Book of Life; I will declare their name before My Father and before His angels' (Revelation 3:5). Angels reveal the glory of God. 'When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory' (Matthew 25:31). 'Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels' (Mark 8:38). 'Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone all around them' (Luke 2:9). "For I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man!" (John 1:51).

Angels ascend and descend continually from heaven, to earth and back to heaven to receive instruction from God and do His will. Jacob's dream was prophetic. 'Jacob dreamed there was a stairway set up on the earth and the top of it reached heaven and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!' (Genesis 28:12). An angel was coming to earth to speak to Daniel when he was set upon by the demonic ruler of Persia and had to be assisted by Archangel Michael. After delivering his message to Daniel, the angel said he had to return to heaven (Daniel 10:11 to 21). Angels can appear to us in dreams like they did to Joseph. 'An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream' (Matthew 1:20) ... 'When they had departed an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream' (Matthew 2:13) ... 'Behold, an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph' (Matthew 2:19). The Law given to Moses was ordained by angels. 'You, who received the Law as it was ordained by angels, but you did not obey it!' (Acts 7:53). 'What was the purpose of the Law? It was because of sin and it was intended until the Seed (Jesus) should come ... the Law was ordained through angels by the hand of Moses' (Galatians 3:19).

Angels can appear to us looking so much like humans, they do not look at all strange to us when we see them. Some early church believers had angels join them for meals and the angels were so human-like, their hosts did not know they were entertaining angels. 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for some have entertained angels without knowing it' (Hebrews 13:2). When Jacob met angels, he knew they were angels and he seemed delighted but not surprised to see them. 'Jacob went on his way and God's angels met him. When Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's army!"' (Genesis 32:1 & 2). We have already read when Daniel met Gabriel and said he had the appearance of a man (Daniel 8:15). However, sometimes they can be frightening. 'An angel ... came and rolled the boulder back and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his garments as white as snow. Those keeping guard were so frightened of him they trembled and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be frightened ... "' (Matthew 28:2 to 5). When the righteous have their new resurrected body, they will look the same as the angels do now. 'In the resurrection there is no marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven' (Matthew 22:30). 'Believers cannot die again and are like the angels, and being sharers in the resurrection, they are children of God' (Luke 20:36). These scriptures reveal to us, just how alike angels and humans are in appearance.

Angels are so much like humans, before Noah's flood, some angels became wicked, came to earth and raped any women they chose. That is startling enough but the fact the women became pregnant and had evil half-human and half-fallen-angel offspring, reveals just how alike our two species really are. 'It so happened, when people began to multiply on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God (angels) saw the daughters of men were beautiful and they took for themselves women of all they chose (all they chose – forced). The Nephilim (meaning fallen ones) were on the earth in those days, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men they bore children to them' (Genesis 6:1 to 4). This earth was never intended for angels to inhabit. Their rightful place is in heaven. 'It was not to angels God subjected the habitable world' (Hebrews 2:5). When some angels did leave their rightful place in heaven and come to earth, because of their disobedience and their abominable sin of cohabiting with human women, they were bound in chains and sent to hell to await the final judgement, and then they will end up in the eternal lake of fire with the disobedient cherub, the devil himself. There is no redemption or deliverance available to the angels who rebelled because they were living in heaven which is perfect, and came to earth which has been defiled by sin. 'As we know, Jesus did not take hold of the fallen angels to give them a delivering hand' (Hebrews 2:16). 'God did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgement' (2 Peter 2:4). 'The angels who did not keep their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place (heaven), these angels God has reserved in eternal chains under utter darkness until the doom of Judgement Day' (Jude 1:6). 'Begone from Me you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his (fallen) angels' (Matthew 25:41).

Angels are the ones who take us to heaven. Jesus called them 'reapers'. 'The harvest is the end of this age and the reapers are the angels' (Matthew 13:39). 'He will send out His angels and they will gather His chosen ones from the four winds – from one end of the earth to the other ... but of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father' (Mark 13:27 & 32). 'Lazarus the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side' (Luke 16:22).

Angels can bring swift judgement from God on wicked people. 'The angel went forth and slew 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians' (Isaiah 37:36). 'The Son of Man will send forth His angels and they will gather out of the Kingdom of God all causes of offence and all who do wickedly and will cast them into the furnace of fire' (Matthew 13:41 & 42). 'So it will be at the end of this age; the angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the righteous and they will cast the wicked into the lake of fire' (Matthew 13:49). 'Herod donned his royal robes, sat on his throne and addressed the crowd. The people shouted, "It is the voice of a god not a man!" At once an angel smote Herod because he did not give God the glory and Herod was eaten by worms and died' (Acts 12:21 to 23).

It displeases angels when women in the church take authority over men. 'Man was not created from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. Therefore the woman should have (covering) authority on her head so she does not displease the angels' (1 Corinthians 11:8 to 10). A covering does not mean a hat, hair or scarf. Hair was given for adorning the head, but this verse means women should have the covering authority of her husband, father or the church. It was because Eve was deceived, the Lord made it necessary for a woman to be in submission to a male authority.

When we speak in tongues we speak in languages of both men and angels. 'I speak in the tongues of men and of angels' (1 Corinthians 13:1). When God gave the children of Israel manna to eat, they were actually eating angel's food. 'Everyone ate the bread of angels. God gave them food in abundance' (Psalm 78:25). By reading this verse we can see angels eat. Angels can indirectly bring healing, although it is always the Lord Himself Who heals people. 'An angel of the Lord went down into the pool at appointed times and stirred up the water; whoever stepped into the water first was healed of whatever disease he had' (John 5:4).

Angels were witnesses to the first coming of Jesus after waiting a long time to be shown the mystery of the salvation message, and when the Lord returns, He will come with mighty angels. 'The great mystery of Godliness is, God was made visible in human flesh, justified in the Holy Spirit, was seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world and taken up into glory' (1 Timothy 3:16). 'These things have now been made known to you by those who preach the Gospel by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Into these things, the very angels of heaven longed to look' (1 Peter 1:12). 'The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in a flame of fire' (2 Thessalonians 1:7).

The New Testament reveals Old Testament prophecies regarding Jesus and His relationship with angels. 'Jesus sat down at the right hand of His Majesty on high, having become superior to angels and He inherited a Name more excellent than they have. For which of the angels did God the Father ever say, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You?" (Psalm 2:7). And again, "I will be to Him a Father, and He will be to Me a Son?" (2 Samuel 7:14). When He brings the Firstborn Son into the world He says, "Let all the angels of God

worship Him” (Psalm 148:2). Referring to the angels He says, “It is God Who makes His angels winds and His ministering servants flames of fire” (Psalm 104:4) ... Which of the angels has God ever said, “Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool?” (Psalm 110:1). Jesus was made a little lower than angels for our sakes. ‘We are able to see Jesus, Who was ranked lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because of His having suffered death, so by the grace of God, He might suffer death for every person’ (Hebrews 2:9). ‘He has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God with all angels, authorities and powers subject to Him’ (1 Peter 3:22).

Each church or assembly mentioned in the Book of Revelation had its very own angel. Whether or not that is true today is debatable. There are some wonderfully dedicated people in church, who live their lives close to the Lord and there are churches where there is a powerful anointing and miracles flow but sadly, some modern churches are so carnal it is doubtful a holy angel could tolerate the sin. The seven churches or assemblies in Revelation each had their own angel who were called stars. ‘The seven stars are the seven angels of the seven assemblies and the seven lampstands are the seven churches’ (Revelation 1:20). There is something about those angels that may seem strange to us, and that is the Apostle John was asked to write to the angels about their churches (not the pastors or elders) and what John wrote was read out to the church (Revelation 1:11; 2:1; 2:8; 2:12; 2:18; 3:1; 3:7; 3:14). When life on earth becomes untenable, the Lord will send angels to preach the Gospel instead of using people. ‘I saw an angel flying in mid heaven having an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language and people’ (Revelation 14:6).

After the angels of the seven churches were mentioned in Revelation, the rest of the angels spoken about in Revelation were worshipping God, carrying out judgements on the wicked people still on earth, or they were serving God in some way. Finally, the last time angels are mentioned in the Bible, is when Jesus says He sent the angel as a witness of His testimony to be told to the churches and to reassure people everywhere, Jesus really is the Jewish Messiah Who sprang from King David’s lineage. ‘I Jesus, have sent My messenger angel to you, to witness and to give you assurance of these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star’ (Revelation 22:16).

Amen and God bless you.

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