

God's Other Angels

- A. "Angel" in Scripture often refers to the fiery, ministering spirits of God. **HEB 1:7.**
1. They are God's *chariots of fire*. **PSA 68:17; 2KI 6:16-17.**
 2. They are extremely powerful. **PSA 103:20; 2KI 19:35.**
 3. They have more power/authority than any earthly dignity. **2PE 2:11.**
 4. They are innumerable. **HEB 12:22.**
 5. They have no authority to marry. **MAT 22:30.**
 6. They are arranged into principalities, powers and legions. **COL 1:16; MAT 26:53.**
 7. They are of a higher order than man. **PSA 8:4-5.**
 8. They are under the authority of a Man, Jesus Christ. **1PE 3:22.**
 9. They are as accountable to the Holy Spirit's gospel as any man. **GAL 1:8-9.**
 10. They desire to look into the things of the gospel and rejoice in its effectiveness. **1PE 1:12; LUK 15:10.**
 - a. The gospel declares salvation for sinful men. **1TI 1:15.**
 - b. The gospel declares no such salvation for angels that sinned. **HEB 2:16; 2PE 2:4; JUDE 1:6.**
 11. The world to come is not in subjection to them but to Christ and His brethren for whom they minister. **HEB 1:13 – 2:5.**
 12. The saints shall judge angels. **1CO 6:3.**
 - a. There are evil angels. **PSA 78:49.**
 - b. Saints judge evil angels by countering lying spirits in false teachers with gospel truth. **1KI 22:22 c/w 1TI 4:1; 2CO 10:4-5.**
 - c. Saints judge evil angels by faith and holy living which are condemnations in the same way that Noah condemned the world. **HEB 11:7.**
 - d. Saints shall judge evil angels by concurring with Christ's judgment against them. **REV 19:1-5.**
 - e. An angel stopped the mouth of a man who doubted gospel/glad tidings (**LUK 1:19-20**) and gospel preachers have a similar charge. **TIT 1:10-13.**
 - f. Gospel preachers are a *spectacle* (interesting show or entertainment) to angels (**1CO 4:9; 1:20-24**) but they can turn the world upside down. **ACT 17:6.**
- B. God Himself is called an Angel in **GEN 48:15-16; EXO 3:2-6; JDG 6:21-24.**
- C. In prophecy, the Lord Jesus Christ is referred to as the "...messenger (angel) of the covenant" (**MAL 3:1**).
1. The underlying Hebrew word for *messenger* in **MAL 3:1** is *malak* (SRN H4397) which is most commonly translated "angel(s)."
 2. Jesus Christ declared and instituted a new and better covenant which God had promised. **JER 31:31-34 c/w MAT 26:28.**
 3. Consider **MAL 3:1.**
 - a. The prophet's name (Malachi) is from the same Hebrew root, *malak*.
 - b. He prophesies of John the Baptist as a *malak*.
 - c. He prophesies of Jesus Christ as a *malak*.
 - d. John and Jesus would excel at what the O.T. *malaks* failed at. **MAL 2:7-8.**
 - e. The Law was given by heavenly angels (**GAL 3:19**), entrusted to earthly angels, corrupted by earthly angels, revived by a gospel angel and perfected by THE Angel. **MAT 5:17; ROM 10:4.**
- D. Church pastors are N.T. angels of God who are authorized to marry and so better minister to God's people. **1CO 9:5.**
1. The Apostle John was instructed by Jesus to write letters to each of the seven angels of the

- seven churches in Asia. **REV 1:19-20; 2:1**, etc.
2. It is unlikely that Jesus was instructing John to pen letters to the spirit-beings with whom Jesus directly interfaces in glory. John was an apostle by whose revealed truth other ministers must be measured. **1JO 4:6**.
 3. The Greek word there translated *angel* is *aggelos* (SRN G32) which means, “a messenger; especially, an 'angel'; by implication a pastor: -- angel, messenger.”
 - a. It refers to human messengers in **LUK 7:24, 27; 9:52; JAM 2:25**.
 - b. God's pastors to the churches are their messengers (**2CO 8:23; PHIL 2:25**), their angels.
 - c. The Galatians had once received Paul “...as an angel of God” (**GAL 4:14**).
 4. In **REV 1:16, 20** these are described as the *stars* in Jesus' right hand.
 - a. True and faithful ministers of Jesus Christ will not be stars by the world's standard. **1CO 4:9-13**.
 - b. The world will praise false prophets and pastors (**LUK 6:26**) who scratch their itching ears, praise its works, etc., but these are little more than “...wandering *stars*, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever” (**JUDE 1:13**).
 5. God once rhetorically asked Job whether he could “...bind the **sweet influences** of Pleiades...?” (**JOB 38:31**).
 - a. Pleiades means “the Seven Stars” and obviously Job could not bind them.
 - b. The powers of Satan may bind God's ministers but not their message. **2TI 2:9**.
 - c. The angels of Asia (**REV 1:11**) had a better message than the devils of Asia (**ACT 19:27**). The devils had Wonder Woman but the angels had Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (**ISA 9:6**).
 6. Heaven's angels and faithful pastors have the same charge and spirit. **REV 1:10**.