



ANGELS

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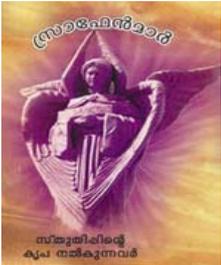


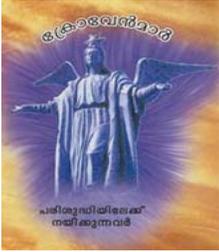
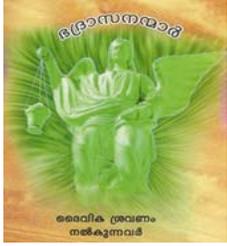
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1. Brief description of angels

- * Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him, though created higher than man. Some, the good angels, have remained obedient to Him and carry out His will. Lucifer, whose ambitions were a distortion of God's plan, is known to us as the fallen angel, with the use of many names, among which are Satan, Belial, Beelzebub and the Devil.
- * The word "angelos" in Greek means messenger. Angels are purely spiritual beings that do God's will (Psalms 103:20, Matthew 26:53).
- * Angels were created before the world and man (Job 38:6,7)
- * Angels appear in the Bible from the beginning to the end, from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation.
- * The Bible is our best source of knowledge about angels - for example, Psalms 91:11, Matthew 18:10 and Acts 12:15 indicate humans have guardian angels. The theological study of angels is known as angelology.
- * 34 books of Bible refer to angels, Christ taught their existence (Matt.8:10; 24:31; 26:53 etc.).
- * An angel can be in only one place at one time (Dan.9:21-23; 10:10-14), b. Although they are spirit beings, they can appear in the form of men (in dreams – Matt.1:20; in natural sight with human functions – Gen. 18:1-8; 22: 19:1; seen by some and not others – 2 Kings 6:15-17).
- * Angels cannot reproduce (Mark 12:25), 3. They do not die (Luke 20:36).
- * Angels have more knowledge than man (Matt.24:31; Luke 1:13-16) but less than God (Matt.24:36), 2. They have more power than man (2 Pet. 2:11; Acts 5:19) but less than God.
- * Angels worship God. They are continually involved in praising God (Rev.4:6-11) through describing His attributes (Is.6:3) and singing praises (Rev.5:8,9).
- * Angels ministered to Christ. Angels announced His birth (Luke 1:26-33; 2:13), protected Him (Matt.2:13), strengthened Him (Matt.4:11; Luke 22:43), and explained to men His resurrection (Matt.28:6) and ascension (Acts 1:10,11).
- * Angels carry out God's government. Angels are God's servants (Ps.103:20; Heb.1:7) and messengers (Luke 1:19; 2:8-14). They can be involved in controlling nature (Rev.7:1; 16:3,8,9), nations (2 Kings 19:35), and Satan and demons (Dan.10:13,21; 12:1). They will perform future judgment for God (Matt.13:3a; Rev.15:1; 16:1-21).
- * Angels protect God's people. Angels are sent to serve believers (Heb.1:14). They protect the godly (Ps.34:7; Dan.6:20,23), oppose our enemies (Ps.35:4,5) and are specifically assigned as guardians of individuals (Matt.18:10). They are God's agents in answering prayer (Acts 12:7) even bringing physical provisions (Gen.21:17-20; 1 Kings 19:5-7). They assist believers at death (Luke 16:22; Jude 9).

2. Nine Orders of Angels in three groups

No.	Name	Photo	Description	Bible Reference
A. Supreme Hierarchy (next to God)				
1	Seraphims		Angels of Love, Light, and Fire. Seraphim are the closest to God. In the Throne Room, several of the Seraphim were described as flying directly above the Throne of God and constantly sing His praise. Isaiah 6 in the Old Testament speaks of the Seraphim as ~having six wings; two covering the face, two covering the feet, and two were used for flying.	Isaiah 6:2

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2	Cherubims		The second highest Order of Angels, their name stands for Wisdom or one who prays. In the Throne Room they stand next to the Throne of God. They are also depicted on the Ark of the Covenant as its Guardians. Cherubs are the first Angels mentioned in the Bible when two Cherubs are placed by God to guard the gates to Eden with Flaming Swords. ~He drove out the man; and at the east of the Garden of Eden he placed the Cherubim, and a Flaming Sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the Tree of Life.~ Genesis 3:24~. The Cherubim were also known as the record keepers of Heaven.	Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10:1-22
3	Thrones		The third ranking Order of Angels, also known as the Ophanim, serve the primary function of being God's chariot. They are also known as Wheels and the Many-eyed Ones. They are Angels of Justice as they carry out God's decisions. These Angels are deployed like charioteers around the Throne of God. They are described in Ezekiel 1:13-19 as having four wings and four faces and sparkle like the color of burnished brass.	Ezekiel 1:13-19, Colossians 1:16, Revelation 11:16.
B. Middle Hierarchy (involved in government)				
4	Dominations		The fourth ranking Order of Angels. Also known as the Hashmallim, the dominations act like a middle management between the upper choir and the lower, holding the task of regulating the duties of lower angels. Dominations have been described as wearing long albs, or gowns reaching to their feet, hitched with a golden belt and adorned with a green sole.	Colossians 1:16
5	Virtues		They are the Angels of miracles, encouragement, and blessings, and particularly involved with people struggling with their faith. They preside over the movements of the celestial bodies as well as events of weather including rain, snow, wind and the like. The two Angels at the Ascension of Jesus are traditionally believed to be from the Order of Virtues. Virtues are usually represented in a group.	1 Peter 3:22
6	Powers		The sixth ranking Order of Angels. The powers are responsible for maintaining the border between Heaven and Earth. It is their duty to protect the world from the infiltration of demons. They protect our souls from these evil beings and act as ministers of God who avenge evil in the world. It was also believed that at death, the Powers guide our transition to Heaven.	Romans 13:1

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C.	Lower Hierarchy (involved in work)			
7	Principalities		The head of the final choir, the principalities watch over the mortal world directly, guiding and protecting the earth's nations, cities and towns. The Principalities are described as the Angels who protect religions. It was from this Order that the Angel who aided David in his task of slaying Goliath was thought to have come. Principalities have been described as being dressed in soldier's uniforms with golden girdles. Finally, they are given to the task of managing the duties of the angels.	Colossians 1:16
8	Archangels		These Angels carry God's messages to humans and are ultimately in command of God's Armies of Angels who are constantly in spiritual warfare with the forces of evil and the fallen angels. Michael is universally believed to be their leader. The number of Archangels considered to be associated with our system of worlds is seven, as in the Seven Angels who stand before God in Revelation 8:2, which is often interpreted to mean the Seven Archangels.	1 Thessalonians 4:16
9	Angels		The ninth ranking Order of Angels. Angels are the Order closest to humanity. Instead of watching entire nations, angels watch over households and individual souls, guiding them subtly and keeping them safe from demonic attack. Also, they are the carriers of God's word to mankind, acting as messengers and couriers to both God and the upper ranks of angel kind as well.	Psalms 91:11, Matthew 18:10 and Acts 12:15

3a. Archangels

The Archangels were the divine messengers between the humans and God. Catholic church taught about three Archangels - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. (The apocryphal book Enoch lists seven archangels. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel (Phanuel), Raguel, Saraqael and Remiel.) All Archangels end with the "el" suffix. "El" meaning "in God" and the first half of the name meaning what each individual Angel specializes in.

No.	Name	Photo	Description	Bible Reference
1	St. Michael The Captain of God's Armies		Michael, whose name means 'who is as God', or "Who is like to God?" is generally considered to be the foremost of the seven archangels and the leader of the Host of Heaven. In both Biblical and non Biblical writings Michael ranks as the greatest of all angels. He was the second Angel created by God, (after Satan) and is the leader of all the Archangels. Michael has power over the fallen Angel Satan, and has the reputation of being in the Garden of Eden to teach Adam how to farm and care for his family. He is believed to have been the angel who spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai.	Psa 34:7; Dan 10:13, 21, Dan 12:1,7, Rev. 12:7-9, Rev 20:1-2. Feast day: September 29
2	St. Gabriel The Press Secretary and Minister of Information		Gabriel ("God is my strength") was the third angel created and ranks second in delegated authority since the fall of Satan. He is known as the angel of annunciation, resurrection, mercy, vengeance, death, revelation. As for the incident with the three men (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) who were rescued from the fiery furnace, it was Gabriel, according to Jewish legend, who performed this miracle along with rescuing Daniel from the lions den.	Dan. 8:16, 9:21-27, Luke 1:11, 26-38 Feast day: September 29

No.	Name	Photo	Description
3	St. Raphael The Archangel of Healing		<p>Raphael ("God has healed") Raphael is known as "the shining one that heals". He is the Ruler of the second heaven, Chief of the Virtues, Guardian of the "Tree of life" and one of the seven angels of the throne. He is usually shown with a smile, a pleasant, happy angel, officially a Virtue angel, Raphael is the angel sent by God to cure Jacob of the injury to his thigh when Jacob wrestled the angel at Peniel. Raphael appears by name in The Book of Tobit. In this book, Raphael acts as companion and guide to Tobit's son Tobias who journeys to Media from Nineveh. It is only at the end of the journey that Raphael reveals himself by name as "one of the seven holy angels" that attend the throne of God. Raphael is in charge of maintaining the earth and its people. He is apparently God's "maintenance man" and the doctor.</p> <p>Tobit 12:15, Revelation 8:2.</p> <p>Feast day: September 29</p>

Other Archangels mentioned in the Apocryphal Books

4	Uriel Archangel of Salvation, Light and Peace	Uriel Meaning - "God is light", "God's light", Fire of God" Uriel is reported to have the abilities of both Seraphim and a Cherubim and is one of the four Angels of the Presence. Uriel is the light bearer for the gospel, and a blessing to those who accept it, but to those who reject the light he warns of the wrath of god to come. He is known as the angel who wrestled with Jacob at Peniel. Legend tells us that it is who Uriel stands at the gate of the Lost Eden with a fiery sword guarding the tree of life. Phanuel or Fanuel, Meaning: Face of God and Hope. Under the heading of Uriel we will also include Phanuel or Fanuel. (Ref. Enoch (20:1-8), Luke 15:7, 10.)
5	Raguel Friend of God	Raguel is known as the "Friend of God" & watches over the good behavior of the angels. He is also referred to as the archangel of Justice and Fairness, Raguel oversees all the other archangels and angels. Raguel is known as the angel that escorted Enoch to heaven and was the angel of earth and a guardian of the second heaven. Raguel is said to be in charge of the friends of God, the saved, during their lifetimes. In the apocryphal Revelation of John, Raguel is referred to as an assistant to God at the last judgment.
6	Saraqel The Angel of Death	Saraqel may be angel in the book of revelation that has one foot on the land and one on the sea, holding back the winds of death until the proper time. According to legend Saraquel keeps a roll of humanity, on which the names of the damned are circled in black and the names of the blessed, in white light. When a person's day of death approaches, a leaf with the person's name on it falls from the tree beneath God's throne. After forty days have passed, Saraquel must sever the individual's soul from his or her body. He is reputed to be angel who accompanies souls to Heaven or hell after death. The phrase 'the Wings of Azrael' (Saraqel) refers to the approach of death; the signs of death coming on the dying.
7	Remiel / Jeremiel The Angel Of Resurrection	Remiel is listed seventh because he is the angel of the resurrection of the dead. He is known as the "Lord of souls awaiting resurrection. Remiel may be the angel who sounds the seventh trumpet and signals the dead to rise and the living to join them in the air at the first resurrection. Remiel (Mercy of God or Whom God Sets Up) One of the holy angels, whom God set over those who rise. Leads souls to judgment. Remiel is accredited with two tasks. First, he is the angel responsible for true divine visions, and is said to be the angel to give such a vision to Baruch. Beyond that, he is also the guide for the souls of the faithful, leading them into Heaven after Michael weighs them at the last trump. This is not to be confused with Saraquel's job of leading the souls to their place immediately after death. Remiels job takes place after the rapture and the last judgment.

3b. Other Angels mentioned in the Apocryphal Books

1	Metatron (Enoch)	One of the only two Archangels whose name does not end in "el" and one of the only two Archangels who were humans before becoming Angels (his brother Elijah/Sandalphon being the other). His human name was Enoch. On earth Enoch was a prophet and scribe. He was also a scholar on heavenly secrets, having received "The Book of the Angel Raziel", a textbook about God's workings penned by Archangel Raziel and given to Adam, Noah, Enoch and Solomon. As a result, God escorted Enoch directly to the seventh Heaven - the highest level - to reside and work. Since Metatron excelled at his work on earth, he was given a similar job in Heaven to scribe the records of everything that happens on earth and keep the "Book of Life". He is the chief recorder in Heaven and in charge of recording and organizing all the records. He is called the heavenly scribe who records all celestial happenings.
2	Sandalphon (Elijah)	Only one of the two archangels whose name doesn't end with an "el", Sandalphon is the twin brother of Archangel Metatron. The twins are the only Archangels in Heaven who were originally mortal men. Sandalphon was the prophet Elijah and Metatron was the wise man Enoch. God gave both men their heavenly assignments as archangels to reward them for their good work upon Earth, allowing them to continue their sacred service in Heaven until it is time for them to return to earth and die at the hands of Antichrist during the tribulation period. Sandalphon's chief role is to carry human prayers to God so they may be answered.
3	Raziel	Raziel, whose name means 'Secrets of the Lord', is an archangel within the teachings of Jewish mysticism, of the Kabbalah of Judaism, who is the "Keeper of Secrets" and the "Angel of Mysteries." In some teachings he is claimed to be a Cherub, as well as the chief of the Ophanim and is described as having blue wings, a glowing yellow aura around his head and wearing a grey robe which appears to have liquid-like properties.
4	Anael (Hanael)	The Angel of Air, who breathes air into the body. Anael rules over the Planet Venus, the Tree of Life Sephirah 7 (Netzach - Victory), The Greek Deity Aphrodite, The Alchemical Metal Copper, and Emotion Relation.
5	Azazel	Azazel (Azael, Hazazel, "God strengthens") in I Enoch, Azazel is one of the chiefs of the 200 fallen angels. Jewish legend speaks of Azazel as the angel who refused to bow down before Adam. And in Islamic lore, when God commanded the angels to worship Adam, Azazel refused, contending "Why should a son of fire fall down before a son of clay?"
6	Ariel	Ariel (Arael, Ariael, "lion of God") the name of an angel in the apocryphal Ezra. Ariel is often pictured as lion-headed. Historical: "Ariel is the name of an angel, sometimes also of a demon, and of a city, whence called Ariopolis, where the idol is worshipped" Mention is also made of Ariel as an angel who assists Raphael in the cure of disease.
7	Camael	His name means "he who sees God", or "He who seeks God." He is listed as one of the seven truly powerful angels who have the great honor of standing in the very presence of God. He is known as the Archangel of pure love. Chamuel is attributed with the power to help us to renew and improve existing relationships as well as finding our soul mates.
8	Galizur	Galizur (Hebrew, "revealer of the rock") one of the great angels in Talmudic lore whom Moses encountered in heaven, as related by Simon ben Lakish. It was Galizur, "surnamed Raziel", who is reputed to have given Adam The Book of the Angel Raziel. He is a ruling prince of the 2nd Heaven and an expounder of the Torah's divine wisdom.
9	Israfel	Israfel "Burning One", "Angel of Song" Israfel the patron angel of entertainers is said to have the sweetest voice of all God's creatures, singing praises of God in a thousand different tongues.
10	Jophiel	Jophiel: Also known as: Iofiel, Iophiel, Jofiel, Zophiel. Meaning - "Beauty of God" Jophiel is known as the Angel present in the Garden of Eden and who later watched over Noah's sons. The archangel of art and beauty, he is the patron of artists, helping with artistic projects, thinking beautiful thoughts, to see and appreciate beauty around us.
11	Sariel	Sariel was responsible for the fate of angels who transgress the Laws. Sariel was also the Angel of Death. It was claimed that Sariel was a healer like Raphael, a Seraphim and the Prince of the Presence. Though not recorded in fact, it was stated by some that Sariel was in fact one of the fallen rebel angels.
12	Zadkiel	Zadkiel "Righteousness of God" Angel of Freedom, benevolence, mercy, and the Patron Angel of all who forgive. Some say it was he who held back the hand of Abraham to prevent the patriarch from sacrificing his son, and because of this is usually shown holding a dagger. Also, Zadkiel is one of two standard bearers (along with Zophiel) who follow directly behind Michael as the head archangel enters battle.