

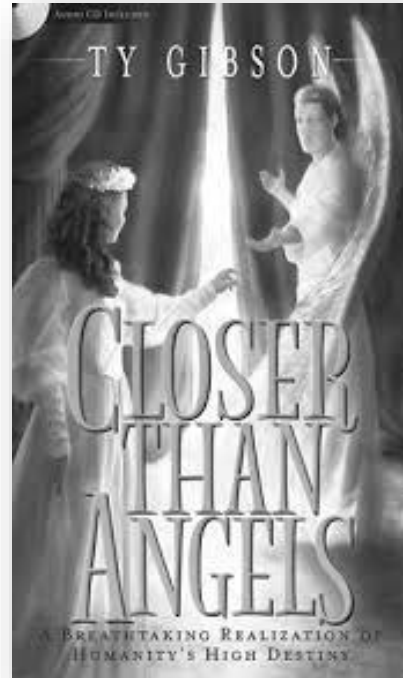


Angels: Holy and Fallen



**What does
the Bible say?**

By angel tongues is spoken a truth,
With hushed, astonished tone:
“The fallen race is God’s bride,
Destined for the throne”.



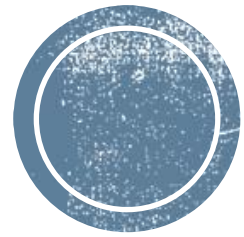
A breathtaking realization of Humanity's High Destiny

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Part 1 – Holy Angels



Who are Angels?

- **Psalms 104:4**

Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

- **Hebrews 1:14**

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?



- At least 250 Bible passages speak of angels
- The book of Revelation alone has 80 references
- Both the Hebrew word **mal'ak** and the Greek word **angelos**, from which we get the word angel mean “messenger”





Battle of the Cosmos

Revelation 12:7-9, 4

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth...



Introduction



Connection of the visible with the invisible world



Ministration of Angels and agency of evil spirits inseparably interwoven with human history



Growing disbelief in the existence of evil spirits and growing interest in modern spiritualism



Holy Angels sent from God will continue to minister to God's people to the end of time

Abraham, Lot, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Mary, Joseph, Zachariah, Peter, Paul & Silas, Cornelius



Holy Angels

Existence before the creation of man - Job 38:7

Created beings and superior in nature to man
Heb 2:7

Innumerable in number - Rev 5:11, Dan 7:10

Incredibly dazzling and exceed speed of light - Eze 1:14, Matt 28: 3,4

Powerful - Psalms 103: 20, 2 Kings 19:35

Access to the presence of God - Matt 18:10, Rev 7:11

Involved in the work of redemption - Luke 15:10, Heb 1:14

Can appear in the form of men - Heb 13:2

Cannot procreate - Mark 12:25, Matt 22:30

Will attend Jesus 2nd coming - Matt 25:31, Mark 13:27

Perfect order in heaven among the holy angels, archangels, commanding angels (over divisions or companies of angels), cherubim and seraphim





PLACED AT THE
GARDEN OF
EDEN TO GUARD
THE WAY TO THE
TREE OF LIFE
GENESIS 3:24



TWO CHERUBIM
OF GOLD ON
THE ENDS OF
THE MERCY SEAT
EXODUS
25:18,20,22



GOD'S PRESENCE
DWELLS
BETWEEN THE
CHERUBIM
2 KINGS 19:15,
PSALMS 80:1,
ISA 37:16



STAND AMONG
COALS OF FIRE
(FIERY STONES).
CHERUBIM ARE
ALSO CALLED
"WATCHERS"
EZE 10:1,6,7



AROUND GOD'S
THRONE (ALSO
CALLED "LIVING
CREATURES") -
EZE
10:15,17,20,
EZE 1:5,13-15,
REV 4:6-9



WINGS, HANDS,
WHEELS, FACES,
EYES, FEET
EZE 10:
8,9,14,16;
EZE 1:7, 8



LUCIFER WAS AN
ANOINTED
COVERING
CHERUB
EZE 28:14,16

Cherubim (singular: Cherub)



Seraphim (singular: seraph)

- Among the highest order of angelic beings in close proximity to the throne of God
- Cherub has four wings
 - four faces (ox or cherub, lion, eagle, man)
 - Two wings stretched to touch another and two to cover their body - Eze 1:11, Eze 10:21
- Seraph has six wings
 - Only found in the book of Isaiah
 - They use two wings for flying, two to cover face and two to cover their body - Isa 6:2-3
- (Bright and Glorious) Seraph meaning “Burning ones” or “fiery flying serpents” - Num 21:6, Isa 14:29
- The four living creatures in Revelation have similar characteristics with Cherubim but also have six wings - Rev 4: 6-8
- “He [Satan] who was once a covering cherub remembers whence he has fallen. A shining seraph, “son of the morning”, how changed, how degraded!”
(GC page 669)



Angel of the Lord (Pre-incarnate Christ)

Commander of the Angelic (Heavenly) Host,
Divine Son of God who pre-existed from eternity,
Michael the Chief Prince,
Captain of the Lord's Host,
Michael the Archangel,

Angel of the Lord:

- Appeared to Moses in the burning bush - Ex 3:2
- Went ahead of the children of Israel - Ex 14:19, Ex 23:20
- Appeared to Balaam on his way - Num 22:22-27
- Reminded the people of the covenant - Judges 2:1-4
- Appeared to strengthen Gideon - Judges 6:11-22
- Met with Samson's parents - Judges 13
- Zechariah vision of the horses - Zech 1:7-12
- Joshua the high priest vision - Zech 3:1-10
- Delivers His people at last - 1 Thess 4:16-18; Dan 12:1





Guardian Angels

- A Guardian angel is appointed to every believer
- These Heavenly Watchers shield every righteous person from the power of the wicked one. They have access at all times to the presence of God
- Job 1:9,10; Psalms 34:7
- God's people, exposed to the deceptive power and unsleeping malice of the prince of darkness and in conflict with all the forces of evil are assured of the unceasing guardianship of the heavenly angels
- Angels of God are watching over us. Upon this earth there are thousands and tens of thousands of heavenly messengers commissioned by the Father to prevent Satan from obtaining any advantage over those who refuse to walk in the path of evil. And these angels who guard God's children on earth are in communication with the Father in heaven. (TA page 16)



- We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the cooperation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and Seraphim, and angels that excel in strength stand at God's right hand. (TA page 17)
- In all your experiences, remember that angels of God are beside you. They know what you do, they are present to guard you. Do not do anything to displease them. (TA page 19)
- Angels of light and power are ever near to protect, to comfort, to heal, to instruct, to inspire. (TA page 21)
- In working for perishing souls, you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to cooperate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ. (CM page 110)
- Every redeemed one will understand the ministry of angels in his own life. The angel who was his guardian from his earliest moment, the angel who watched his steps, and covered his head in the day of peril, the angel who was with him in the valley of the shadow of death, who marked his resting place, who was the first to greet him in the resurrection morning - what will it be to hold converse with him and to learn the history of divine interposition in the individual life, of heavenly cooperation in every work for humanity. (Ed page 305)





Part 2 – Fallen Angels



Evil Angels

- Evil angels in the beginning were created sinless and equal in nature, power and glory with the holy beings that are now God's messengers
- Lucifer was the first of the covering cherub and an archangel. He was the highest of all created beings. He was next in honor to Christ. He stood nearest the throne of God, and in glory surpassed all the angels.
- “The fact that he was an archangel, glorious and powerful, enabled him to exert a mighty influence”. (ST Sep 14, 1882, par 9)
- United with Satan (Lucifer) in his rebellion for the dishonor of God and the destruction of men, evil angels only delight is misery and destruction, to distract minds, torment bodies, destroy possessions, lives, peace and happiness of men



Evil Angels

- Evil angels are marshaled in companies
- Like a Legion in the Roman army ~ 3,000 - 5,000 demons (Mark 5:9)
- Great intelligence and subtlety
- Malicious focus to deceive and destroy (John 10:10)
- Responsible for conflicts, tumults, war, revolutions, bloodshed & destruction
- Those who deny their existence and are ignorant of their wiles face the greatest danger from the influence of evil spirits. Satan can most readily control the minds of those who are unconscious of his influence
- Desire worship. The Bible cautions, “Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels” (Colossians 2:18, Matt 4:10)



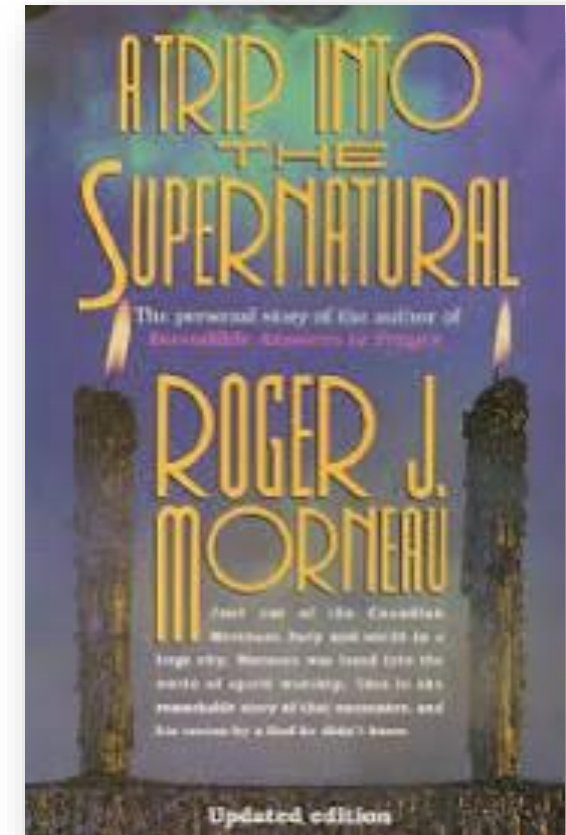
Spiritualism

- [Oxford] The system of belief or religious practice based on supposed communication with the spirits of the dead, especially through mediums
- The doctrine that the spirit exists as distinct from matter
- The doctrine that the spirit of the dead exist and can communicate with the living
- One of the 7 principles of Spiritualism is the continuous existence of the human soul
- “Spiritualism is the masterpiece of deception. It is Satan’s most successful and fascinating delusion - one calculated to take hold of the sympathies of those who have laid their loved ones in the grave” - TA page 262



A trip into the Supernatural – Roger Morneau (author)

- Spirit worship (worship of Lucifer and his angels)
- Necromancy - believe in life after death and in the immortality of the soul
- “There are three main divisions of demon spirits and then there are divisions within those divisions. You have the friendly demon spirits; that seem to have the finesse and the refinement and they’re not upset about what happened when they were thrown out of heaven, from what I gather. Then you have warriors; they like to bring misery and destruction in the lives of people. Then you have the oppressors; and the oppressors are the real wicked spirits that hate God, the Creator, with all of their might”. - Roger Morneau



Modern Day Sorcery

- Communication with evil spirits masquerading as dead persons (1 Sam 28: 8-14)
- Manifestations of the “Spirit” during charismatic worship services similar to pagan religious rituals (beating of drums induce hypnotic trance, ecstatic utterances, healing experiences, uncontrollable laughter)
- Fascination with “power”, the dead, exorcism, witchcraft, mysticism, occult and magic
- Deception of the world through supernatural signs, miracles and unexplainable wonders

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. (1 Tim 4:1)



Modern Day Spiritism

- The religion of the heathen was a worship of the dead (Psalms 106:28,37,38)
- Modern spiritualism is a revival of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned of old. (EP page 497)
- Through spiritualism, many of the sick, the bereaved, the curious are communicating with evil spirits. All who venture to do this are on dangerous ground. (AA page 289)
- The magicians of heathen times have their counterpart in the spiritualistic mediums, the clairvoyants, and the fortune-tellers of today. Could the veil be lifted from before our eyes, we should see evil angels employing all their arts to deceive and destroy. (AA page 290)

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

(Rev 16:13-14)



Spiritualism & Deception

- Satan inspires confidence in his power to foretell things to come. By experience gained through long ages, he can often forecast with a degree of accuracy, some future events to deceive misguided souls and bring them under his power. (EP page 498)
- Many regard spiritualism as a mere imposture. Its manifestations are attributed to fraud. But while it is true that the results of trickery have often been palmed off as genuine, there have also been marked evidences of supernatural power. And many who reject spiritualism as human cunning will when confronted with manifestations which they cannot account for, be led to acknowledge its claims. (EP page 496)



The End of Rebellion

- Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41)
- By the abundance of your trading, you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading. Therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you. You have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.”
(Eze 28: 16,18,19)





Part 3: Closer than Angels



High destiny of man above the angels



■ Hebrew 2:6,7 NASB

(for a little while - Greek [brachus])

“But one has testified somewhere, saying,
“What is man, that You remember him?
Or the son of man, that You are concerned
about him? “You have made him for a little
while lower than the angels; You have
crowned him with glory and honor, and have
appointed him over the works of Your
hands”.



High destiny of man above the angels



■ Psalms 8:4,5 NASB

(a little - Hebrew[mehat])

(God - Hebrew [Elohiym])

“What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?
Yet You have made him a little lower than
God, and You crown him with glory and
majesty!”



Inheritance



- the extravagant grace of God

“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son”

- Revelation 21:7

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ”.

- Romans 8:16-17



Enthronement



- the extravagant mercy of God

“To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne”

- Revelation 3:21

“Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him”.

- Daniel 7:27



Marriage



- the extravagant love of God

“I will make you my wife forever.
I will be honest and faithful to you.
I will show you my love and compassion.
I will be true to you, my wife.
Then you will know the Lord”

- Hosea 2:19-20

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready”.

- Revelation 19:6,7



Closing thoughts..

- Before entering the City of God, the Savior bestows upon His followers the emblems of victory and invests them with the insignia of their royal state. The glittering ranks are drawn up in the form of a hollow square about their King, whose form rises in majesty high above saint and angel, whose countenance beams upon them full of benignant love...Upon the heads of the overcomers, Jesus with His own right hand places the crown of glory. For each there is a crown, bearing his own “new name”. (DD page 51)
- In the place where sin abounded, God’s grace much more abounds. The earth itself, the very field that Satan claims as his, is to be not only ransomed, but exalted. Our little world, under the curse of sin the one dark blot in His glorious creation, will be honored above all other worlds in the universe of God. Here, where the Son of God tabernacle in humanity, where the King of glory lived and suffered and died - here, when He shall make all things new, the tabernacle of God shall be with men. (DA page 26)

