

**The
Angelic host**

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INTRODUCTION

It is important to appreciate the fact that apart from the creations of God that we are able to see by our naked eyes (physical eyes), there are other spiritual beings which we cannot see by our physical eyes except God enables us to see. These beings, some are good and some are bad and can visit us and affect us either positively or negatively. These spiritual beings are known as angels. There are holy angels as well as fallen angels, the later falling in the category of the bad angels and are mostly the ones that do us much harm. It is therefore necessary that we get to know something about them. In this book you will get information concerning them to some great extent and which is useful.

The kind of information contained in this book includes: the different kinds of angels, their life and power, who they serve and also some of the people they visited and why they visited them. The book is going to dwell more on the holy angels; but also touch on the fallen angels.

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Chapter One

Who are angels?

Angels are spiritual beings that were created by God just as other physical beings as God is the Creator of all creations. God created both the seen and the unseen beings and angels fall in the unseen beings (Genesis 2:1-2, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16).

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:1-2

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:16

Angels as spiritual beings were created specifically to be in heaven where God dwells and others like the mankind, the animals, the birds and the fish and so on to be in the earth. Because angels are spiritual beings, they have no flesh or bones. (Luke 24:36-39).

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:
handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and
bones, as ye see me have.

Luke 24:36-39

Because the angels are spiritual beings one cannot
see them except God Himself who is a Spirit enable
you to see them if he sees it is necessary for you to
see them.

It seems that the angels were created by God prior
to the creation of other creations because we begin
to see Satan disguised as the serpent in the Garden
of Eden approaching Eve and trying to deceive her
and he succeeded. That was pretty early
immediately after God had finished creating all
beings (Genesis 2:8, 18, 3:1-6).

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in
Eden; and there he put the man whom he had
formed.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the
man should be alone; I will make him a help meet
for him.

NOW the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 2:8, 18; 3:1-6

Because the population of the World is in billions of people, I believe the number of angels that God created are likely to be in billions as well, as you are going to see in the next chapter. For the angels, God must have created enough for all eternity as they don't reproduce themselves as other creatures and God had that in mind and he cannot have a shortage of angels. As for the other creatures, God is a God of multiplicity and has left procreation to take effect automatically in and through them. Now get to know that angels are in different levels. (Ephesians 1:21; 3:10; 6:12, Colossians 2:15).

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Ephesians 1:21

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 3:1

The Church need to know the manifold wisdom of God in his creation (verse 9 above).

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:16

And having spoilt principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15

Chapter Two

Groups of angels

Initially when God created angels, they were all together and were all holy just as God who is holy. But something happened that later changed all that and they became split into two main groups. One being composed of holy angels and the other being composed of fallen angels. The holy angels being those angels that are loyal and obedient to God and the fallen angels being those angels that are disloyal and disobedient to God.

The holy angels are in the category of the good angels whereas the fallen angels in the category of the bad (evil) angels. In the next chapter, I will be dwelling on the work of each group as well as who they are working for.

Now let me bring to you a few scriptures that speak of the holy angels and of the fallen angels at a glance, beginning with the holy angels.

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; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:11-12

As I said earlier (chapter 1), the number of the holy angels is just so big- it is the majority consisting of two- thirds of all the angels God had created. You can now see that all the angels that God created can number into billions, going by the mathematic the scripture has presented to us.

And all the Angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God.

Saying, A'-men: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. A'-men.

Revelation 7:11-12

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithfull and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 20:11-14

The fallen angels

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:3-4; 7-9

Now the above is the event that changed the population of the angels of heaven that God had created to be split into two distinctive groups.

We have been told clearly that the great red dragon was none other than the old serpent, also called the Devil, and Satan. Satan who before his fall was known as Lucifer (the shining one) and was one of the chief angels of God, he became proud and later rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven into the earth as well as other angels who sided with him. This third of all the angels God created because of their fallen nature/ state became the

angels of Satan and the remaining two-thirds remained as the only holy angels of God.

Now there are two scriptures which accurately describe Lucifer (as he was called before the fall) which I now present to you before I go to three other scriptures that touch on the fallen angels.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart,

I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

Although the scripture was giving a proverb against the king of Babylon who had weakened the nations and he thought he was an extraterrestrial being, but

it described how Satan revolted against God's Government.

Son of man take up a lamentation upon the king of Ty'-rus and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: and workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed Cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O

covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:12-17

The above scripture was on the rebuke of the prince of Tyrus and referring to him as Satan going by his arrogance which had made him proud and corrupt.

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.

Jude 6

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 judgement;

2 Peter 2:4

The above two scriptures are both talking on one and same thing - that the fallen angels have been bound in chains (some of them) awaiting God's judgement on the last day, whereas others have been left and are active in the earth.

Then shall I say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:41

You can see in the above scripture that everlasting fire has been prepared for the devil (Satan) and his angels.

It therefore follows as I said earlier, that we have two groups of angels - God's holy angels and on the other hand Satan's (evil) angels.

In the next chapter I am going to dwell on the work of the angels- the holy angels and the fallen angels.

Chapter Three

Work of angels

When God created angels it seems their work was mainly to worship and praise God as well as to serve him in various capacities. They were to be God's servants or messengers. (Hebrews 1:7-14).

And of the angels he saith, who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son he saith, thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And, thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest: and they are all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:7-14

The word “angel” in the Hebrew language means ‘one who brings a message.’ Now as I said in the second chapter that the angels have been grouped into two, that is, the holy angels (angels of God) and the fallen angels (angels of Satan), it follows therefore that their work has also changed so that the holy angels continue to do the work of God using power from God and the fallen angels instead do the work of Satan using power from Satan.

When we look at the scriptures we find the same angels are called Seraphim and others Cherubim. In the latter it seems falls those known as the living creatures as well. The four living creatures are highly esteemed by God as they surround the throne of God and all their activities revolve / are confined in the throne of God there in heaven as we

shall see under the subtitle ‘Angels of God at work’.

The Seraphims

IN the year that king Uz-zi'-ah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the ser'-a-phim: each had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Then flew one of the ser'-a-phim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isaiah 6:1-7

The Cherubims

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire in folding itself, and brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

And everyone had four faces, and everyone had four wings.

Ezekiel 1:4-6

This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Che'-bar; and I knew that they were the Cher'-u-bim

Every one had four faces a piece, and everyone four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Che'-bar, their appearances and themselves: they went everyone straight forward.

Ezekiel 10:20-22

Then did the Cher'-u-bim lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

Ezekiel 11:22-23

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:14

Lucifer had the above privilege but he abused it and was no more there in heaven but was cast down into the earth.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwelleth between the cherubim, shine forth.

Psalm 80:1

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from hence he was taken.

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden cher'-u-bim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 3:22-24

And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

And thou shalt make two cher'-u-bim of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cher'-u-bim on the two ends thereof.

And the cher'-u-bim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cher'-u-bim be.

Exodus 25:17-20

Those are the instructions that the Lord God gave to Moses touching on the ark of testimony. I think it was symbolic of what was going on in heaven.

Now as I said earlier somewhere, angels are servants or messengers of God and can serve doing different tasks as assigned by him from time to time. I am now going to take you to various scriptures but first, on the angels of God, that is, the

holy angels before I finally later go to the other angels- the angels of Satan who are the fallen angels.

Angels of God at work

In the year that king Uz-zi'-ah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the ser'-a-phim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:1-3

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying;

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:8-14

Here they are praising the Lord.

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a

sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like an ox, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4

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;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto

him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth forever and ever.

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come.

AND I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come.

And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come.

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 5:11 – 6:8

AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 14:1-3

You can also read the activities of the four living creatures in chapter 15 and 19 of this book of Revelation.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand
at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the
reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my
refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any
plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to
keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalm 91:1-11

Angels can be given charge over a person to protect
him or her.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the
twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with
swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders
of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying,
whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him
fast.

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail,
master; and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's and smote off his ear.

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Matthew 26:47-54

When Jesus Christ will be coming to the earth a second time, he will not be coming alone but he will be accompanied by all the holy angels.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Angels can be sent as a rescue team wherever and whenever it is necessary by God.

Matthew 25:31

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Luke 22:39-43

Here an angel was sent to strengthen Jesus when he was praying prior to his arrest, conviction/sentence and finally crucifixion.

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which

must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 1:1-3

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

And he said, Behold now, my Lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him.

And said, I pray you brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; test thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being

merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Genesis 19:1-16

Here the angels had appeared to Lot as human beings and their mission was to save Lot and his household and to bring judgment upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by destroying them with fire.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

And there was a certain beggar named Laz'-a-rus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Laz'-a-rus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Laz'-a-rus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Laz'-a-rus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luke 16:19-25

We see here that after Lazarus had died he was carried into Abraham's bosom. Angels as the above scripture says, they are ministering spirits.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 103:13-22

God's angels are there to do his commandments.

It seems angels also have a role in the Church of Christ. You can read the book of Revelation (Revelation 2:1; 8; 12; 18; 3:1; 7:14)

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

He answered and said unto them,
He that soweth the seed is the Son of man;
The field is the world; the good seed are the
children of the kingdom; but the tares are the
children of the wicked one;
The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest
is the end of the world; and the reapers are the
angels.
As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in
the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.
The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and
they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that
offend, and them which do iniquity;
And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there
shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in
the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear,
let him hear.

Matthew 14:36-43

In the above case we see that God's angels will be
involved in reaping of souls for the Lord in his
coming in the rapture of his holy Church. The same
incident is recorded also below, in the book of

Revelation but there it touches on the children of the wicked one (of Satan) - the sinners.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, thrust in thy sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 14:14-20

The above scripture talks of God's judgment on the earth by his angels during the Tribulation period on the rebellious by slaughtering.

AND I looked, and, Lo, a lamb stood on the mount Zi'-on, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Fathers name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And I saw another angel fly in the mist of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people.

God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgement is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented

with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:1-13

We do see the work of angels of God as one was to pour God's wrath on those who received the mark of the beast during the Great Tribulation period and to give rest to the saints who were redeemed and one who would proclaim God's message to the people on the earth.

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sen-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria I have heard.

This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; the virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

Whom hath thou reproached and blasphemed? And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? Even against the Holy One of Israel. By the messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said,

With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Leb'-anon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the Lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

I have digged and drunk stranger waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herbs, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

But I know they abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my look in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way which thou camest.

And this shall be a sign unto thee, ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way that he come, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred four score and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning behold, they were all dead corpses.

2 Kings 19:20-35

In the above scripture we see the angel of the Lord at work when he delivered king Hezekiah and the people of Judah from the Assyrians by a big slaughter on the enemies of Judah.

Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Am'-o-rites, and the Hit'-tites, and the Per'-iz-zites, and the Ca'-na-an-nites, the Hi'-vites, and the Jeb'—u-sites: and I will cut them off.

Exodus 23:20-23

In the above case God had sent an angel to the children of Israel in the wilderness to guide them and who they were to obey.

And these three men, Sha'-drach, Me'-shach, and A-bed'-ne-go, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Then Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Sha'-drach, Me'-shach, and A-bed'-ne-go, ye servants of the most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Sha'-drack, Me'-shach and A-bed'-ne-go, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Then Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Sha-drack, Me'-shach and A-bed'-ne-go, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the

king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their God.

Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation and language, which speak anything a miss against the God of Sha-drack, Me'-shach and Abed'-ne-go, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because they is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

Daniel 3:23-29

In the above case the angel of the Lord was sent to deliver the Hebrew boys from the fiery furnace they were thrown into by the instruction of king Nebuchadnezzar.

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the kings decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, the thing is true, according to

the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

Then these men assembled unto the king and said unto the king, know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of Lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

And when he come to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom they servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

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 I me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 6:11-22

In the above case God had sent an angel to deliver Daniel from the mouth of the lions in the den he was thrown into not to hurt him.

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

And there came a voice from heaven saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Mark 1:9-13

In the above case we do see that angels were sent to minister to the Lord Jesus at trying moment in the wilderness.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

And believers were the more added to the Lord,
multitudes both of men and women.)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the
streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at
the least the shadow of Peter passing by might over
shadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round
about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them
which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they
were healed every one.

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were
with him (which is the sect of the Sad'-du-ceeds,)
and were filled with indignation,

And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them
in the common prison.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the
prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all
the words of this life.

Acts 5:12-20

The angel of the Lord came to the rescue of the
apostles who were in prison.

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread).

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter was therefore kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly:

And his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals.

And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garments about thee, and follow me.

And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forth with the angel departed from him.

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Acts 12:1-11

An angel of God delivered Apostle Peter out of the prison he was in and set him free.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, nothing.

Then said he unto them, but now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, and he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords.

And he said unto them, It is enough.

And he came out, and went as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at that place, he said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Saying, Father, if thou be willing remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Luke 22:31-43

An angel of God in the above case strengthened Jesus prior to his arrest and later his crucifixion.

Angels of Satan at work

Now concerning the angels of Satan, they are bad news because of the bad (evil) things they do to human beings. The demons are evil spirits and are

the angels of Satan. Satan and his angels can perform miracles, afflict people with all sorts of diseases and illnesses both physical and mental and can handle bacteria and viruses which they can place in people. Those people who are suffering as a result of demonic illness (illness brought by a demon) when tests are done on them in a laboratory the result come out negative although they have the symptoms of a particular illness or disease (it seems they may be having a way of hiding the cause of an illness or disease from being seen, say in a microscope).

It is not surprising that demons can also hide information on an x-ray result.

Demons have the capacity and can hinder the body's system in fighting an infection in a person. Something I have experienced in life severally is that demons take advantage of any illness you may have had before, to hit you hard when you have it again or try to cause you to have it. I have seen this with the case of cold and flu which when I have it, it is usually so severe on me and lasts longer than is normal and sometimes takes even weeks to be

healed. The same applies to sin. Demons will tempt you most to sin in areas you were always weak in when you were not saved e.g. when you were involved much in lying or stealing or in sexual immorality, they will always tempt you to sin in those areas – so be on the guard in those areas in addition to others in life, which you need not neglect as well.

Most illnesses and diseases are as a result of the demons but not all. Demonic illnesses can only be cured by prayer in faith and anointing with oil. But the cases where there is no demonic influence, those are the ones which are normally treated by medical science and one is cured (Mark 6:12-13, James 5:13-15).

And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:12-13

Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:13-15

Demons may also cause depression in a person by throwing into a person's mind bad thoughts which make the person's spirit to be low. For that reason, people need to be watching and weighing their thought life as it can turn out not to be one's thoughts. (Philippians 4:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds:)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Now I do present various scriptures on what these evil beings do.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and

Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rod.

Exodus 7:8-12

Satan has many agents who he uses and the sorcerers and the magicians are just some of them (You can read more about the servants of Satan in my book entitled 'EXPOSED! The servants of satan').

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

And the LORD said unto Satan, from whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Job 2:1-8

Now there you are - Satan is at it bringing sore boils in the body of job. Read also chapter 1 on how destructive Satan can be (Job 1:6-19).

And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was

taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

Luke 4:33-35; 38-39

And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said,

What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

Luke 8:27-28

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zech-a-ri'-ah, of the course of Abi'-jah: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

And when Zech-a-ri'ah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not Zech-a-ri'ah: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Eli'-jah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the Just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zech-a-ri'-ah said unto the angel, whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

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 show thee these glad tidings.

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.

And the people waited for Zech -a-ri'-ah, and marveled that he tarried so long in the temple.

And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

Luke 1:5-22

And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

And the LORD said unto him, wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.

And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

1 Kings 22:21-22

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1 Timothy 4:1

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

1 Thessalonians 2:18

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:13

And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Mag'-da-lene, out of whom went seven devils,

Luke 8:2

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The above is not all but just some of the messes Satan and his angels do to people.

Chapter Four

Angels not to be worshipped

We had found out in the first chapter that angels are but just the creations of God and also in the third chapter that they were created specifically to serve God. To worship the angels who are merely creations is to involve oneself in idolatry and idolatry according to God is sin and is therefore forbidden.

We are now going to take a look at some of the scriptures that point to the fact.

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the

children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:7-10

The only one that need to be worshipped is the Creator who is God and that is why he has said that we need not to have any other god before him that we bow down ourselves to, that is, we worship or serve and if we do he will judge us up to the fourth generation - that is a severe punishment indeed that nobody need ignore by being disobedient to this commandment of God (in fact it is the first and second commandment) out of the ten that he gave to the children of Israel and of course it applies to all mankind.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice,

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 95:6-11

Here too, we are requested to bow down and worship our Creator the LORD God as we are His creation.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Psalm 96:9

Even here we are told to worship the LORD and that applied to all the earth and not just some individuals. We have only one Lord who is the Lord of Lords and that is the Creator who is the God of gods. God is above all things be it in heaven, in the earth or beneath the earth. He is the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
(Isaiah 44:6, Revelation 19:16; 22:13).

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the lord thy god, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:8-10

Satan tempted Jesus to disobey his Father by worshipping him promising a great reward but was utterly defeated when Jesus referred him to the scriptures. Only God is to be worshipped and to be served. Who do you fall down to worship or serve?

Are you quick to run for some rewards however great regardless of the consequences!? Worship and serve Jehovah Elohim, the Eternal Creator, Jehovah - Hoseenu, the Lord our Maker (Genesis 1:1, Psalm 95:6).

And the morrow after they entered into Cae-sa-re'-a. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

Acts 10:24-26

Apostle Peter discouraged Cornelius from worshipping him and taking him up and telling him to stand up as he also was just a man (meaning he is not God to be worshipped).

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:9-10

That must have been an angel of God who was talking to Apostle John and whom John fell down at his feet to worship him. But the angel told him that he should not do it as he himself was just a fellow servant and that instead the apostle should worship God.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, A'-men; and have the keys of hell and death.

Revelation 1:17-18

Now this is the only contrast because in this case the apostle John fell down to worship the Creator. He saw Jesus Christ face to face and Jesus told him it is well, I am He- (I am the Creator God). You can see here clearly that Jesus Christ did not tell him not to worship him rather gave an assurance that all was well, it was okay what he did to him.

Let no man beguile you of your reward in voluntary humility and worshipping of angels intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Colossians 2:18-19

In the above scripture we do find apostle Paul advising the church at Colossae that they should not worship angels but the one to be worshipped is Jesus Christ who is the Head of the Church and they as the body of Christ they need get their nourishment from him.

In God's Government Christ is not only the Head of the Church but he is the Head of all creation angels included and you can see that angels minister to Christ (Mark 1:9-13). Christ is their Boss and they serve him as well as God.

Chapter five

Archangels of God

In an earlier chapter I said that angels are in levels. In this chapter we are going to deal with the highest level of all the angels God created. In the angelic hierarchy, arch angels are in the highest rank and are the chief angels.

The scriptures record that God had such chief angels and who headed other angels of God in various departments.

Now the scriptures do indicate to us that there were the archangels of God at the initial stage but later on, one had to be cast out (removed) from the rest because he went against God's Administration.

That archangel who was cast out from heaven into the earth was known as Lucifer in heaven and his named changed to Satan. The three Archangels are: Michael who is in charge of War (in charge of the armed forces of God) then Gabriel who is in charge of Messages (in charge of the taking of God's messages where needed) and the last one was Lucifer who was in charge of Worship (in charge of praise and worship before God).

Let us now look at a scripture or two that touch on each of those offices.

Archangel Michael

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:13

Now that was a spiritual warfare between an angel of God and an angel of Satan and it took the intervention of the archangel Michael to save the situation by overpowering the prince of Persia so as to have the angel of God deliver God's message to Daniel.

Then said, he, Knowest thou wherefore I came unto thee? And now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Daniel 10:20-21

Here it is reported that in all the fights in the heavenlies it is only Archangel Michael who can be of help against the most powerful and wicked angels (principalities).

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

Even during the Great Tribulation it is Archangel Michael who will stand up to deliver those Jews who are saved from the destruction at that time. (Remember Revelation 7:1-8 and Revelation 14:1-5).

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found
any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:7-8

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.

Jude 9

Here the Archangel Michael was contending with
the devil on the body of Moses.

Archangel Gabriel

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was set
from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was
Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's
name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail,
thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favor with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:26-33

Here because of the importance of the message, God sent his archangel Gabriel to take the glad tidings to the virgin Mary.

And when Zech-a-ri'-ah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zech-a-ri-ah: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

And many of the children of Israel shall he return to the Lord their God.

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Eli'-jah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zech-a-ri'-ah said to the angel, whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

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 show thee these glad tidings.

Luke 1:12-19

Here also we see God sending the archangel Gabriel to deliver the important message to Zechariah a priest of God.

Archangel Lucifer

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast

sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:14-17

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out in to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:7-9

Chapter Six

Life, Supremacy and Power of angels

The life of angels is interesting in some ways. Angels, because they are spiritual beings, they are immortal in that they don't die like other creatures although they are finite and can appear in different forms or size. That is why you will find in scriptures sometimes they appear as human beings or a whirlwind and so on. Also because they are spiritual, they have the ability to fly any where and can also go (pass) through solids such as a wall of a building and that is why you can find him in your room although the door and windows are all closed, when he does pay a visit (Acts 12:6-7, Luke 24:28-39)

The scriptures have recorded that some fallen angels the number of which is not recorded were bound in chains and are awaiting the judgement day. (Jude 6, 2 Peter 2:4) but even Satan himself who is their chief will soon be bound in chains as well for quite some time (for a thousand years) and that will happen immediately after the tribulation and the great tribulation period. (Revelation 20:1-

3). All the fallen angels Satan included as well as the beast and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:7-10).

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the King of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

So Sen-nach'-er-rib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'-e-veh.

2 Kings 19:32-36

The above scripture just shows us how powerful the angels are that in a single night an angel could slaughter so many people single handedly!

AND I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he lay hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:1-3

Even Satan the prince of the world could not withstand even one angel of God who took him and bound him and cast him into the bottomless pit.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might over-shadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sad'-du-cees,) and were filled with indignation,

And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go,

stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 5:12-20

An angel of God in rescue operation in a prison.

NOW about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread).

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the Keepers before the door kept the prison.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but though he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city, which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Acts 12:1-10

Another rescue operation by God's angel.

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

And he pressed upon them greatly and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, where are the men which came in thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; Let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your

eyes; only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

And they said, Stand back. And they said again, this one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them.

And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Genesis 19:1-11

Yet another rescue operation by God's angel.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be lossed out of his prison.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Ma'-gog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20:7-10

Maybe you are wondering where are the fallen angels? They will be there as well. Read on.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:41

Just as Christ promised his disciples that he will come and take them to be where he is (John 14:1-3), God is going to have Satan and his angels lumped together where he had prepared for them.

From the scripture we are able to know that angels also eat but they eat a more (better) balanced diet. (Psalm 78:20-25).

Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams over flowed, can he give bread also? Can he provide flesh for his people?

Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven;

And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

Psalm 78:20-25

Satan who was before the fall was known as Lucifer, as well as other angels of God that fell together with him (Revelation 12:7-9) all were covered by God's glory but when they fell and were cast out from heaven into the earth they lost the glory and became (were left) uncovered, just as Adam and Eve before they fell into sin, they were

covered by the glory (presence) of God, but when they sinned they found themselves naked, as God's glory had left them. (Genesis 3:6-7) As for Adam and Eve it was worse as they could not live for ever as God, who made them in his image and after his likeness and death was inevitable for them (Romans 5:12). But thanks be to God for it was but for a season while on the earth as through Jesus Christ man is reconciled back to God and look forward to live eternally after the life on earth. (Romans 5:17; 6:23, 1 Timothy 2:5-6).

Coming back to Satan and his fallen angels, because of their uncovered state as a result of the fall in that disembodied state, they are always looking for cover. No wonder the scriptures is full of people who were demon possessed both non-Christians and to some extent even Christians. The reason for demons to want to inhabit human beings is not only for cover but also to use such an opportunity to cause havoc in them having them involved in sinful activities which alienate them more and more from the Creator and also to satisfy their appetites, lusts and desires in them. For

instance, when they want to smoke they do it through people by having them lust to smoke cigarettes or marijuana such that when smoking they are enjoying it all inside such people, or say when want to say involve in sexual intercourse they make a person lust so much at women and say the person is not regenerate, end up raping a girl or a woman and the spirit of rape enjoys it all. Read the following scriptures before I go further.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

The enemy is busy walking here and there looking for an opportunity in people to lead them into sin.

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 2:1-3

Without Christ in one's life, one is left to the power of darkness- the power of Satan and for sure he will use the one to do his will as one is powerless. Only in Christ Jesus does one get the power to resist the devil and his cohorts. These evil beings can lead one to commit any sin be it rape, murder, theft, robbery, lust, name it.

Christians who are born again need to live a holy and righteous life so as to be able to cast out demons out of those oppressed by the devil as they will still be holding the authority of Christ and if not they will be disappointed as the sons of Sceva. (Matthew 10:5-8, Luke 10:19-20, Ephesians 6:12-18, Acts 16:16-18; 19:11-16).

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Sa-mar'-i-tans enter ye not:

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:5-8

Here Jesus gave his authority also to his disciples and to apply to all that will believe in his as well. Read the following scripture s well.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:19-20

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God,
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and
having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with
truth, and having on the breastplate of
righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the
gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye
shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the
wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of
the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in
the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all
perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:12-18

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain
damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us,
which brought her masters much gain by sooth-
saying:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, these men are the servants of the Most High God, which show unto us the way of salvation.

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 16:16-18

Here you can see Apostle Paul exercising the authority in the name of Jesus to cast out an evil spirit.

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

And there were seven sons of one sce'-va, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:11-16

Demons are not to be played with as the sons of Sceva did who had personal relationship with Jesus. Christians can avoid being demon possessed by living holy and righteously. If they do, they will continue to have divine protection of God (sort of a wall or a hedge) but if they allow themselves to live in sin that divine protection is broken in that sin makes a hole in a Christian's life and which is a door that the enemy can use to reach him or her (to come in) (Job 1:8-10, Ecclesiastes 10:8).

If a Christian live in sin, loses the authority in the name of Jesus to cast out demons and what happened to the sons of sceva can be repeated. In fact, I have heard some Christians who lived in sin, demons ashamed them refusing to obey being cast

out and mentioned the Christians' sins instead in fighting back.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, doth Job fear God for nought?

Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 1:8-10

Here the scriptures record that God had made a hedge about Job who lived a righteous life free from sin. That apply to all believers who live holy lives.

He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

Ecclesiastes 10:8

Whenever you see the word in scripture the word serpent, get to now you are dealing with Satan or his child (demon) (Luke 10:18, 1 John 3:10, Revelation 12:9; 20:2, Genesis 3:1). It follows therefore in the above scripture (Ecclesiastes 10:8b) that a demon or Satan will bite a Christian, that is, will be able to reach and touch his or her life.

As a Christian don't live a careless life which will expose you to a demon or demons who can find a way/ a door in you if living in sin and inhabit you so that you become a landlord and them tenants, because that would mean you are now defiled and if remain that way, you are for sure going to miss heaven. We are advised not to give the devil a place (Ephesians 4:26-27). We therefore need a life of separation from anything that is unclean. Read on.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Isaiah 52:11

Christians are the vessels of the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:19-21).

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Be'-li-al? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

And will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

HAVING therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the

flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

By cleansing ourselves it also includes free from demons, who are but dirty and unclean (Luke 11:24-26).

When the Lord was speaking to Moses on the law of holiness to tell the children of Israel, he told him that they should have nothing to do with demons as he is holy.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.

Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:1, 31

Now let me touch something that concerns the order of God's creation.

From the look of things the angels who were first created by God fall in the first class as they are

closer to God as and are also living with him in heaven as they are spiritual beings as God and living with Him in Heaven. Human beings comes second as they were created in God's image, after God's likeness but they are physical and it seems they were meant to live on earth as they were instructed to be fruitful and multiply and to replenish the earth and to subdue (rule) it. Moreover, God used to visit them daily in the Garden of Eden to fellowship with them and at no time does the scripture record that Adam and Eve also went to visit God in Heaven in reciprocation. The rest of the other creations of God fall under the third class.

When Jesus Christ came to the earth born by Joseph and Mary by taking a human body he became lower than the angels (now as a man, in a body) just for a while and after finishing his mission here on earth, he went back to his Father and retained back his glory and was above the angels. But now the angels that fell in sin and were cast out with Satan they were actually demoted from in the first class in the order of creation to the

second class and will be with the sinners in the lake of fire. Why? because the saints are going to judge them on the judgement day and therefore the saints of God have now taken position one (first class) temporarily (Psalm 8:4-8) while the other people are remaining in position two (second class) but when the saints are finally raptured they will now be permanently in position one (first class) just as the holy angels of God. Why? Because then even their bodies will have been redeemed and they will have the same bodies as the holy angels and will live in heaven together with them. Now that will be the highest promotion any human being can get in life. I call it the promotion of the century or better still the promotion of eternity. You see, in one go one leaves the bottom (the earth) and is lifted up and promoted and goes to the top (Heaven) halleluiah. In summary read the following scriptures touching on the above before we meet again in the seventh and final chapter: Genesis 1:26-28; 3:8-13, Matthew 1:18-25, Hebrews 2:9, John 17:1-5, Revelation 12:7-9, Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Corinthians 6:1-3, Ephesians 4:30, Romans

8:22-23, Luke 20: 27-36, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Corinthians 15:49-54 and Revelation 19: 6-9; 11-14.

Characteristics of demons

1. They can feel - Mark 5:7
2. They can hear - Mark 5:9
3. They can speak - Mark 5:7,9; 19:15
4. They can cry - Mark 3:11; 5:7
5. They can see - Mark 5:6
6. They can know - Acts 16:16, Matthew 4:6
7. They have intelligence - Acts 19:13-16

The above may not be all about them but are just some of their characteristics. Because they are capable of the above it follows therefore that other angels must be having the same capabilities and even more, as holy angels.

Chapter Seven

Examples of those visited by angels

Angels are in different levels as I said earlier and therefore we have ordinary angels as well as special or chief angels the Archangels. From the various scriptures I am about to present to you, you are going to notice something and that some thing is the wording in the angels. Some are just called ‘an angel’ but others - the rest are called ‘an Angel of the Lord,’ ‘the Angel of the Lord,’ ‘the angel of God’ or simply ‘the angel of his presence.’ Now here are two categories: ordinary angels and special angels.

When the scripture mentions the second category, it is dealing with an Archangel or one of the God-head (God the Son or God the Father). Now without taking more time I go straight away to present to you the scriptures.

AND Ahab told Jez’-e-bel all that E-li’-jah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

The Jez'-e-bel sent a messenger unto E-li'-jah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-she'-ba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down wider a juniper tree: and he might die; and said, it is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Hor'-eb the mount of God.

1 Kings 19:1-8

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name I-m-man'-u-el, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Matthew 1:18- 24

And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt sent with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight show me now thy way, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

And he said, my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

And he said unto him, if thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

Exodus 33:12-15

You can see clearly here that Moses was determined to see that the Lord was with them and God assured him that his presence will be with them and not an angel.

Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

Exodus 23:20-21

God promised Moses that his presence will be with them and here he now talks of sending an angel, is that not a contradiction? No, it is not. Please note clearly the firm instructions in verse 21 and the wordings - it looks like verse 20 was God's indirect talk to Moses and that actually he Himself was going to be present and not a representative.

NOW Sar'-a-i, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had a handmaid, and Egyptian, whose name was Ha'-gar.

And Sar'-a-i said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sar'-a-i.

And Sar'-a-i, Abram's wife, took Ha'-gar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

And he went in unto Ha'-gar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

And Sar'-a-i, said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

But Abram said unto Sar'-a-i, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee.

And when Sar'-a-i dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

And he said, Ha'-gar, Sar'-a-i's maid, whence camest thou? And whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sar'-a-i.

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ish'-mael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her,

Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

Wherefore the well was called Beer-la'-hai-roi;
behold, it is between Ka'-desh and Be'-red.

Genesis 16:1-14

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cy-re'-ni-us was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock at night.

And, lo, the angel of God came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them: and there were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:1-14

And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jab'-bok.

And he took them, and sent them over the brook,
and sent over that he had.

And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man
with him until the breaking of the day.

And when he saw that he prevailed not against him,
he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow
of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled
with him.

And he said, let me go, for the day breaketh. And
he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he
said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called
no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou
power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

And Jacob asked him, and said, tell me, I pray thee,
thy name. And he said, wherefore is it that thou
dost ask after my name? And he blessed him thee.

And Jacob called the name of the place Peni'-el: for
I have seen God face to face, and my life is
preserved.

Genesis 32:22-30

I LIFTED up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, to measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, And said unto him, run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein.

Zechariah 2:1-4

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all in one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women). Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at

the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone.

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sad'-du-cees,) and were filled with indignation,

And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Acts 5:12-21

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Mid'-i-an seven years.

And the hand of Mid'-i-an prevailed against Israel: and because of the Mid'-i-anites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds.

And so it was, when Israel had sown, that Mid'-i-anites came up, and the A-mal'-ek-ites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Ga'-za, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came up as grass hoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Mid'-i-a-nites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, because of the Mid'-i-a-nites, That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Am'-o-rites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Oph'-rah, that pertained unto Jo'-ash the A'-bi-ez'-rite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Mid'-i-a-nites.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valor.

And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us?

And where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Mid'-i-a-nites.

And the LORD looked upon him, and said, go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Mid-i-a-nites: have I not sent thee?

And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poor in Ma-nas'-seh, and I am the least in my father's house.

And the LORD said unto him, surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Mid'-i-a-nites as one man.

And he said unto him, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me.

Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an e'-ph-ah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

And the angel of LORD said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

Judges 6:1-21

And Ba'-laam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him.

Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Ba'-laam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Ba'-laam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.

And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Ba'-laam: and Ba'-laam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Ba'-laam, what have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

And Ba'-laam said unto the ass, because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

And the ass said unto Ba'-laam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since, I was thine unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, nay.

Then the LORD opened the eyes of Ba'-laam and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

And the angel of the LORD said unto him, wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her life.

And Ba'-laam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

And the angel of the LORD said unto Ba'-laam, go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shall speak. So Ba'-laam went with the princes of Balak.

IN the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day, of the week, came Mary Mag'-da-lene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Matthew 28:1-8

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phil'-is'-tines forty years.

And there was a certain man of Zor'-ah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Ma-no'-ah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold, now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Phil'-is'-tines.

Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, a man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told me his name.

But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Then Ma-no'-ah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

And God hearkened to the voice of Ma-no'-ah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Ma-no'-ah her husband was not with her.

And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

And Ma-no'-ah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

And Ma-no'-ah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

She may not eat of anything that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the Lord, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Ma-no'-ah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the LORD,
What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to
pass we may do thee honor?

And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why
askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

So Ma-no'-ah took a kid with a meat offering, and
offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the
angel did wondrously; and Ma-no'-ah and his wife
looked on.

For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward
heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the
LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Ma-
no'-ah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their
faces to the ground.

But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to
Ma-no'-ah and to his wife. Then Ma-no'-ah knew
that he was an angel of the LORD.

Judges 13:1-21

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord
standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

And when Zech-a-ri'-ah saw him, he was troubled,
and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zech-a-ri'-ah: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

And Zech-a-ri'-ah said unto the angel, whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken of years.

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 show thee these glad tidings.

Luke 1:11-13; 18-19

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Ga'-za, which is desert.

And he arose and went: and behold, a man of E-thi-o'-pi-a, a eunuch of great authority under Can-da'-ce queen of the E-thi-o'-pi-ans, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Isai'-ah the prophet.

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 8:26-29

THERE was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, what is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

And now send men to Joppa, and call for a one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household

servants, and devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:1-8

NOW about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with a sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread).

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quartenions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two

soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly.

And his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals.

And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but though he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Acts 12:1-10

And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Acts 27:22-24

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mam'-re: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye yours hearts, after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree and they did eat.

And they said into him, where is Sarah thy wife?

And he said, Behold, in the tent

And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind them.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, after I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying,

Shall of a surety bear a child, which am old?

Is anything too hard for the LORD?

At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Genesis 18:1-14

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