Consider Jesus, Your Merciful High Priest

Hebrews Chapter 1: Angels



The Son has a more excellent name than the angels He is much better than they are They are ministering spirits But He is God, the one who will rule all.

Why start with a contrast—Jesus vs. Angels

Temptation for Jews then: Elevate the position of angels

What Does Hebrews 1 Say about Angels?

All the angels are to worship the SonSince they are not His equal

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Winds Ministers A Flame of Fire

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Ministering spirits Sent out to render service • for the sake of those who will inherit salvation

Hebrew Word for Angel *mal'ak*—"messenger" "from an unused root meaning to dispatch someone as a deputy" Definition fits perfectly with the description of angels in Hebrews 1.

Greek Word for Angel

Aggelos—"messenger, one sent to announce or proclaim" The definition is basically the same as for the Hebrew word.



Col. 1:16

Angels were created as living beings by God Job 38:6-7

He created them before He laid the earth's foundations.

Angels They don't die They don't marry. **Every time an angel appeared in the** Bible, he was in a masculine form. They looked like men.



"Stars"

"Sons of God"

The immediate context of a passage gives the interpretation



Two divisions Those who serve God, good angels **Those who fell with Satan** Serve him Demons

Ps. 103:19-21

They perform God's word Heb. 1:7—God's ministers 14—He sends them out to do His will in serving those who will be saved

Heb. 13:2 – People don't always know when angels are present

Matt. 18:10

They minister to little children

Angels came to minister to Jesus after the devil tempted Him

The churches have angels, or messengers Jesus is in their midst Jesus sent His angel to tell the church what will take place in the future

Ps. 78:49

Angels even do God's will when it comes to destruction He sent a band of destroying angels on Egypt

Mt. 13: 41-42; 25:31

Angels will come with Jesus when He returns to earth at His 2nd coming They will also gather all stumbling blocks and lawless ones Throw them into the fire

Angel of the Lord Gen. 16:7-14

He ministered to Hagar in the wilderness She called him, "Lord" The Lord who sees—El Roi

He was also called "the Lord" when he prevented Abraham from sacrificing Isaac The Lord Will Provide **Jehovah Jireh**

Angel of the Lord 1 Chr. 21:1-27

Prevented destruction Angel came to destroy Jerusalem in David's day Satan had enticed David to take a census out of pride

Lk. 1:8-13, 19

An angel of the Lord, Gabriel, also appeared with a message to Zecharias Father of John the Baptist

When he appeared to men They were understandably fearful And in awe

Lk. 2:18-25

An angel also brought the news of Jesus' birth

To the shepherds in the Bethlehem fields

Acts 8:26

Told Philip the evangelist Where to go minister the gospel

Rev. 12:3-4, 6-9

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The result of the war The devil and his angels are not strong enough to win the battle They will be thrown down

Mt. 25:41

The lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels

2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6

Regarding angels who sinned by not keeping their proper abode Kept in eternal bonds Until the day of judgment

2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6

They're in hell in pits of darkness until that time

Some of the angels are bound now But some aren't

Gal. 1:8

An angel might preach a gospel contrary to the truth

2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 Jn. 4:1-5

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light

We need to be aware of his servants False prophets, deceitful workers

Disguise themselves as apostles of Christ As servants of righteousness Evil spirits, the spirit of the antichrist In the world

2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 in. 4:1-5 Influence false prophets Greater is the Holy Spirit in believers Than those spirits

1 Cor. 6:2-3

Believers will judge angels