

Truth in Focus

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Angels and other unseen beings

I. HOSTS

- This Biblical term encompasses all of the innumerable unseen spiritual beings - all created by God, and all in subjection to Him as the Lord of Hosts. (*John 1:3; Neh.9:6; Ps.33:6; 1 Kings 22:19; Is.34:4; Lk.2:13; Acts 7:42; Jer.33:22; Ps.24:10*)

II. STARS

- The Biblical term referring to the collective heavenly host as well as to individual beings such as Lucifer, the angel of Abaddon, and to the Lord Jesus as the Bright Morning Star (*Job 38:7; Is.14:12,13; Rev.9:1,11; 20:1; 22:16*).

III. ANGELS

- Heavenly messengers to carry a message, perform specific tasks, and to represent God (*Hag.1:13; Gen.16:7*).
- They all have names; such as Cherubim, Seraphim, the Archangel Michael, and Gabriel (*Is.40:26; Ps.147:4; Gen.3:24; Ex.25:18; Ezek,10:1ff; 28:14; Is.6:2,6; Jude 9; 1Thess.4:16; Rev.12:7; Dan.8:16; 9:21; Lk.1:19,26*).
- The Angel of the Lord is the pre-incarnate Christ who acts with great power and authority in the Old Testament (*Gen.22:11,12; Ex.3:2; Jud.6:12; 2Kings 19:35*).
- Angels are real normally invisible beings, are innumerable, powerful servants of God. Their power is limited by God, can only be in one place at a time, and do not understand redemption (*Acts 12:9; Heb.12:22; Dan.6:22; Rev.14:19; Ps.103:20,21; Heb.1:14; 1Pet.1:12*).

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IV. FALLEN ANGELS

- Lucifer was the most beautiful and powerful angel in heaven who was initially perfect and blameless (*Is. 14:12; Ezek. 28:14; Gen. 1:31; Ezek. 18:15*).
- He became proud of his beauty and position, wanting to become like God, and attempted to take over God's position leading about 1/3 of the angels in an angelic coup attempt (*Ezek. 28:17; Is. 14:13-14; Mat. 25:41; Rev. 12:4*).
- God cast Lucifer and his followers down to the earth where they now roam and rule this world in opposition to God (*Rev. 12:9; John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Acts 26:18*).
- Satan's present activity on earth: he accuses the brethren (*Rev. 12:10; Zech 3:1*), tempts believers (*1 Cor. 7:5; 1 Thess. 3:5*), hinders the work of God (*1 Thess. 2:18*), deceives the world (*2 Cor. 11:3; Re. 12:9; 20:8,10*), schemes against the servants of God (*2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:11*), snares the unwary (*1 Tim. 3:7; 2 Tim. 2:26*), blinds men so they will not believe (*2 Cor. 4:4*), disguises himself as an angel of light (*2 Cor. 11:14*), and is a powerful adversary (*1 Pet. 5:8*).

APPLICATION

The believer's defenses:

1. The present intercessory work of Christ (*John 17:15*)
2. Be on guard against him (*1 Pet. 5:8*)
3. Resist him in the power of the Holy Spirit (*1 Pet. 5:9*)
4. Employ the full armour of God (*Eph. 6:11-18*)