

Letter to the Hebrews

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Greater Than the Angels

Hebrews 1:4-14

Angels

- 1. Appearance:** The Old Testament describes angels in general plus specific angels such as Michael, Gabriel, the Angel of the Lord, Cherubim, and Seraphim.

(Gen.3:24; 16:7-11; 19:1-15; 22:11-15; 24:7; 28:12; 32:24; Ex.3:2; 25:18-22; Num.7:89; 20:16; 22:22-35; Jdg.6:11-22; 2Ki.19:35; Is.6:2,6; Ezek.1:5; 28:16; Dan.3:28; 6:22; 10:13,21; 12:1; Lk.1:19,26; Jude 9; Rev.4:8; 5:8,11)

- 2. Attributes:** They are servants of God performing His will, are of great strength, and strike fear in men.

(Ps.103:20; 2Ki.19:35; Dan.10:13,21; 12:1; Lk.1:12; 2:9)

- 3. Activity:** They protect, deliver, and instruct God's people, reveal God's plans, praise God, and will reap the final harvest with Christ.

(Gen.48:16; 1Ki.19:5-7; 2Ki.1:3,15; Ps.34:7; 91:11; 148:2; Dan.8:16; 9:21,22; Zech.1-6; Mat.1:20; 2:13,19; 4:11; 13:39,41; 18:10; 24:31; 25:31; 28:2,5; Lk.1:11,16,19,26; 9:26; Jn.1:51; 20:12; Acts 5:19; 7:53; 12:7; 27:23; Gal.3:19; 1 Pet.1:12; Rev.1:1, 20; 2:1)

Christ – Greater Than the Angels

- 1. Only Begotten (vs.5)**

The only begotten Son of God, of the same essence as the Father, from an eternity past; the only one raised from the dead *(Ps.2:7; 2Sam.7:14; Jn.1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; 1Jn.4:9; Ac.13:33)*

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2. **Original – the firstborn (vs.6)**

The prototype of that which is to follow including resurrection and conformity to His image.

3. **Omnipotent ruler over all (vs.8,9)**

Christ who is God reigns over and directs His eternal kingdom with great joy and gladness. (*Ps.45:6,7; Lk.4:18; Jn.1:23; Ac.10:38*)

4. **Owner and creator of all (vs.10)**

Christ is owner of all including the angels as He has made all things. (*Ps.102:25*)

5. **Outlives all (vs.11,12)**

The entire creation will be utterly destroyed and rolled up like an old coat, but Christ remains forever; the angels remaining function will be to praise Him. (*Ps.102:26,27*)

6. **Obeisance to Him (vs.13,14)**

All of creation will eventually bow to His rule and authority including the angels who will do obeisance to Him. (*Ps.110:1; Phil.2:11; Heb.1:6b*)

Application

Therefore do not lose your hope in Christ. (*Heb.2:1-9*)