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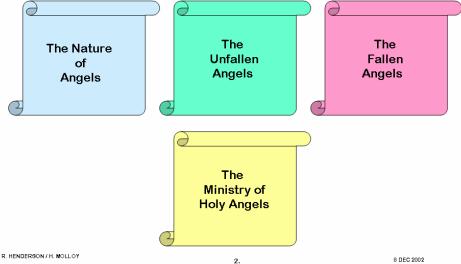
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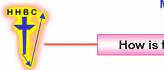
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How is the word used in Scripture?

The Nature of Angels

HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 23

**Answer Questions** 

- Definition: the Greek word is angelos "a messenger" from the word "to deliver a message"
- · Used of a special class of being
  - A created being to serve and praise God Ps. 148:2,5, Gen. 2:1, Ex. 20:11, Neh.9:6
- Innumerable company of beings
- Heb. 12:22. Rev. 5:11
- · Heavenly position above men

- Ps. 8:5, 2 Pet. 2:10
- . Used of the preincarnate appearances of Christ
  - The Angel of the LORD
    - Gen. 16:7:11 Identified as the LORD
    - As a distinct person from the LORD Zech. 1:7-13
- · Used of others as messengers
  - Men as messengers

- Luke 7:24, James 2:25

Angel of the Seven Churches

- Rev. 2:1, 8, 12, 18

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The Unfallen **Angels** 

- Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels
- name means "who is like God" Dan.10:18-21, Dan. 12:1, Jude 9
- · Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God
- name means "hero of God" Dan. 8:15-19, Dan. 9:20-23, Luke 1:11-19, Luke 1:26-37
- Some angels are designated "cherubims"
- living creatures who defend God's holiness Gen 3:24, Ex 25:18-22, Ezek. 10:1-22
- Some angels are designated "seraphim" - Isa. 6:1-7
- Most angels are not given individual names
- some described as "elect or chosen" angels - 1Tim 5:21
- •The term "principalities and powers \*" seems to be used of both types of angels
- warfare between the holy angels and the fallen angels
  - Eph. 1:21, 3:10, Col. 1:16, 2:10,15
- \* "the rulers and the authorities"

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The Fallen Angels

. When Satan fell he drew multitude of angels with him

- Two classes of Fallen Angels
- · Those who are bound
- Reserved in chains unto judgment -1Cor. 6:3, 2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6
- Those who are free
- Satan and the Demons
- Mark 5:9,15; Luke 8:30, 1 Tim 4:1
- The doom of Satan and his angels is the Lake of Fire
  - Matt. 25:41, Rev 20:10

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The Ministry of Holy Angels

Angels were present at

Creation - Job 38:7

• The giving of the law - Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19, Heb. 2:2

The birth of Christ
His temptation
Garden of Eden
Luke 22:43
The Resurrection
Matt. 28:2
The Ascension
Acts 1:10

The angels will be included in the company

- descending from heaven to earth at the second coming - Matt. 24: - seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem - Rev. 19:14, 21:

• They are ministering spirits sent forth to the "heirs of salvation"

- The angels are spectators and witnesses of the things of the earth
- Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom
- The ministry of angels is essential to understanding God's providential and sovereign direction of His creation

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