

# Theophany & The Angel of The

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A Theophany is a manifestation of God that is tangible to the human senses. In its more restrictive sense, it is a visible appearance of God in the Old Testament period often, but not always, in human like form. Some would also include in this term Christophanies (the preincarnate appearances of Christ) and angelophanies (the appearances of angels). In the latter category are found the appearances of “the angel of the Lord”, which some have taken to be Christophanies, reasoning that since the angel of the Lord speaks for God in the first person as in Genesis 16:10-13, “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 Ishmael; 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?” And the human addressed often attributes the experience to God directly as in Genesis 16:13, “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?” The angel must therefore be the Lord or the preincarnate Christ. Yet, though the angel is clearly identified with the Lord, he is distinguished from him (he is called "angel" meaning "messenger" similar patterns of identification and distinction can be seen in Genesis 19:1, 21; 31:11, 13 ; Exodus 3:2, 4 ; Judges 2:1-5 ; 6:11-12, 14; 13:3, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-17, 20-23; Zechariah 3:1-6 ; 12:8).

In the ancient oriental world, a king's messenger spoke in the name of the king. Any insult rendered him was interpreted as an insult to the king himself as in 2 Samuel 10:1-4, “And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And **David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants** for his father. And **David's servants came into the land** of the children of Ammon. And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that **David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee?** hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to

overthrow it? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.” And 1 Chronicles 19:1-6, “Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And David said, **I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash**, because his father shewed kindness to me. And **David sent messengers to comfort him** concerning his father. So **the servants of David came into the land** of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And **he sent to meet them**: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. And **when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David**, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syriamaachah, and out of Zobah.”

There seems, therefore, no necessity to posit a theophany for the angel of the Lord. In Joshua 5:13-6:5, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, **there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand**: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but **as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come**. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did **worship**, and said unto him, What saith **my lord** unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for **the place whereon thou standest is holy**. And Joshua did so. Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And **the LORD said** unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall

ascend up every man straight before him.” The narrative is interrupted by the appearance of a being who calls himself the "captain of the host of the LORD" (5:14). To interpret this event as an encounter with God or with the preincarnate Christ forces the text. Angels were sent on missions of this kind Judges 6:11-16, And there came **an angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And **the angel of the LORD appeared** unto him, and said unto him, **The LORD is with thee**, thou mighty man of valour. 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 Midianites. And **the LORD looked upon him, and said**, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, **Oh my Lord**, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, 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 Midianites as one man.” Both the angel is present and the Lord God is present; but he only saw the angel.

Some were identified as captains over heavenly armies as in Daniel 10:5-13, “Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold **a certain man clothed in linen**, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and **his face as the appearance of lightning**, and **his eyes as lamps of fire**, and **his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass**, and **the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude**. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. **Yet heard I the voice of his words:** and **when I heard the voice of his words**, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. And, behold, **an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands**. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: **for unto thee am I now sent**. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and **to chasten thyself before thy God**, thy words were heard, and **I am come for thy words**. 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.” Is Michael an angel? Is he an angel of the Lord? Is he God’s angel? So God can call Michael: “the angel of the Lord”? Can God call Michael: “My Angel”? Perhaps this can be said of all of God’s angels aside from the ones that fell in Genesis 6.

Daniel 10:20, “Then said he, Knowest thou **wherefore I come 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 shew 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.**” So just as the nations of principalities and powers like the prince of Persia in the passage so Israel has a principality also whose name is Michael.

Daniel 12:1-3, “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.** And **many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,** some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

A Theophany or Appearance of an Angel with the Lord’s words is not to make the angel equal to God; but there is a connection with the messenger to the message.

Genesis 12:6-9, “And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the **LORD** appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the **LORD,** who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the **LORD.** And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.” So here there is no mention of any angels; and Abraham did not know God’s name as Jehovah (LORD) so what name did Abram call on? Who did Abram see? Was this appearance a preincarnate appearance of Jesus Christ? Was it the Father? Or was it the Holy Spirit? How was this manifestation accomplished? In other words, what did Abram actually SEE?

Genesis 17:1-6, “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.” Here there is no mention of any angel; it is only the LORD (Jehovah) but God does not call His name this; instead God calls Himself: “...I am the Almighty God...” The words “...I am...” are the name Jehovah; but in terms of sentence structure they were not a proper name as given. “...The Almighty God...” is God’s proper name in the Old Testament prior to Moses when God gave him the name Jehovah.

Genesis 18:1-5, “And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: 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 favour 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 your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.”

Now most people get to this spot and they can’t count! Let’s see who all is in this account.

1. Abraham
2. The LORD
3. Three men

So the three men stood by who? Some would say it was Abraham. So why is it that Abraham ran to meet them all? No, the three men stood by the LORD! So that means so far there are 5 characters here in this passage. How can you see it any different? If the angels stood by Abraham, then why would Abraham have to run to meet them FROM the tent door and TO the plains of Mamre? If one of the three men was the LORD, then the LORD is a MAN? No, wait; that’s not right!

Genesis 28:10-22, “And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, **the LORD stood above it**, and said, **I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac**: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; **then shall the LORD be my God**: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”

Notice that the angels were going up and down on the ladder in the dream and the Lord was at the top of the ladder. Nowhere are the angels referred to as being God. God is not appearing as any angel. Jacob saw this in a dream; so there was not any particular theophany here.

Genesis 32:22-32, “And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. 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 there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.** And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.” So WHO was Jacob wrestling with? Some say it was God because Jacob said “...for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved...” But the passage says “...there wrestled a man with him...” It did not say it was God; and when Jacob asked for his name; he is not told what the name was. So how is it that Jacob thought it was God? Was he WRONG? Notice that the person states: “...for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men...” So this is really NOT a man and NOT God either. Furthermore in Hosea 12:3-5, “He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength **he had power with God: Yea, he had power over the angel,** and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us; Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial.” Jacob wrestled with an angel and prevailed. Notice that also it says, “...there he spake with us...” who spoke with who? It would be Jacob speaking to God. So the angel is NOT God!

Genesis 32:1-2 “And Jacob went on his way, and **the angels of God met him.** And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.” The passage starts out that “...the angels of God met him...” So we see that it was not God that met him.

Judges 13:6-7, “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 he 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.” So was this a man of God or an angel of God or was it God? If you don't know, read it again until you do.

Exodus 3:1-6, “Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. **And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.** And Moses said, I

will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And **when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, **I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob**. And Moses hid his face; for **he was afraid to look upon God**.” So this says that “...the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush...” then turns around and says “...when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush...” So people assume by this that the angel of the LORD is God! But why assume this from the passage? There is not one statement that says that the angel of the LORD is God. And it is possible for the angel of the LORD to be in the bush WITH the LORD God Almighty! Why is this NOT a good answer for the passage? Why make a created angel the same as God?

Acts 7:30, “And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina **an angel of the Lord** in a flame of fire in a bush.” The appearance was an angel of the Lord; but the LORD spoke to Moses.

Who is the Angel of the Lord? It is an angel! The Lord’s angel it is.

What is important to understand is that God is a spirit: John 4:24, “**God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” God MADE the angels spirits: Psalms 104:4, “Who **maketh his angels spirits**; his ministers a flaming fire:” Hebrews 1:7, “And of the angels he saith, Who **maketh his angels spirits**, and his ministers a flame of fire.” The angels are MADE! The angels are spirits. Spirits are not conditioned to how we view things; that is that they are not under the same physical laws that govern humans. And our spirit is NOT at all like the spirit of the angels. They are spirit beings; and we are human beings. Humans are tripartite; while angels are one-partite. God is also a spirit; but God is a Trinity and is the ONLY Trinity. The subtil nature of the things that are “in three” are not Trinities; but tri-unities. There are the three parts of one or a tripartite like humans; or a unified three in idea, agreement, or cooperation and this would be a triad. God is the ONLY thing that is a real Trinity where  $3 = 1$  &  $1 = 3$  simultaneously. This would be an enveloping eternal and infinite and self-sustaining being. If  $3 = 1$  &  $1 = 3$ , then the three are in each one and each one is also in all three! You get it yet?

All the angels of the Lord are created by the LORD! There are NOT any angels that are NOT created by the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. God is NOT His own

creation: that is pantheism. Pantheism is the belief that God is equal to the universe, its physical matter, and the forces that govern it. Pantheism is found in the ancient books of Hinduism, in the works of many Greek philosophers, and in later works of philosophy and religion over the centuries. It is found in the science books on evolution and the big bang and many atheistic scientists espouse a pantheistic ideology or world view in spite of their profession of atheism. If physical matter always existed; then physical matter is God. This is why they have said that they have discovered the “God particle” because they believe particles of matter is eternal: therefore God or gods.

All the angels of the Lord are messengers bearing the words of the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. No angel acts on his own accord without the Lord’s involvement. Sometimes with the words of the Lord and sometimes the Lord is there present WITH the angel of the Lord.

Just because someone meets the angel of the Lord and then says that they saw God does not mean that they saw God!

The connection between the angel of the Lord and the appearance of the LORD cannot be denied. But they are NOT the same PERSON. The words spoken by the angel or the LORD are the preincarnate Lord Jesus Christ; but the persons are NOT the same. We will revisit a previous passage in more depth.

Judges 13:2-23, “And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; 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 Philistines. 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 he 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 **Manoah intreated 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 Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman** as she sat in

the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, **the man hath appeared unto me**, that came unto me the other day. And Manoah 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 Manoah 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 Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing 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 Manoah 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 Manoah, 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 Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.** And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, **What is thy name**, that when thy sayings come to pass **we may do thee honour?** And the angel of the LORD said unto him, **Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?** So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah 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 Manoah 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 Manoah and to his wife. Then **Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD**. And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, **because we have seen God**. But his wife said unto him, **If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.**” It is important to know here that the Angel of the Lord would NOT accept the offering but told them to offer it unto the LORD. Also in the statements about telling them the child would be “...a Nazarite unto God from the womb...” Why would he not say “...a Nazarite unto me from the womb...” if the angel was in fact the LORD and not the angel OF the LORD? The Bible is very consistent in this issue. The angel did not say that HE was wonderful; but DID wonderful...

The next case is where an Angel redeems someone: Genesis 48:14-19, “And **Israel** stretched out his **right hand**, and laid it **upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger**, and **his left hand upon Manasseh's head**, guiding his hands wittingly;

for **Manasseh was the firstborn**. And he blessed Joseph, and said, **God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil**, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And **his father refused**, and said, **I know it, my son, I know it**: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly **his younger brother shall be greater than he**, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.” So the issue is not that here the Angel is made to be God! No, this is not what it is saying. The redemption of the angel was who wrestled with Jacob. His redeeming theme was the blessing that the angel gave to him after touching his leg. It was a blessing that Jacob had FROM AN ANGEL! This is not replacing God with an Angel! That is just what it does NOT say!

Our next passage is Exodus 23:20-25, “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 Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and **I will cut them off**. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And **ye shall serve the LORD your God**, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” The Angel here is NOT God or who is speaking here? This is a continuation from Exodus 20:22, “And the LORD said unto Moses...” with no break in the Lord speaking to Moses. This is just after God gave the Ten Commandments. It is so that the voice of the angel would be the words of God so that the voice of the angel is God speaking even though the angel is speaking and saying God’s words. There is still no reason to make the angel identical to the Lord God Almighty. The phrase: “...mine Angel...” has no other significance but that of personal possession and not actual equality. God’s angels are His; they were made by Him for His purpose. So saying that they are his is no surprise.

Another passage with this personal possession is: Exodus 32:31-35, “And Moses returned unto **the LORD**, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, **if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.** And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.** Therefore now go, **lead the people** unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, **mine Angel shall go before thee:** nevertheless **in the day when I visit I will visit their sin** upon them. And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.” Now if the angel called “mine Angel” was going to go before them; yet the Lord said when I visit them how can the Angel be the Lord when the Lord comes later than the Angel going before them?

Another passage with this personal possession is: Revelation 22:16, “**I Jesus have sent mine angel** to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.” How can the “mine angel” be Jesus, or God? Here it is Jesus that sent this angel. Who is this angel? Revelation 22:6-9, “And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and **the Lord God** of the holy prophets **sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.** Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.** Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.**”

One last thing if you find a verse in the Bible that says “...and they worshipped the Angel of the LORD...” you have a really messed up Bible! That phrase is NOT in the Bible. If you find a verse that says “...the Angel of the LORD is the LORD God Almighty...” you have a really messed up Bible! That phrase is NOT in the Bible. So now we come to a realization that the angel of the LORD is exactly THAT: an angel OF the LORD and NOT the LORD! If all the angels worship God; how can ANY angel be God? Revelation 7:11-12, “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 **worshipped God,** Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, **be unto our God** for ever and ever. Amen.” All these angels here are angels OF THE LORD!

God means what He says and says what He means. There is no way around this truth. A Bible Believer believes what the Bible SAYS; not what it doesn't say! If

you believe what the Bible does NOT say then you are a non-Bible Bible Believer; or a Bible non-believer; not sure that is the same thing. At any rate let me give you something that you can believe if this is so about you: Peter killed his mother-in-law with a shotgun! Well the Bible doesn't say he didn't, so he must have! Right?

Now we are going to deal with other angels that are NOT the Lord's angels. I have another study on this very subject. But it needs to be dealt with here because angels should NEVER be worshiped and there is a growing trend to angel worship in the new age groups.

Revelation 12:3-4, "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." The reference to stars here are in the wake of the dragon's tail not from God.

Revelation 12:7-9, "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.**" These angels are Satan's angels! But were they also the stars that were cast to the earth by the dragon? Let's look at a comparative passage: Daniel 8:9-14, "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed **exceeding great**, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And **it waxed great, even to the host of heaven**; and **it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them**. Yea, **he magnified himself even to the prince of the host**, and by him **the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down**. And an host was given him **against the daily sacrifice** by reason of transgression, and **it cast down the truth to the ground**; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision **concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot**? And he said unto me, Unto **two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." This matches the passage in Revelation and now we need to look at these hosts of heaven and what the issue is with these stars. Amos 5:26, "But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, **the star of your god**, which ye made to

yourselves.” Someone is worshiping the stars! But why is this so wrong? Because God told them NOT TO! Deuteronomy 4:19, “And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and **the stars, even all the host of heaven**, shouldest be driven **to worship them**, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.” So the host of heaven are the things we see in the night and the sun during the day. These hosts are not the angels but are likened to them. Judges 5:20, “They fought from heaven; **the stars in their courses fought** against Sisera.” And in Job 38:7, “When **the morning stars sang together**, and **all the sons of God shouted for joy**?” what are the **morning stars**? Ok, let’s regroup and see the other passages where stars fall:

Revelation 6:13, “And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.”

Revelation 8:12, “And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and **the third part of the stars**; so as the **third part of them was darkened**, and **the day shone not for a third part of it**, and the night likewise.”

Matthew 24:29, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and **the stars shall fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken...”

Mark 13:25, “And **the stars of heaven shall fall**, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.”

Job 15:15, “Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, **the heavens are not clean in his sight**.” Now if God puts no trust in YOU; because the heavens are not clean in his sight? Then the heavens must be full of something very unclean. This can be obviously true of the firmament because it is two of the three heavens. So what is it that is unclean? Where did Satan get his angels from? Were they God’s angels that fell? Or something much more deviant?

Two times we are told Satan was among the sons of God: Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.” And Job 2:1, “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 we also know that the sons of God in the Old Testament were angels: Genesis 6:1-5, “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took

them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he **also** is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when **the sons of God** came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, **the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Compare with 2 Peter 2:4-5, “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 judgment;** And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly...” Notice this passages context is Noah; and the angels are express created beings which is by definition what the sons of God are. So we have by definition the sons of God in Genesis 6 were angels that sinned and are in HELL now until judgment. But what about their children? It is interesting that the word devil is not in the Old Testament even though devils is there. Devil shows up in the New Testament. So who are these devils? Leviticus 17:7, “And they shall no more offer **their sacrifices unto devils,** after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.” And Deuteronomy 32:17, “**They sacrificed unto devils,** not to God; **to gods whom they knew not,** to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.”

Remember those children of the sons of God in Genesis 6? Where did they go after the flood? And why is there this insatiable desire to worship devils AFTER the flood? Psalms 106:37, “Yea, **they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils...**”

Psalms 82:1-8, “**God standeth in the congregation of the mighty;** he judgeth among **the gods.** How long will ye judge **unjustly,** and accept **the persons of the wicked?** Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them **out of the hand of the wicked.** They know not, neither will they understand; **they walk on in darkness:** all the foundations of the earth are out of course. **I have said, Ye are gods;** and **all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.** Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.” Those mighty men of renown had special powers given to them by their angelic fathers; and the mortals saw them as gods. This would have come across the flood by Ham as he is the one whose seed was cursed; and the land of Cainan was inhabited by them whom God told Israel to destroy. They had gods that had names of those

mighty men on the other side of the flood. Regardless of where you consider what the other side of the flood is; or what flood this is we do know there were gods that died like men before Noah's flood; they were sons of God and their children.

It is also important to understand the serious nature of these devils. They are disembodied spirits. Because their nature was from warm spirits of the sons of God but united with the cold spirit the daughters of men; they were born of flesh and blood without souls but cold spirit beings. This is why they had powers as men of renown; that is they were known for something. But they were an abomination and had to completely be drowned out. Thus they died like men; because they had the breath of life and drowned! But there was no immediate judgment because they were born of the sin of the sons of God. Because they are now cold dry spirits the desire warm wet bodies. They are looking for YOU!

So we see a much greater issue with these than the issue of the angel of the Lord or the Lord is an angel or angels are God... these spirit beings seek to be gods again. They want to be worshiped so that they can gain access to YOU. Thus the lie was formed to allow them entrance to you. Angels or Devils? There are NO fallen angels that became devils. These devils were born; and they physically died; and now they are spirits of divination, lying spirits with doctrines of devils trying their best to become a part of your life in any way they can. Even if they can get worship by making you believe the Angel of the LORD IS the LORD! This is as much a lie as necromancy is good. It is The Lie that is the seed of Satan; and that is how he uses these devils to get a foothold in your life. Just a LIE! That is all it takes; a subtil lie! A little white lie!

2 Thessalonians 2:2-12, "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work:** only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 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. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”**

John 8:43-45, “Why do ye not **understand** my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.” And John 8:47, “He that is of God heareth God's words: **ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”****

Acts 13:10, “And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, **thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”**

Ephesians 6:11, “Put on **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be **able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**”

1 Timothy 3:6, “**Not a novice**, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into **the condemnation of the devil.**”

1 Timothy 3:7, “Moreover he must have a **good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.**”

2 Timothy 2:24-26, “And the servant of the Lord **must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**”

1 John 3:8-10, “**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy **the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God.** In this **the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.**”

Ephesians 2:2-3, “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 the 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.”

Now with all that said the Jesus is The Lord God but NOT the Father! The Father is NOT the Son. But God is ONE Godhead of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is NOT any angel in the Trinity! Angels are all created beings; but God is NOT created. God IS.

God’s angels are ministering spirits.

God’s angels are God’s angels and no one else’s.

God’s angels have a leader over them and that is Michael the archangel. (Jude 1:9)

All the angels of God are the Angels of the LORD!

All the angels of the Lord are God’s angels. One of the angels of the Lord is named: at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ we see these events where the angel of the Lord shows up which could not be the preincarnate Christ because:

Matthew 1:20, “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.**”

Matthew 1:24, “Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as **the angel of the Lord** had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:”

Matthew 2:13, “And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”

Luke 1:26-31, “And in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel** was sent 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 that art highly favoured, 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 favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.”

Luke 2:9, “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.”

Jude 1:9, “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.”

Revelation 12:7, “And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,”

So we see that Gabriel and Michael are two angels of the Lord that are named. Then there is the account of the resurrection of Christ and the angel of the Lord showing up there.

Matthew 28:1, “In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 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.**” The admission of the angel of the Lord was that he was NOT Jesus! So the Lord is not of the angels; all the angels are of the Lord and not one angel IS the Lord.

**The End**