

# **The Angel of the Lord**

## **The Angel of God**

I believe of all the Bible studies I've completed over the years, the study on the Angel of God has both delighted and intrigued me the most. Time and again I find myself returning to these verses. I have my own ideas about the Angel of God but I'd like you to draw your own conclusions. I hope you enjoy this study as much as I have.



From childhood many of us were raised with an image of how an "Angel" is suppose to look. But is this correct according to the Bible?

Let's begin by checking Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible on both the Hebrew and the Greek meaning of the word "Angel".



## Old Testament

**Angel {4397}** מַלְאָכִים — **mal'ak**, *mal-awk'*; from an unused root meaning to *despatch* as a deputy; a *messenger*; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): (Translated in King James version as) — ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

## New Testament

**Angel (32)** ἄγγελος, — *ang'-el-os*; [probably derivative from (71) (ἄγω); compare (34) (ἄγέλη)] (to *bring tidings*); a *messenger*; especially an "*angel*"; by implication a *pastor*: (Translated in King James version as) — angel, messenger

(71) ἄγω, — *ag'-o*; a primary verb; properly to *lead*; by implication to *bring, drive*, (reflexive) *go*, (special) *pass* (time), or (figurative) *induce*: (Translated in King James version as) — be, bring (forth), carry, (let) go, keep, lead away, be open.

(34) ἄγέλη, — *ag-el'-ay*; from (71) (ἄγω) [compare (32) (ἄγγελος)]; a *drove*: (Translated in King James version as) — herd.

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<sup>1</sup>All scripture references taken from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

## Key examples of each translated words.

### OLD TESTAMENT:

#### Ambassador –

##### Isaiah 33:5-8

"The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. <sup>6</sup> Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure. <sup>7</sup> Surely their valiant ones shall cry outside, the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. <sup>8</sup> The highways lie waste, The traveling man ceases. He has broken the covenant, He has despised the cities, He regards no man.

#### Angel –

##### Isaiah 63:8-10

"For He said, "Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old. <sup>10</sup> But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

**King** – Checked twice; but couldn't find one verse translated "king" from 4397.

#### Messenger –

##### Malachi 3:1-2

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap.

NOTE – Remember, the word "messenger" could have easily been translated "Ambassador" or "Angel."

NOTE –According to Jesus, John is the first messenger mentioned in Malachi 3:1

##### Matthew 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

<sup>2</sup> And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* <sup>6</sup> And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

<sup>7</sup> As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing*

are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> For this is *he* of whom it is written:  
' *Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.*'

The Gospel of Mark starts out with a quote from Malachi 3:1

**Mark 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the Prophets:

" *Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.*"

<sup>3</sup> " *The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

' *Prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make His paths straight.*'"

<sup>4</sup> John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

It is also recorded in the Gospel of John

**John 1:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup> He said: "I am

' *The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

" *Make straight the way of the LORD,*'"

as the prophet Isaiah said."

And in the Book of Luke, the quote is embedded in the prophecy Zachariah spoke concerning His infant son John (the Baptist), while filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 1:68-76**

<sup>68</sup> " Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited and redeemed His people,

<sup>69</sup> And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant David,

<sup>70</sup> As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,

Who *have been* since the world began,

<sup>71</sup> That we should be saved from our enemies

And from the hand of all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup> To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers

And to remember His holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup> The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup> To grant us that we,

Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

Might serve Him without fear,

<sup>75</sup> In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

<sup>76</sup> " And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;  
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

FINAL NOTE on Malachi 3:1 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> "Messenger" appears to refer to Jesus Christ.

## **NEW TESTAMENT:**

### **Angel –**

#### **Acts 7: 30-36**

"And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. <sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, <sup>32</sup> saying, I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses trembled and dared not look. <sup>33</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. <sup>34</sup> I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt." <sup>35</sup> "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge? is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. <sup>36</sup> He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

### **Messenger –**

#### **Matthew 11:9-11**

But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> For this is he of whom it is written: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You. <sup>11</sup> "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## KEY VERSES TO REMEMBER BEFORE GOING INTO THE MAIN STUDY

### John 1:18

"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

### John 5:36-36

"But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-the very works that I do-bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup> But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

### John 6:45-46

" It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught by God. Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

### 1 John 4:12

"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

### Exodus 23:20-22

"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. <sup>21</sup> Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. <sup>22</sup> But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

### Exodus 4:15-16

"Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup> So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.

### Deuteronomy 18:15

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, <sup>16</sup> according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die. <sup>17</sup> "And the Lord said to me: What they have spoken is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. <sup>19</sup> And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

### John 1:1-2

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

### John 12:48-49

"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

**John 8:42-47**

"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.<sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.<sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.<sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.<sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?<sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

## ANGEL OF THE LORD/ANGEL OF GOD MAIN STUDY

Genesis 16:7 is the first reference to the Angel of the Lord

### Genesis 16:7-13

<sup>7</sup> Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup> And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup> The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." <sup>10</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." <sup>11</sup> And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. <sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." <sup>13</sup> Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are- the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"

### Genesis 21:17-21

"And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. <sup>18</sup> Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. <sup>20</sup> So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. <sup>21</sup> He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### Genesis 22:10-18

"And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son- <sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

### Genesis 28:10-19

"Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not



leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" <sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

### **Genesis 31:11-13**

"Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, Jacob. And I said, Here I am. <sup>12</sup> And He said, Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. <sup>13</sup> I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family. "

### **Genesis 32:24-30**

"Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. <sup>25</sup> Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."

But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" <sup>27</sup> So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

### **Exodus 3-4:1-17**

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

<sup>4</sup> So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Moreover He said, "I am the God of your 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.

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to

you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations. <sup>16</sup> Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; <sup>17</sup> and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey." <sup>18</sup> Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. <sup>19</sup> But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. <sup>20</sup> So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. <sup>21</sup> And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. <sup>22</sup> But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

**4** Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, The Lord has not appeared to you. "

<sup>2</sup> So the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

<sup>3</sup> And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), <sup>5</sup> "that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." <sup>6</sup> Furthermore the Lord said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. <sup>7</sup> And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh. <sup>8</sup> "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. <sup>9</sup> And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land."

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." <sup>13</sup> But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." <sup>14</sup> So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup> Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup> So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. <sup>17</sup> And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

NOTE – Compare Exodus 3:14 with John 8:58

**John 8:51-58**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

<sup>52</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.

<sup>53</sup> Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead.

Who do You make Yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup> Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

### **Exodus 13:21-22**

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. <sup>22</sup> He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

### **Exodus 14:19-22**

"And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. <sup>20</sup> So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

### **Numbers 22:22-35**

"Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the Lord took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. <sup>23</sup> Now the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. <sup>24</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. <sup>25</sup> And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. <sup>26</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. <sup>27</sup> And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. <sup>28</sup> Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" <sup>29</sup> And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!" <sup>30</sup> So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No." <sup>31</sup> Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face. <sup>32</sup> And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me. <sup>33</sup> The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live." <sup>34</sup> And Balaam said to the Angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back." <sup>35</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

### **Judges 2:1-4**

"Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, I will never break My covenant with you. <sup>2</sup> And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this

land; you shall tear down their altars. But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? <sup>3</sup> Therefore I also said, I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you. " <sup>4</sup> So it was, when the Angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

### **Judges 6:11-24**

"Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" <sup>13</sup> Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" <sup>15</sup> So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." <sup>17</sup> Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. <sup>18</sup> Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back." <sup>19</sup> So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. <sup>20</sup> The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. <sup>21</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. <sup>22</sup> Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face." <sup>23</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." <sup>24</sup> So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

### **Judges 13:1-25**

"Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. <sup>2</sup> Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. <sup>3</sup> And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. <sup>4</sup> Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. <sup>5</sup> For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." <sup>6</sup> So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. <sup>7</sup> And He said to me, Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death. " <sup>8</sup> Then Manoah prayed to the Lord, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born." <sup>9</sup> And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. <sup>10</sup> Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!" <sup>11</sup> So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And He said, "I am." <sup>12</sup> Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?" <sup>13</sup> So the Angel of the

Lord said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. <sup>14</sup> She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."<sup>15</sup> Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You." <sup>16</sup> And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the Lord." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the Lord.) <sup>17</sup> Then Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?"<sup>18</sup> And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?"<sup>19</sup> So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the Lord. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on- <sup>20</sup> it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar-the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. <sup>21</sup> When the Angel of the Lord appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!" <sup>23</sup> But his wife said to him, "If the Lord had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have told us such things as these at this time." <sup>24</sup> So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. <sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

NOTE -

1. Verse 6 - the woman didn't see any wings on the Angel of God.
2. Verse 16 - the Angel said if they offered a burnt offering they must do so to the Lord. He didn't say offer it to Himself.
3. Verse 18 - The King James Version reads, "And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?"

According to Strong's Concordance the Hebrew meaning is:

**Secret {6383}** פִּלְאִי — **pil'iy, pil-ee'; paliy, paw-lee'**; from 6381; remarkable: (Translated in King James version as) — secret, wonderful.

**{6381}** פָּלַח; — **pala', paw-law'**; a primitive root; properly, perhaps to separate, i.e. distinguish (literally or figuratively); by implication, to be (causatively, make) great, difficult, wonderful: (Translated in King James version as) — accomplish, (arise...too, be too) hard, hidden, things too high, (be, do, do a, shew) marvelous(-ly, -els, things, work), miracles, perform, separate, make singular, (be, great, make) wonderful(-ers, -ly, things, works), wondrous (things, works, -ly).

## 2 Samuel 14:16-20

"For the king will hear and deliver his maidservant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the inheritance of God. <sup>17</sup> Your maidservant said, The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so is my lord the king in discerning good and evil. And may the Lord your God be with you. "

<sup>18</sup> Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide from me anything that I ask you." And the woman said, "Please, let my lord the king speak." <sup>19</sup> So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As you live, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab commanded me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant. <sup>20</sup> To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the earth."

## **2 Samuel 19:24-28**

"Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace. <sup>25</sup> So it was, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

<sup>26</sup> And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king, because your servant is lame. <sup>27</sup> And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but **my lord the king is like the angel of God**. Therefore do what is good in your eyes. <sup>28</sup> For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?"

## **2 Samuel 24:10-17**

"And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." <sup>11</sup> Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Go and tell David, Thus says the Lord: "I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you." <sup>13</sup> So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me." <sup>14</sup> And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." <sup>15</sup> So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. <sup>16</sup> And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And **the angel of the Lord** was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. <sup>17</sup> Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father's house."

## **2 Kings 1:1-4**

"Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. <sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury." <sup>3</sup> But **the angel of the Lord** said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?"

<sup>4</sup> Now therefore, thus says the Lord: You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die." So Elijah departed.

## **2 Chronicles 21:14-19**

" So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

<sup>15</sup> And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the Lord looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And **the angel of the Lord** stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>16</sup> Then David lifted his eyes and **saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven**, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. <sup>17</sup> And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O Lord my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued." <sup>18</sup> There-

fore, the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.<sup>19</sup> So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the Lord.

### **2 Chronicles 21:28-30**

"At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.<sup>29</sup> For the tabernacle of the Lord and the altar of the burnt offering, which Moses had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gibeon.<sup>30</sup> But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the Lord.

### **Psalm 34:4-7**

"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.<sup>5</sup> They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

### **Psalm 35:4-6**

"Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.<sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the Lord chase them.<sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

### **Daniel 3:19-28**

"Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.<sup>20</sup> And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.<sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.<sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."<sup>25</sup> "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.<sup>27</sup> And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

### **Zechariah 1:7-14**

"On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet:<sup>8</sup> I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white.<sup>9</sup> Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they are."<sup>10</sup> And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These

are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."<sup>11</sup> So they answered the Angel of the Lord, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly." <sup>12</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord answered and said, "O Lord of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?" <sup>13</sup> And the Lord answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words. <sup>14</sup> So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts:

### **Zechariah 3:1-10**

"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

<sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

<sup>4</sup> Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

<sup>5</sup> And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord admonished Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here.

<sup>8</sup> Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. <sup>9</sup> For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua:

Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription, says the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.<sup>10</sup> In that day, says the Lord of hosts, Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree."

### **Zechariah 12:8**

"In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them.

I can not say with one hundred percent certainty that I know who the Angel of the Lord is; but I have come to a personal conclusion. How about you?