

# Angels: Elect and Fallen

—God at War, Week 4—

(NIV unless Marked Otherwise)

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 When we consider the various terms for angelic spirits, their presence in the Bible is surprisingly pervasive. It is important for us to know our allies!

- **The Various Names and Terms for Angels**
  - **Old Testament:** “spirits” (1 Kings 22:19-23); “heavenly ones”? (Ps 89:5); “stars” (Job 38:7); “holy ones” (Ps 89:5); “gods/divine beings/*elohim*” (Ps 82:1); “sons of God” (Job 1:6 ESV); God’s “council/ assembly” (Ps 82:1); “prince” (Dan 10:13); “servants” (Ps 104:4); “watchers” (Dan 4:13, 17 ESV); “host/multitudes” (1 Kings 22:19); “mighty ones” (Ps 103:20); “chariots” (Psalm 68:17); “mediator” (Job 33:23 ESV); “*cherubim*” (Gen 3:24; Ezek 1:1-28, 10:18-22); “*seraphim*” (Isa 6:1-4); “angel” (Gen 28:12)
  - **New Testament:** “spirits” (Heb 1:14); “heavenly ones” (Phil 2:10); “holy ones” (Jude 14); “celestial beings” (2 Pet 2:10-11); “lights”? (James 1:17); “stars”? (Rev 12:3-4); “principalities/rulers,” “powers/ authorities” (Eph 3:10); “dominions” (Eph 1:21); “thrones” (Col 1:16); “angel” (Acts 12:7); “elect angels” (1 Tim 5:21)
  - **Named Angels:** “Michael” (Dan 12:1; Jude 9); “Gabriel” (Luke 1:26); “the Angel of the LORD” (Gen 16:7, 13; Exod 3:2-7)
- **The Nature of Angels**
  - **Non-Material Spirits:** Heb 1:14; 2 Kings 6:15-17; but they can manifest physically (Gen 18:1-8; 19:1)
  - **Personality:** intelligence (1 Pet 1:12); emotion (Luke 15:10); will (Heb 1:6)
  - **Diverse:** in appearance (Rev 4:4-11); rank (Dan 10:13; Jude 9; Col 1:16?)
  - **Powerful:** Dan 10:2-9; 2 Sam 14:20; Rev 9:13-15
  - **Undying:** Luke 20:36
  - **Sexless** (at least in heaven?): Matt 22:28-30; but they usually appear as men (Gen 18:2; Mark 16:5-6); Zech 5:9 may have angels as female in appearance
  - **Limited:** not all-powerful or all-present (Dan 10:10-13); not all-knowing (1 Pet 1:12; Matt 24:36)
  - **Created Good:** Col 1:16; Ezek 28:12-15 (?)
  - **Can be Tempted:** 1 Tim 3:6?; Job 4:18?; 15:15?; 1 Cor 11:10?
- **The Work of Angels**
  - **Announcing:** Luke 1:26-28; 2:8-14; Matt 2:9-10 (?)
  - **Fighting Demons:** Dan 10:20; Rev 12:7-8
  - **Protecting:** Psalm 34:7; 35:4-6; Acts 5:17-20; 12:1-17
  - **Executing Judgment:** Psalm 78:43, 49; Rev 16:1-21;
  - **Worshipping:** Isa 6:3; Rev 4:6-11; Rev 5:8-13
  - **Encouraging:** Matt 4:11; Acts 27:23-25
  - **Serving in Heaven:** Rev 8:2-4
- **The Relationship of Angels to Us**
  - **Not to be worshipped:** Rev 22:8-9; Luke 4:5-8
  - **Not to be sought or prayed to:** 1 Tim 2:5; we have no example in the Bible of praying to angels.
  - **As servants:** Heb 1:14

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ Players \_\_\_\_\_

*Likewise, the presence of fallen angels runs through the whole Bible! (Note: since Satan is not omnipresent, most of his work is probably done through demons; thus, much of what is attributed to Satan can probably apply to demons, and vice versa.)*

- **The Various Names and Terms for Fallen Angels**
  - **Old Testament:** “demons” (Deut 32:17 ESV); “goat demons” (Lev 17:7 ESV; Isa 13:21 NRS); “night monsters/*lilliths*” (Isa 34:14 NRS); “gods/divine beings/*elohim*” (Ps 82:1); “prince” (Dan 10:13); “sons of God” (Gen 6:1-4); “angels”? (Job 4:18); “hosts of heaven” (Isa 24:21 ESV)
  - **New Testament:** “elemental spiritual forces” (Col 2:8); “demons” (Matt 7:22); “evil spirits” (Acts 19:15); “unclean spirits” (Matt 12:43); “[the Devil’s] angels” (Matt 25:41); “principalities/rulers,” “powers/authorities” (Eph 3:10); “powers” (Rom 8:38); “dominions” (Eph 1:21); “thrones” (Col 1:16); “rulers”? (1 Cor 2:6, 8);
- **The Nature of Fallen Angels** (including Satan)
  - **Non-Material Spirits:** Eph 2:2; Luke 11:24-26
  - **Personality:** int. (2 Cor 11:3); emotion (Mark 5:7-10); will (Mark 5:10-12)
  - **Diverse:** Mark 9:28-29; Luke 11:26; Col 1:16
  - **Powerful:** Mark 5:3-4; Acts 19:13-16
  - **Limited:** not all-powerful (Mark 1:24-26); not all-present (Matt 12:43-45); not all-knowing (1 Cor 2:6, 8?; Matt 24:36)
  - **Fallen, Evil:** Ezek 28?; Isa 14?; Acts 19:15 (called “evil”)
  - **Some Are Chained Already** (?): 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6
  - **Non-Redeemable:** Heb 1:14; 2:14-18; Matt 25:41
- **The Work of Fallen Angels** (including Satan)
  - **Fighting Angels:** Dan 10:13, 20; Rev 12:7
  - **Tempting:** Acts 5:3; 1 Thess 3:5; 2 Cor 11:3
  - **“Possessing”** (a better term is “demonizing”): Mark 1:23-24; 5:2, 8-9
  - **Causing Physical and Mental Problems:** Luke 13:10-16; Mark 9:17-29
  - **Causing Persecution:** Rev 2:10
  - **Opposing Gospel Ministry:** Mark 4:4, 15; 2 Cor 4:4; 1 Thess 2:18
  - **Accusing:** Gen 3:1-5; Job 1:9-11; Zech 3:1-3; Rev 12:10
  - **Manipulating Nations:** Deut 32:8 (ESV); Luke 4:5-7; Rev 20:8
  - **Deceiving:** teaching false religion (1 Tim 4:1; Gal 1:8); Posing as gods (Deut 32:17; 2 Thess 2:3-4); Posing as Angels (2 Cor 11:14); working false miracles and prophecy (2 Thess 2:9; Acts 16:16; 1 John 4:1); planting false believers in the church (Matt 13:38-39)
- **The Relationship of Fallen Angels to Us** (including Satan)
  - **Dangerous Enemies to be Resisted:** Eph 6:11-12; 1 Pet 5:8;
  - **Under Our Authority in Christ:** Luke 10:16-20; 1 Cor 6:3; Eph 2:6
- **Distinctives of Satan**
  - **Names:** “Satan” (Zech 3:1; John 13:27); “the devil” (Acts 13:10); “god of this world” (2 Cor 4:4); “Beelzebub” (Matt 12:24); “prince of this world” (John 12:31); “the tempter” (Matt 4:3); “the evil one” (1 John 5:18); “father of lies” (John 8:44); “ancient serpent” (Rev 12:9); “ruler of the kingdom of the air” (Eph 2:2); “the strong man” (Matt 12:29); “dragon” (Rev 12:3-9);
  - **A very high former good angel:** Ezek 28:14-16?; Jude 8-9; 1 Tim 3:6
  - **Leader of the Demons:** Matt 12:24-29; 25:41
  - **A Murderer and Liar:** John 8:44; “has the power of death” (Heb 2:14)

The Bottom Line

\_\_\_\_\_ you have both \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ along \_\_\_\_\_!