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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**Our Testimony to the Angels
Angelic Rebellion—Part 1
Ephesians 3:8–11**

Eph. 3:7, “of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

Eph. 3:8, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

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εὐαγγελίζω *evangelizō* aor mid infin

“to proclaim good news;” the *good news* here is more than simply what we must do to be justified and have eternal life. But involves the good news of our position in Christ, our wealth in Christ, our walk in Christ, and the provision for our spiritual warfare.

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Eph. 2:17, “And He came and preached [proclaimed the good news of] peace to you who were afar off [Gentiles] and to those who were near [Jews].”

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ἀνεξιχνίαστος *anexichniastos*

neut sing acc

“indetectable,” “uninvestigable, unsearchable,”

“inscrutable, incomprehensible, fathomless,”

“unfathomable rather than inexhaustible”

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**οἰκονομία *oikonomia* fem
sing nom “administration, management, plan;” two nuances: 1. the position or office of the administrator, and 2. the activity of administering or the strategy of administering.**

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John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Heb. 1:2, “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”*

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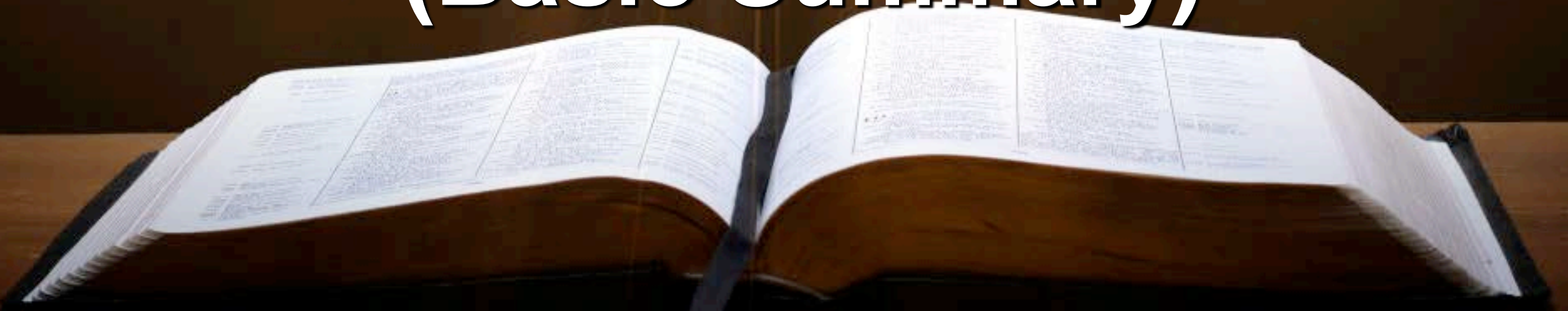
**ἀρχή *archē* fem plur dat
principalities; ruler,
realm, rule; power**

**ἐξουσία *exousia*
fem plur dat
authority, power;
ruling power, root
has the idea of one
who has the
freedom to choose,
i.e., the authority**

Eph. 3:10, “For the purpose that the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known now to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms” [~RD]

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Angelic Rebellion, I***

**Angels:
Their Identity
and Organization
(Basic Summary)**



1. We know angels exist because the Bible teaches us about them.

34 of the 66 books of the Bible mention them.

Old Testament mentions angels over 100 times; New Testament over 165 times.

Jesus mentioned them many times.

2. In addition to these occurrences, the Scriptures refer to angelic beings by other terms, such as:

“cherubim,”

“seraphim,”

“archangel,”

“prince,”

“sons of God,” “of the air,”

“principalities,”

“powers,”

“rulers of the darkness of this world,”

“spiritual wickedness in high places,”

“thrones,” and

“dominions.”

3. The number of angels are not given, but are described as

Rev. 5:11, “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,”

Dan. 7:9, “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;

Dan. 7:10, “A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

4. The term “angel” comes from the Greek “*angelos*” meaning messenger. But there are other terms.

5. Angels are not material, physical beings as in our realm, but are described as spirit beings, not flesh and blood.

Luke 24:39, “Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

6. Angels are not normally visible to us today, Col. 1:16.

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible,”

7. Angels are described in terms of their organization.

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8. Angels are a distinct order of intelligent beings created by God. Humans do not become angels when they die.

9. There are many other descriptions of angels and their organization.

A host, i.e., an army, a council.

There are cherubs, seraphs, one archangel, watchers.

They are divided into holy or elect angels, and fallen angels, demons.

Angels are also described as beings of light and as stars.