

Angelic Rebellion Series

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The Divine Council Angelic Rebellion—Part 2

**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. 7:10, “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. The Hebrew word also means “messenger.”

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.

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.”

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.

10. In the New Testament we have the following words:

Rom. 8:38, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, [*arche, dunamis*]

Rom. 8:39, “nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Cor. 15:24, “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule [principalities] and all authority [powers, cf., Eph. 3:10] and power [*dunamis*].” [*arche, exousia, dunamis*]

Eph. 1:21, “far above all principality [*arche*] and power [*exousia*] and might [*dunamis*] and dominion [*kuriotes*], and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince [*archon*] of the power [*exousia*] of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

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

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

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality [*arche*] and power [*exousia*].”

Col. 2:15, “Having disarmed principalities [*arche*] and powers [*exousia*], He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

1 Pet. 3:22, “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels [*angelos*] and authorities [*exousia*], and powers [*dunamis*] having been made subject to Him.”

exousia
dunamis
angelos

kuriotes
archon ***arche***
thronos
kosmokrator

“In all, five classes of angel-princes seem to be distinguished in the New Testament—thrones, principalities, authorities, powers and dominions. They probably represent the highest orders of the angelic realm, but the variety of ways in which the titles are combined in the NT warns us against the attempt to reconstruct a fixed hierarchy from them.”

~F. F. Bruce

**What the Bible Teaches
About
The Angelic Rebellion, II
Angels:
Angelic Convocations
The Divine Council**



Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7, “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’

Job 1:8, “Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ ”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.”

**בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים *bene ha'elohim*,
“sons of God”**

Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Job 38:5, “Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6, “To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

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.

Job 2:2, “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ ”

Psa. 89:5, “And the heavens will praise
Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness
also in the assembly of the saints
[*qadshim*].

Psa. 89:6, “For who in the heavens can be
compared to the Lord? Who among the
sons of the mighty [בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים *bene 'elim*]
can be likened to the Lord?

Psa. 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in
the assembly of the saints [*qadshim*], and
to be held in reverence by all those around
Him.”

Psa. 89:8, “O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

Psa. 89:9, “You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

Psa. 89:10, “You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

Psa. 89:11, “The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

Psa. 89:12, “The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.”

Psa. 89:13, “You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”

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.”

Psa. 82:1, “A Psalm of Asaph.

Psa. 82:1, “God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

Psa. 82:2, “How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?
Selah”

***Elohim*, meanings**

- a) a god: Psa. 18:32, Dan. 11:38, lists**
- b) all other instances, the true God;**
- c) a spirit of a dead person, again, a heavenly being, 1 Sam. 28**

Elohim, meanings

Gen. 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ”

Ex. 20:1, “And God spoke all these words, saying:

Ex. 20:2, “ ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Ex. 20:3, “ ‘You shall have no other gods before Me.’ ”

Psa. 8:5, “For You have made him a little lower than the angels [elohim], and You have crowned him with glory and honor.”

Deut. 32:17,

**“They sacrificed to demons, not to God,
To gods they did not know,
To new gods, new arrivals
That your fathers did not fear.”**

1 Sam. 28:13, “And the king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid. What did you see?’ And the woman said to Saul, ‘I saw a spirit [*elohim*] ascending out of the earth.’ ”

Psa. 82:1, “God [*elohim*] stands in the congregation of the mighty [*El*]; He judges among the gods [*elohim*].”