

God requires education for the health of the churches

Who are the angels of the churches?

Angels

serving as legal witnesses & given authority to execute judgment

7.1.

Though it's not a major problem to identify these angels as persons, yet if we properly identify them as legal witnesses, recorders, and executors, write judgments of the reigning authority and judge in the courtroom of heaven, then our overall perspective of God's dealings in the church age, and our own personal roles including the manner in which we advance toward rewards and inheritance becomes greatly enhanced.

a. Angels witness & record the good works of men:

Malachi 3:10-12 (NKJV)

10 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them. So a book of remembrance was written before Him. For those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name.

12 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels, and I will spare them. As a man spares his son who serves him."

b.

In part, chapters 2 & 3 will be structured by our understanding of who these angels are! (the authors were inspired by the work angel quality)

The combined use of these terms (stars & angels) evidence the supernatural order of these beings called angels in chpts 1,2 & 3:

Revelation 1:16 (NKJV)

16 The imagery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Revelation 2:1 (NKJV)

1 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write. These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

4 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write. These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

Revelation 2:8 (NKJV)

8 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write. These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

Revelation 2:14 (NKJV)

14 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write. These things says the Son of David, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

Revelation 3:1 (NKJV)

1 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write. These things says He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works. Mar you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."

Revelation 3:7 (NKJV)

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write. These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David. He who opens, and no one shuts, and who shuts and no one opens."

Revelation 3:14 (NKJV)

14 And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write. These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

7.2. Revelation for all God's intelligent creatures:

a. Deuteronomy 32:1-2 (NKJV)

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak.

Angels supernatural beings

And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

Mankind

2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech shall as the dew. As rainings on the tender herb, And as showers on the grain.

Let it be Successful for its intended purpose

7.3.

a.

Job 38:4-7 (NKJV)

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Angels were created before the earth was created

6 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

8 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together, all the sons of God shouted for joy.

Angels clearly had a role in the pre-Genesis universe

Genesis 1:1-2 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

At some point after the creation of the universe and before the events of Genesis 1:3

The highest of all angels named Lucifer fell into arrogance, he lusted after the power and authority of God, and enticed one third of the angels to follow him in a rebellion against God.

So at some point in eternity past there is this angelic revolt that breaks out. Then at some point after Lucifer's sin, God holds a trial and brings judgment against the devil and his angels;

at which point God creates an eternal separated habitation for the devil and his angels known as the lake of fire.

Matthew 25:41 (NKJV)

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

The pre-mortal fallen angels are presently in chains of darkness awaiting their final judgment.

at Peter 1:12 (NKJV)
as for if I had chosen upon the angels who ascend and descend down to and up and descended them ministers of darkness, how could I be judged?

2 The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

God allows Satan to act as prosecuting attorney in the heavenly courtroom of God.

Job 1:6-12 (NKJV)
1 Now when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.
2 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."
3 And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, who is without reproach and upright and God-fearing?"

4 So the Lord answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

5 Have I not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

6 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

His purpose: "to fabricate a case from the perspective of the Lord."

Revelation 12:10 (NKJV)

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our Lord, and the power of His Christ have come, and now it is time to accuse them before our God day and night."

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By not immediately condemning Satan to his eternal habitation in the lake of fire;

God is demonstrating to all of his intelligent creatures, certain necessary characteristics about his integrity, his justice, his righteousness, his love and grace;

He also demonstrates the sinfulness of sin and that He is perfectly righteous in judging and condemning in the lake of fire.

Ultimately in all of this demonstration, God makes known it is impossible for the creature to properly function without Him!

And only when we operate in complete submission to His will; only then can we realize the greatest piece joy happiness and freedom!

7.4. The activity of angels in relation to:

a. Heavenly courtroom at the beginning of the tribulation:

Revelation 6:1-4 (NKJV)

1 And these things I saw, and heard, when standing upon the mountain, and that voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

3 And I saw him who sat like a judge and a warrior, and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four others sitting, clothed in white robes, and they wore crowns of golden hair. These

b. The scroll of legal charges against the human race:

Revelation 6:1-7 (NKJV)

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

angel

2 And I saw a strong angel, commanding with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look at it.

4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

c. The Lamb takes the scroll:

Revelation 6:10 (NKJV)

10 And they sang a new song, saying, "We are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For we have slain, and have suffered death by the beast that it was killed, and we were slain and we shall reign on the earth."

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.

12 Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen."

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