

Proverbs 2 suggested memory chapter

To the angel of the church in Sardis

1. Angel: Both the Hebrew **mal'ak** and the Greek **angelos** have the same range of meaning

An ordinary use of the word **angelos** is **messenger** who is sent out, but to **announce the presence, or to bring the Word**, but they were sent with a mission to **secure kingdom** for the Lord Jesus Christ, when He sets on His way to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51-52 (NASB95)

51 When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem;
52 and He sent **messengers** on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans **to make arrangements for Him**.

ANGEL

mal'ak (מַלְאָךְ)
messenger, angel

2. Old Testament reference **mal'ak** used in the New Testament

Malachi 3:1 (NASB95)

1 "Behold, I am going to send My **messenger**, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, and the **Messenger** of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.

He's preparing the nation for the arrival of Jesus the Messiah

3. New Testament quotes from Malachi 3:1

Used only once in reference to a prophet in the New Testament

And this is the only time the word AGGELOS is used to refer to a human messenger that is related to giving any sort of revelation

Matthew 11:10 (NASB95)

10 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My **messenger** ahead of You, **Who will prepare Your way before You**.'

Mark 1:2-3 (NASB95)

2 And it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I send My **messenger** ahead of You, **Who will prepare Your way**;
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight.'"

Luke 7:26-27 (NASB95)

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

27 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My **messenger** ahead of You, **Who will prepare Your way before You**.'

This word is used over 170 times in the Bible, but only six of those are translated **"messenger."**

And three of those six are translated from Malachi 3:1

This isolated usage is Not adequate to roll it's meaning over to Revelation 2 and 3

It's an extremely rare use of the word **angelos** when it refers in the Bible to a human **messenger** of any kind.

Some want to make it's use in Revelation refer to a pastor-teacher, but it's just not documented in word usage anywhere.

Furthermore, though the Malachi passage relates to an Old Testament prophet use,

the term is never ever used in the New Testament to refer to, a pastor-teacher.

In the book of Revelation the word **angelos** is used 67 times, out of a total of 175 times in the whole New Testament.

So a third (that is 67 times) of the usages of **angelos** in the Bible are in the book of Revelation.

and in all but 8 of those 67 it refers to supernatural beings.

The 8 that are questioned refer to these angels of these seven churches.

What we discover is that all of the other 59 are supernatural beings.

So best interpretive practice says this refers to an angel, not a human messenger.

Not to mention a close look at the context gives clear indication that they are **supernatural beings/angels** whom Jesus makes use of in recording church activity and pronouncing judgment.

Revelation 2:1 (NASB95)

Revelation 2:1 (NLT)

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,

2. Angelos; Lucifer's arrogance

ANGELOS means a messenger in its primary use as supernatural intelligent beings,

who are used by God to serve Him in the administration of the universe.

One thing that stands out is that they are used by God in the administration of blessing and judgment toward mankind or to individual human beings.

3. Lucifer's fall into arrogance:

At some point after the creation of the universe Lucifer fell into arrogance.

He loved after the authority of God and wanted to be thought of as God.

He wanted control, he wanted to run the universe.

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NASB95)

12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!
13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God. And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.
14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"

Ezekiel 28:15-16 (NASB95)

15 Again the word of the Lord came to the saying,
16 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
17 "You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the agate, ligure, the turquoise and the emerald. And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared.
18 "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
19 "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.

Sometime after this God convened a trial and He sentenced these angels who followed Lucifer to a penalty of the lake of fire.

Matthew 25:41 (NASB95)

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into **the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels**.'

The perfect tense: It's talking about the present reality of a completed past action

VOFF-644 verb, perfect, passive, participle, singular, accusative, neuter

perfect – The verb tense used by the writer to describe a completed verbal action that occurred in the past but which produced a state of being or a result that exists in the present (in relation to the writer). The emphasis of the perfect is not the past action or result as it is in such but the present "state of affairs" resulting from the past action.

3. God demonstrates his righteous judgment establishing Lucifer's guilt and Adam's guilt, through the church:

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NASB95)

10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known **through the church** to the **arche rulers** and the **powers** in the heavenly places.

Colossians 2:10

power to the **principles** and powers in the heavenly places

While both words have similar meaning, rulers speak more to the **supernatural** aspect of power, and the other to the **spiritual** aspect.

The phrase "principles and powers" is a term that refers to the hierarchy, the chain of command within the angelic ranks. Those who live within the heavens.

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