

# TRUTH through context, that's the goal in Bible study

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Revelation 2-3

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### 7 Churches, 7 Angels

1. To the **angel** of the churches:

2. The evaluation reports are directed to the **angel** of the 7 churches:

God has a purpose for the interactions of Angels with mankind

3. Revelation of the mystery hidden in God since the beginning of the ages

4. This mystery was not just given to Paul only, but to all the apostles which would include John the Revelator:

**Ephesians 3:3-6 (NAB):**

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles...

2 It is not that you have heard of the **secret** of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

3 since that by **revelation** He made known to me the **secret** (as I have already written already,

4) by which, **when you read, you may understand** my knowledge in the **secrets** of Christ,

5 which in other **ages** were not **made known** to the sons of men, **as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:**

6 **that** the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 of which I have now a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power,

8 **to tell** what are now the **hidden** of all the nations, **His grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**

God's hidden eternal purpose for angels and mankind together, is revealed to **ANGELS** in the church age, through the church:

But it's not only that, it's to:

**Ephesians 3:9-11 (NAB):**

9 **to make all see** what is the **wisdom** **strategy** of the mystery,

10 **which has been hidden from the ages** in **God's eternal purpose** who created all things through Jesus Christ

11 **to His intent** (as we see **discernible** wisdom of God) **so that we, the church,**

to the **principalities** and **powers** in the heavenly places,

12 **according to the eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

3. **Stars** and their biblical use in both Hebrew **עֲשָׂרָה** and Greek, Old Testament and New Testament:

4. **Stars** of the Abrahamic covenant:

Abraham's descendants are **quantitatively** compared to **Stars**:

**Genesis 15:5 (NAB):**

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward **heaven** and **count the Stars**,"

6 **and he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."**

**Stars** representing corporate Israel, God is going to preserve the nation Israel:

**Genesis 15:7 (NAB):**

7 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brother, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, **the sun, the moon, and the eleven Stars** bowed down to me."

**Revelation 1:12 (NAB):**

12 I looked from one star, and him as great as a dead, were born as many as the **Stars** of the sky in multitude...innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore

**Revelation 1:20 (NAB):**

20 I have a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the **sun**, with the **moon** under her feet, and on her head a garland of **twelve Stars**.

**Revelation 1:20** is the fulfillment of this promise:

**Genesis 15:1 (NAB):**

15 And I will give unity between you and the woman, and between your seed and the **Seed**. He shall love your seed, and you shall love the land."

Abraham's descendants were multiplied as the **Stars** of heaven, and out of that multitude from Jacob, a **Star** arose:

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**Revelation 22:16 (NAB):**

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things to the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star**."

5. **Stars** in the night sky, are always understood to be bright shining heavenly bodies:

6. **Stars as a classification** for **angels**, identifies them specifically as **heavenly beings**:

**Job 38:7 (NAB):**

7 When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

**Isaiah 60:1 (NAB):**

1 For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the **Stars** of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation (on the highest side of the north).

This is talking about the angels. This isn't just hyperbole. It should be taken literally. Satan wants to rule over the **Stars** of God, the **angels**.

**Judges 6:10 (NAB):**

10 **So they fought from the heavens**. The **Stars** from their courses fought against Gideon.

This is showing that there is an **angelic** dimension to that physical battle. It's not the Jews, the Israelites fighting the Canaanites. **There is a light going on in the unseen realm.**

**Revelation 1:1 (NAB):**

1 He had in his right hand seven stars, and he said these words of the book, and came to the **Stars** on the ground, and trooped them.

This is the most definitive event when **Jesus** and the **fallen angels** are linked out of Heaven.

**Revelation 2:1-2 (NAB):**

1 Then the **7th** angel sounded. And I saw a **Star** fallen from heaven to the earth. In him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened for seven of the strokes of the pit.

3 Then one of the seven stars came upon the earth. And to them was given power as the recipients of the wrath from heaven.

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3 You shall trample the aspidochelone, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," says the Lord of hosts.

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