

# Appearances of the Angel of The Lord

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*Many Bible scholars believe that the Being called The Angel of The Lord (or The Angel of God) is a preincarnate appearance of Jesus Christ. The translators often capitalize the name of this angel. It most always has the definite article. The context seems to bear this out. People who have seen this angel in the Old Testament are amazed that they have lived through the experience. This Being also receives worship indicating that He is God and worthy to receive our praise.*

Studies included in this article are: The Angel of The Lord; The Angel of God; An Angel of God or An Angel the Lord (Not Jesus); The Angel (The Lord).

For more information on this topic, please see: Appendix 5 "People Who Saw God" and Appendix 6 "God Can Appear in Different Forms" in my book, Immanuel: A Practicum.

## The Angel of The Lord

Genesis 16:7 Now **the Angel of the LORD** found her [Hagar] by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

Genesis 16:9-11 **The Angel of the LORD** said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." Then **the Angel of the LORD** said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." And **the Angel of the LORD** said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction."

Genesis 22:11, 15 But **the Angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ...Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven.

Exodus 3:2 And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed.

Numbers 22:22 Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and **the Angel of the LORD** took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants *were* with him. Also see Numbers 22:23-27, 31-35

Judges 2:1, 4 Then **the Angel of the LORD** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you...So it was, when **the Angel of the LORD** spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

Judges 5:23 'Curse Meroz,' said **the angel of the LORD**, 'Curse its inhabitants bitterly, Because they did not come to the help of the LORD, To the help of the LORD against the mighty.'

Judges 6:11-12 Now **the Angel of the LORD** came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!"

Judges 6:21-22 Then **the Angel of the LORD** put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And **the Angel of the LORD** departed out of his sight. Now Gideon perceived that He *was* **the Angel of the LORD**. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen **the Angel of the LORD** face to face."

Judges 13:3 And **the Angel of the LORD** appeared to the woman and said to her, Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. Also see Judges 13:13, 15-18, 20-21

2 Samuel 24:16 And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And **the angel of the LORD** was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

1 Kings 19:7 And **the angel of the LORD** came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you."

2 Kings 1:3 But **the angel of the LORD** said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, '*Is it* because *there is* no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'

2 Kings 1:15 And **the angel of the LORD** said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass on a certain night that **the angel of the LORD** went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

1 Chronicles 21:12 'either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking *you*, or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land,

with **the angel of the LORD** destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me." Also see 1 Chronicles 21:15-16, 18, 30

Psalms 34:7 **The angel of the LORD** encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

Psalms 35:5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let **the angel of the LORD** chase *them*.

Psalms 35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let **the angel of the LORD** pursue them.

Isaiah 37:36 Then **the angel of the LORD** went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

Zechariah 1:11-12 So they answered **the Angel of the LORD**, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly." Then **the Angel of the LORD** answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?"

Zechariah 3:1, 5-6 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before **the Angel of the LORD**, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him... And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And **the Angel of the LORD** stood by. Then **the Angel of the LORD** admonished Joshua, saying.

Zechariah 12:8 In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David *shall be* like God, like **the Angel of the LORD** before them.

Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as **the angel of the Lord** commanded him and took to him his wife.

## The Angel of God

Genesis 21:17 And God heard the voice of the lad. Then **the angel of God** called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

Genesis 31:11, 13 Then **the Angel of God** spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am... 'I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.'

Exodus 14:19 And **the Angel of God**, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

Judges 6:20 **The Angel of God** said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

Judges 13:6, 9 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of **the Angel of God**, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name...And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and **the Angel of God** came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.

2 Samuel 14:17, 20 "Your maidservant said, "The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for **as the angel of God**, so is my lord the king in discerning good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you...To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of **the angel of God**, to know everything that is in the earth."

2 Samuel 19:27 "And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but my lord the king is like **the angel of God**. Therefore do what is good in your eyes.

Acts 7:30 "And when forty years had passed, **an Angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

### **An Angel of God or An Angel The Lord (Not Jesus)**

1 Samuel 29:9 Then Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are as good in my sight as **an angel of God**; nevertheless the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'

Matthew 1:20 But while he thought about these things, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as **the angel of the Lord** commanded him and took to him his wife.

Matthew 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

Matthew 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.

Matthew 28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for **an angel of the Lord** descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

Luke 1:11 Then **an angel of the Lord** appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luke 2:9 And behold, **an angel of the Lord** stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Acts 5:19 But at night **an angel of the Lord** opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

Acts 8:26 Now **an angel of the Lord** spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

Acts 12:7 Now behold, **an angel of the Lord** stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

Acts 12:23 Then immediately **an angel of the Lord** struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 10:3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision **an angel of God** coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

Acts 27:23 For there stood by me this night **an angel of the God** to whom I belong and whom I serve.

Galatians 4:14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as **an angel of God**, even as Christ Jesus.

## **The Angel (The Lord)**

Genesis 48:15-16 And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, **The God** who has fed me all my life long to this day, **The Angel** who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Numbers 20:16 "When we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent **the Angel** and brought us up out of Egypt; now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border.

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And **the Angel of His Presence** saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

Hosea 12:4 Yes, he struggled with **the Angel** and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us—

Zecariah 3:1,3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him...Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before **the Angel**.

Acts 7:35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of **the Angel** who appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 7:38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with **the Angel** who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us.

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