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**The Angel
of
The LORD**

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The Angel of the LORD.

Topics.

- The Angel of the LORD in the book of Judges.
- The Angel of the LORD in Judges Chapter Six.
- The Angel of the LORD in Genesis and Judges.
- The Angel of the LORD in in the book of Exodus.

The meaning of the word angel: from Strong's Concordance; the English word angel in the Old Testament is from the Hebrew word mal'ak. In the New Testament the English word angel is from the Greek word aggelos. The word mal'ak in the Old Testament and the word aggelos in the New Testament have sometimes been translated to the English word messenger or messengers while at other times mal'ak and aggelos are translated angel or angels.

Malak: means to dispatch as a deputy, a messenger, an ambassador or a representative it can apply to and angel of God, a king, a prophet, a priest or teacher. The same word is used for the supernatural angels of God and for human messengers thus it can apply to God's supernatural angels or human men who are sent as messengers.

Aggelos: means a messenger or envoy sent from God to bring tidings. Aggelos is used all of the time in the New Testament for the supernatural angels of God (except for Luke chapter twenty) but it is also used for human men (i.e., pastors, ministers and such like), which means, aggelos can apply to God's supernatural angels or human messengers.

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From Genesis to Revelation there is:

- An angel of the Lord and of God.
- Angels that do the work of God.
- Angels that appear as humans.
- In the book of Revelation, Jesus has an angel.
- Human men who are called angels.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Manoah and his wife.

- **Judges 13:3.** And the *angel of the LORD* appeared to the woman (Manoah's wife Samson's mother) and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall *conceive and bear a son*."

The author calls the angel that appeared to Manoah's wife and spoke in the same language as her the Angel of the LORD.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:6.** Then the woman came and told her husband, "A *man of God* came to me, and his appearance was like the *appearance of the angel of God*, very awesome."

Even though Manoah's wife calls the Angel of the LORD a man and he appeared as a man he appeared very awesome and had the appearance of the Angel of the LORD.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:9.** And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the *angel of God* came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. ¹⁰So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, *the man who came to me* the other day has appeared to me.

Now the author calls the angel, the Angel of the LORD, but Manoah's wife calls the Angel of the LORD a man.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:11.** And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to *the man* and said to him, "Are you *the man* who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am.

Manoah calls the Angel of the LORD a man and the Angel of the LORD spoke in Manoah's language.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:3.** the *angel of the LORD* said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.

The author calls the angel, the Angel of the LORD.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:16.** And the *angel of the LORD* said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not *eat of your food*. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah *did not know that he was the angel of the LORD*).

The author calls the angel, the Angel of the LORD yet Manoah did not know the angel was the Angel of the LORD.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:17.** And Manoah said to the *angel of the LORD*, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honour you?" ¹⁸And the *angel of the LORD* said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing *it is wonderful*?" ¹⁹So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the *LORD, to the one who works wonders*.

The author calls the angel, the Angel of the LORD and states that the name of the Angel of the LORD is wonderful.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:20.** ²⁰And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the *angel of the LORD went up in the flame* of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

The author calls the angel the Angel of the LORD yet the angel appeared as a man to Manoah and his wife and the fire did not harm the Angel of the LORD. All of this shows that our laws of physics and laws of science did not bind the angel in any manner.

Now go to:

- **Judges 13:22.** Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, *for we have seen God*."

Manoah and his wife now call the Angel of the LORD God which shows that the Angel of the LORD is speaking for God, (this is why he is called Yahweh). To the Jewish mind there is no difference between the Angel of the LORD and God, because the Angel of the LORD is acting as God's agent it is only Gentiles who think there is a difference.

The Angel of the LORD can be seen as:

- God's presence.
- God's voice.
- God's power.
- **Judges 6:11-12.** Now the *angel of the LORD* came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. ¹²And the *angel of the LORD* appeared to him (Gideon) and said to him, "The *LORD* is with you (Gideon) O mighty man of valour."

The Angel of the LORD appears to Gideon and speaks in the language as Gideon.

Now go to:

- **Judges 6:14.** And *the LORD* turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

The Angel of the LORD is now called the LORD.

Now go to:

- **Judges 6:20.** And the *angel of God* said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so.

The Angel of the LORD is now called the Angel of the God. The entire chapter is written in this manner whereby the name of the LORD the name of God and the name of the Angel of God and the name of the Angel of the LORD are all interchangeable with each other.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD IN GENESIS AND JUDGES

The LORD speaks:

- **Genesis 17:6-8.** I (the LORD) will make you (Abram) exceedingly fruitful, and I (the LORD) will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I (the LORD) will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I (the LORD) will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I (the LORD) will be their God."

The LORD God promises Abram and his offspring he would make His covenant with him. Yet in the following verses the Angel of the LORD said it was him who promised to make His covenant with Abram and his offspring.

Angel of the LORD speaks as God.

- **Judges 2:1-4.** Now *the angel of the LORD* went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I (the angel of the LORD) swore to give to your fathers. I (the angel of the LORD) said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, ²and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.' But you have not obeyed my (the angel of the LORD) voice. What is this you have done? ³So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you." ⁴As soon as *the angel of the LORD* spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.

The Angel of the LORD speaks and acts for the LORD God therefore the Angel of the LORD often speaks as though He is the LORD which means that the Angel of the LORD can be seen as God's presence, God's voice and God's power.

God refused to go before Israel into the Promised Land.

God sends an angel to go before Israel into the Promised Land.

- **Exodus 33:1-5.** The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I (the LORD) swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.' ²I (the LORD) will send an angel before you, and I (the LORD) will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ³Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I (the LORD) will not go up among you, lest I (the LORD) consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

Here the LORD says he will send an angel before Israel to drive out their enemies and then say He will drive them out. Israel departed Egypt and arrived at Mount Sinai, where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. While Moses is gone forty days and nights Israel makes a golden calf and says these are the gods that brought us up out of Egypt. God later tells Israel to go into the Promised Land but He will not go with them, but instead will send an angel to go with them, because they are a stubborn and stiff neck people and He might consume them.

SUMMARY OF THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

The Angel of the LORD is called:

- A man.
- The angel.
- God.
- The Angel of the God.
- The LORD.

The Angel of the LORD:

- Acts as God's agent on earth and amongst mankind.
- Spoke in a human language people understood.
- When appearing as a man appeared very awesome.
- Those the Angel of the LORD appeared to did not know it was the Angel of the LORD.
- The name of the Angel of the LORD is wonderful.
- Fire did not harm the Angel of the LORD.

The Angel of the LORD:

- Speaks and acts for the LORD God.
- Often speaks as though He is the LORD.
- Is not bound by our laws of physics and laws of science in any manner.

The Angel of the LORD can be seen as:

- God's presence.

- God's voice.
- God's power.

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