

# Terms used with “angels”

- “Angel”
  - Hebrew “*malak*” found 103 times means “messenger”
  - Can refer to human messenger – I Kings 19:2
    - Haggai – Hag. 1:13
    - A priest – Mal. 2:7
    - John the baptizer and Jesus – Mal. 3:1
    - “Malachi” comes from the word “malak”
  - Also refers to divine messengers – Gen. 28:12
    - Supernatural or heavenly beings sent as messengers to men

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  - Also can be used of both human messengers (Gal. 4:14) and divine (Rev. 1:1)

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- **Other terms:**
  - **Sons of God** - God’s sons by virtue of His creation - cf. **Job 1:6; 38:7**
  - **Watcher, watchers** - likely referring to angels - cf. **Dan. 4:13,17,23**
  - **Host** - denoting the armies of heaven, which likely included angels - cf. **Gen 32:2**
  - **Archangel** - used twice - **1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9**
  - **Prince, chief princes, great prince** - used in the book of Daniel – **Dan. 10:13,21; 12:1**

# Descriptions of angels

- **Their nature and attributes:**
  - **They are spiritual beings**
    - **Called “spirits”, suggesting they do not have physical bodies – [Heb. 1:14](#)**
    - **Though they did reveal themselves at times in the form of human bodies – [Gen. 18:3](#)**
    - **They do not function as human beings in such things as marriage – [Mk. 12:25](#)**
    - **They are not subject to death – [Lk. 20:36](#)**

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- **Their nature and attributes:**
  - **They are created beings**
    - **They are part of the creation that is to praise Jehovah – Psa. 148:1-5**
    - **They were created “by” Christ, among all other things – Col. 1:16**
  - **They are innumerable**
    - **An innumerable company – Heb. 12:22**
    - **John’s descriptions suggests their number is countless – Rev. 5:11**

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- **Their nature and attributes:**
  - **They are a higher order than man**
    - **Man was created lower than the angels –**  
**Heb. 2:6-7**
    - **They have greater wisdom, though limited -**  
**2 Sam 14:20; Mt 24:36**
    - **They have greater power, though it too is**  
**limited - Mt 28:2; Dan 10:13**

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- **Their nature and attributes:**
  - **They always appeared as men**
    - **Never as women or children, always clothed**
    - **Exception: The burning bush – Ex. 3:2; Acts 7:35**
    - **Other than Cherubim and Seraphim (whose classification as angels is suspect), they never have wings-though cf. Rev. 8:13;14:6, Dan.9:21**
    - **Many times they were so disguised as men they were not first identified as angels – Gen. 18:1-2; 19:1; Heb. 13:2**

# Classifications of angels

- **The archangel, “great prince”** - **Jude 9; cf. 1 Thess. 4:16, Dan. 12:1; 10:21, Rev. 12:7**
- **The “chief princes”** - **Dan 10:13**
  - **Gabriel? Dan 8:16; 9:21, Lk 1:19,26**
- **The “princes”** – **Dan. 10:13, 20-21**
- **The “angel of the Lord”** – **Judges 2:1; Gen. 16:10-13**
- **Cherubim? Gen. 3:24, Ex. 25.17-22, Psalm 18:10, Ezek. 1:1-28, Ezek. 10; Rev. 4:4-6 (4 wings)**
- **Seraphim? Isa. 6:1-6, Rev. 4:8-9 (6 wings)**