



10. Which is a term the Bible does not use when referring to angels?

A. Guardian Angel

B. Heavenly Hosts

C. Chariots of Fire

There are 250-300 references to angels in the Bible. Most of them are short and brief (two to three verses at the most). There are four major categories of references to angels:

- 1) Actual encounters with angels on earth. This is direct testimony about the appearance and activity of angels.
- 2) Visions and dreams in which people encounter angels. These usually portray the heavenly service of angels before the throne of God (cherubim and seraphim). What is pictured here may have symbolic, not literal meaning. These are powerful displays of angels praising the almighty Father and Jesus Christ the Lamb.
- 3) The Angel of the Lord. This is one who is over all, including the angels.
- 4) Comments about angels that describe their work and activity, though angels themselves do not appear.

### I. The Creation of Angels

The Old Testament makes no explicit reference to God's creation of angels. What do the following Bible passages tell us about the creation of angels?

*Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

*Job 38:4-7* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 148:1-6* \_\_\_\_\_

*John 1:1-3* \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 1:15-16* \_\_\_\_\_

If the angels were created at some time during the six-day creation, what does Genesis 1:31 say about their nature? *God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.*

At some time after their creation and before the fall of Adam and Eve into sin in Genesis 3, what happened among the angels? \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 14:12-15* \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Peter 2: 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into the gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;*

*Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these He kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.*

**What does the Bible call the leader of these fallen angels?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Martin Luther on the creation of angels:* "Moses writes nothing about the creation of angels because, to begin with, he describes only the creation of matters visible. In the second place, he did not want to provide an opportunity for speculation. Our God did the right thing in that He did not permit many matters to be written; otherwise we would have despised what we now have and would have pried into what is beyond us."

**Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**