

# ANGELS MINISTERING SPIRITS

(PART 1)



(Hebrews 1:5-14)

Angels are fascinating creatures in the minds of men. Their fascination goes beyond the norm to obsession. Statues and pictures of angels of all kinds decorate their houses as if they were living gods. There is the misconception of whom angels are and what they are supposed to do. In the process, men try to change what angels really represent concerning God's purpose. Many will even forget that angels are created beings, under the authority of God. When John fell prostrate at the feet of an angel, who had come to him with the apocalyptic message, he restrained him by saying, Refrain! I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have the testimony borne by YAHSHUA. Worship God! For the substance of the truth revealed by YAHSHUA is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and

interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours] (Rev. 19:10). As created beings, angels are God's servants fulfilling His varied purposes. They are ministers of God who do His pleasure (Psalm 103: 21). Peter acknowledged their power and might (II Peter 2:11). They do that only which they are commanded to do, they never go beyond the boundaries of God's authority. They are submissive creatures, with a heart to adore, worship and praise God; they are therefore, subject to the will of God in complete obedience. They exist in the spiritual realm, in a higher level than the physical universe, where we live. They exist in the abode of God. They rejoice in God's works and serve Him. Bless the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word (Psalm. 103:19). They are fellow-servants along with us and with the prophets and with those who are mindful of and practice the message of this book (Rev. 22: 9).

Angels are ministers to all believers according to the Bible: Are not the angels all **ministering spirits sent out in the service of those who are to inherit salvation** (Heb. 1:14)? Who are those who are to inherit salvation? The believers in YAHSHUA. Those who are born again, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit (John 3: 5-6). If you haven't yet received God's gift of salvation, then you are out of God's protection; you are vulnerable to the attacks from the enemy; you are not being ministered by angels, even though your house is filled with angel statues. To be protected by angels is a privilege given after one repents of their sins and returns to God, as did the prodigal son. While he was away from his father, he was in danger of losing his life. He was exposed to all the world had to destroy him. But when he returned to his father, he then entered into His protection and He commanded His angels charge over him. When he was received back home, he was clothed with garments of righteousness, sandals of stability and sealed with a ring for the rest of his life, confirming his position in the family. No longer was he a vagabond exposed to the authority of the devil; no longer was he feeding on his deceits. He was now a forgiven son and returned to his right of son ship. As children of God we too were imputed with the righteousness of our heavenly Father and sealed with His Holy Spirit, which is our engagement ring, guaranteeing our salvation. So we are recipients of all the spiritual blessings in YAHSHUA, of His protection in the present and salvation in the future.

Angels have names and distinct responsibilities and ranks. For example, in the book of Daniel 12: 1 we see that Michael is an **archangel** assigned to the nation of

Israel to execute his bidding in times of the tribulation. The word archangel comes from the Greek word meaning chief angel. Michael is defined as the great prince who protects and defends the nation of Israel (Dan. 12:1). Michael is a powerful archangel; a warrior with power that can overcome any hostile force. The prophet Daniel, at the time when he was mourning for three weeks, after hearing about the future of his people, heard these most encouraging words from an angel saying, O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you! Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened and said, Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me. Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [hostile] prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth or the Book of Truth. There is no one who holds with me and strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except **Michael, your prince**. Michael, the mighty archangel is very much involved in battles, even to the end times. In Revelation twelve, verses 7-9 he is very active, together with his angels in the last fight against the devil and his angels. It reads: Then war broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels went forth to battle with the dragon, and the dragon with his angels fought. but they were defeated, and there was no room found for them in heaven any longer. And the huge dragon was cast down and out – that age-old serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer of all humanity the world over; he was forced out and down to the earth and his angels were flung out along with him. The earth will receive the dragon and his angels at the time of great distress and tribulation on earth. When he saw what had happened he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male child; enraged at the woman, he went away to wage war on the remainder of her descendants, who obey God's commandments and who have the testimony of YAHSHUA the Messiah (Rev. 12:17). It is wonderful to read that the devil and his demons will finally have their destination in the lake of fire.

An archangel is also involved in the rapture of the bride of Christ. The Bible does not say him to be Michael, but Paul in first Thessalonians 4: 15-18 tells us that an archangel will shout the command of the Lord. Here he defines how the rapture will have its beginning: **First** the Lord will descend from heaven with a **loud cry of summons**; **second** with the **shout of an archangel**; **third** with the **trumpet of God**. The results will be powerful: all those who died who were born again **will rise first**. Then we, the **living ones who remain, shall simultaneously be caught up**

**along with the [resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always we shall be with the Lord!**

The event of the rapture will be rather a loud one! The Lord's cry of summons is a command; the archangel echoes the command and the trumpet of God finalizes the command. If the entire world were to hear the calling of the Bride of Christ to heaven, it would not have the understanding of its meaning, but be filled with confusion and fear. On the contrary, the bride will hear with joy and respond with the ascension to meet the Lord YAHSHUA in the clouds. That day will be glorious. It will be harmoniously fulfilled!