

3. Angels are **LIMITED** in space.

4. Angels are more powerful **PHYSICALLY** than people but are not omnipotent.

2 Peter 2:11 “...yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.” (NIV)

5. They are intelligent creatures who can **COMMUNICATE**, who are aware of history and sometimes are given knowledge about even future events.

Luke 1:13-15 “But the angel said to him: ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.’” (NIV)

6. Angels’ appearance is usually **INVISIBLE**, but they have the ability to appear.

2 Kings 6:15-17 “When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. ‘Oh, my lord, what shall we do?’ the servant asked. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ the Elisha answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, ‘O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” (NIV)

Hebrews 13:2 “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (NIV)

7. Angels can appear as a male, which is most of the Biblical references but they can also as a **FEMALE** as was the case of Zechariah 5:9.

8. They were created to be higher in **AUTHORITY** than people (Hebrews 2:5-7).

3. HOW ARE ANGELS ORGANIZED?

A. The Bible speaks of the highest angelic classification being the level of **ARCHANGEL**. (Jude 9)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” (NIV)

B. There are Cherubim, Seraphim, Ruling Angels, Guardian Angels and Hosts all mentioned in the Bible. There is **NOT** a clear Biblical indication about rank among these.

C. The **SERAPHIM**. (Isaiah 6:1- 6)

D. The **CHERUBIM**.

E. The Ruling Angels are mentioned in Daniel 10. They are **TERRITORIAL** and assigned to specific areas of influence.

F. The Guardian Angels are connected to **US** in helping us in need.

Matthew 18:10-11 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”

Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

4. WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF ANGELS?

- A. The word angel actually means **MESSENGER**.
- B. They minister to God in worship and service. (Isaiah 6)
- C. Angels are used to execute God’s judgment and purposes.
- D. Angels were involved in every aspect of Jesus’ time on the earth.
- E. Angels are ministering spirits to believers.

Hebrews 1:14 “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

Luke 16:22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.”

Revelation 22:8-9 “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, ‘Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!’”



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Part Three

Ephesians 6:12

1. ARE ANGELS PRESENTED IN THE BIBLE AS **REAL** OR AS FIGURATIVE BEINGS?
2. WHERE DO ANGELS **COME FRONT** AND WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Psalms 148:2, 5 “Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts...Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.” (NIV)

Job 38:4-7 “Where were you (Job) when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone--while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”

A. What are angels like?

1. They were all **CREATED** God to be holy but were given a will to choose just like people.
2. They do not **AGE** and do not die.

Luke 20:34-36 “Jesus replied, ‘The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels...’” (NIV)