

Miscellaneous Facts about Angels

A. Early References to Angels

1. Angels were created by God. (Ezekiel 28:12-15). (This is a prophecy about the King of Tyre, but it goes beyond a mere human to describe Satan before he fell. This passage also records his fall into evil.)
2. Evidently, angels were present when God created the earth. (Job 38:4-7)

B. Good and Bad Angels

1. Perhaps a third of the angels God created opted to yield to Satan's lies and joined him in rebellion against God (Rev. 12:3-4).
2. The angels who remained true to God were His chosen angels (1 Tim. 5:21).

C. Angels Constitute God's Army

1. When the king of Syria surrounded Elisha with horses and chariots, God opened his servant's eyes to see the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. I believe these were angels (2 Kings 6:15-17).
2. "Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts" (Psalm 148:2). The term "hosts" means "troops" or "soldiers."
3. The term "LORD of hosts" means, literally, "LORD of troops." The troops refer to God's mighty army of angels. (1 Sam. 1:3; 17:45; 2 Sam. 5:10; Psa. 24:10; Zech. 1:12)
4. Jesus could have asked for twelve legions of angels to protect Him (Matt. 26:47-53).

D. Angels had Important Tasks during the Life of Jesus

1. The angel Gabriel told the priest Zacharias his wife would bear the "Way-Preparer" for the Messiah (Luke 1:11-17).
2. The angel Gabriel predicted to Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah (Luke 1:26-38).
3. An angel told Joseph he was to take Mary as his wife (Matt. 1:20).
4. Angels announced to petrified shepherds that the Messiah had been born in the city of Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-14)

5. An angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt to avoid the search of wicked King Herod (Matt. 2:13-15).
6. Angels strengthened Jesus after he had been fasting in the wilderness and was tempted by the devil (Mark 1:13).
7. An angel strengthened Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41-44).
8. A single angel rolled away the stone covering Jesus' tomb (Matt. 28:2). The petrified guards became comatose (Matt. 28:3-4).
9. Women saw an angel in the tomb of Jesus (Mark 16:5). He looked like a young man wearing a white robe.
10. Two angels wearing dazzling clothes terrified the women (Luke 24:4-5).
11. Mary Magdalene encountered two angels at Jesus' empty tomb (John 20:11-13).

E. Angels Will Have an Important Role at the Return of Jesus Christ

1. An archangel will announce the [return of Christ for His Church](#) (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
2. At His [Second Coming](#), Jesus will return to earth in the glory of His Father with the holy angels (Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26).
3. At His [Second Coming](#), Jesus will send forth his angels to gather His chosen ones ("elect") from the farthest end of heaven to the farthest end of earth (Mark 13:26-27).
4. At His [Second Coming](#), the angels will weed out all evil people and cast them into the "furnace of fire" (Matt. 13:49-50).
5. Jesus will come in His glory and all the angels with Him, and He will sit upon His glorious throne (Matt. 25:31).