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“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.” (Revelation 8:1-2)

Good morning, beloved. The treatment of the grand subject of the seven trumpets of Christ's Revelation has been a very, very long time coming. I have in various ways and at various times nibbled at some portions of some events that are contained in the writings of John the Revelator about this startling and sparkling sequence of bewilderments for the earth dwellers. But, heretofore I've not known a sufficient amount about the subject of this dispensation to grasp this second act of God's grant to His Son in a manner edifying to this body. Through God's grace and imparting of discernment, I hope to bring it into fine view and delightful significance for you through the coming series of sermons. It is, I trust you will agree, a momentous and magnificent display of God's power and dominion in prophecy and providence.

As I have done in each of my sermons on this Revelation, it is important to set the stage for the analysis. This first sermon of the series will be taken up with much of that work, so that we can have the better foundation upon which to build our understanding of the events called forth with those trumpets.

“Be still, and know that I am God:” (Psalms 46:10)

My oldest daughter has an affinity for this verse ... so she puts it on things to post about the house. Perhaps she will go forth from this sermon with an even greater love for it, and knowledge of it. Until I saw it properly in *this context*, I saw it only as a commandment that -- when things are unfolding that are quite beyond our capacity to understand; and therefore, we are anxious and fretting -- we are to stand still, shut our mouths, quiet our spirits, and trust in the God of creation to make us at peace with His will as He sees fit. Thereby, we indeed exalt Him to the highest throne and bow down to Him. Though helpful, that is only a generic use of the glorious passage.

When Christ steps forth -- as the only Lamb of God who has made Himself worthy to do so by the propitious act of taking on flesh and then, sinless, suffering, dying, and conquering death-- and takes ***“the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne”*** (Revelation 5:7), the inhabitants of that heavenly scene shift their focus onto the animating work to flow from the seals being removed and the Book of Redemption being opened:

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:” (Revelation 5:9)

Now, I'm working toward a proper understanding of this ***“silence in heaven”*** that opens our subject text. There is much confusion articulated from the expositors about what this silence represents -- so much so that I would caution you, every one, from wasting the minutes or hours

searching them out. The whole of the mess reinforces only one certainty: That they are all very confused on the point. One example helps to demonstrate the value of this caution. Here is Gill's treatment of the silence:

"there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour; not in the third heaven, the seat of the divine Being, of angels and glorified saints, where are hallelujahs without intermission; but in the church, which is oftentimes signified by heaven in this book, and where now the throne of God was placed, in that form as described in #Re 4:4-8, or rather in the Roman empire:"

Setting aside the ubiquitous and inexplicable fascination with the Roman empire, Gill's opening salvo is in direct conflict with what this blessed Revelation says *is* the forum in which John's vision is revealed:

***"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."* (Revelation 4:1)**

From these opening words – and in numerous situational references throughout the period of the seals – it is made evident that John's field of view is of and from *that very "seat of the divine Being"*, though John is given to see things both in heaven and in earth resulting from the activities initiated from that seat. The Lamb of God, who has taken the book and opened the seals thus far, is found in *that* blessed and mysterious company (Revelation 5:6). The seven angels John sees are standing before *that* God. The censer full of incense is brought to *that* throne. Therefore, necessarily, we must conclude that the silence was in *that* heaven – and, I submit, in all spaces from that place down, including among the saints who dwell amid these amazing works. The important contextual dynamic is what these expositors miss; and what we must see.

When the first seal is removed from that blessed Book of Redemption, it is as though the little humble house of God's elect souls find their proverbial voice and the world is left in a position where they simply cannot – **they simply cannot!** – avoid the powerful and interminable preaching. The force of the words torments the earth dwellers (Revelation 11:10). Mocking, vilifying, criminalizing, threatening, isolating, even killing ... nothing works to silence the words and the force of them! Twitter – Facebook – Instagram – Snapchat – indeed any and every means of communication that then may be in existence delivers heaping doses of it, stirring them to increasingly pervasive agitation and rebellion and confusion.

When the second seal is removed, every form of conflict undoes the remaining bit of law and order. Peace is gone, gone, gone! No amount of rationalizing and pleading from hypocritical pundits or politicians can bring back the peace. Remember! The idol Nebuchadnezzar saw had feet of ***"iron mixed with miry clay, [meaning] they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men [think diversity]: but they shall not cleave one to another"* (Daniel 2:43)**. Nothing is working! Where these cultural fault lines snap, wars break out resulting in two critically-desperate systemic conditions: Food supplies are adversely impacted, and economic support is nowhere to be found that might repair or shore up. The conflict is too broad. The anger and

bloodlust too strong. Scorched earth tactics bring literally-scorched earth. I obviously do not know the minutiae that will make up these terrible breaches; but I know from the words of the prophecy that they are systemic and widespread.

When that condition reaches critical mass, we see that the third seal has been removed and that famine and desperate dearth has gone worldwide. No number of scientific advances can keep up with the collapse, so people are forced to spend all their earnings on a pittance of food. Many will not survive. Many will die in the houses and streets and parks and forests and wildlands and mountains ... places where there are animals likewise starving.

The fourth seal breaks. The fourth horse rides. The death and hell seem to hold sway over the whole earth. Wars slay many. Hunger slays many. Illness, borne from the chronic, rotting corpses that lay about, slays many. Beasts of the earth slay many; now so familiar with the taste of man's blood.

When the sixth seal breaks – before the glories of the sealing of the Jewish remnant – the earth itself begins a horrifying, spastic shaking. The second heaven also, her occupants being mysteriously transformed for a period while Christ and His angels empty those heavens of the presence of rebel angels – casting them to the earth like unripe figs (Revelation 12:7-9). What a sight! What a horror! What a delight! Any way you view these things – whether you are God's elect who glorify His name in these works or the damned who are perplexed, superstitious, and angry – there is a great deal of theretofore unseen drama above and upon the earth. The senses of the human condition are at a horrified extreme. Terrifying sights and sounds; chaos across the whole of the globe; distress of mind and body. Shaking ... shaking ... shaking ... and then the seventh seal is ripped off the book, the blessed tome flies open, and all the noise STOPS!

“Be still, and know [i.e., recognize, admit, acknowledge, confess] that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalms 46:10)

Remember, please, that the subject of this sermon is the seven trumpets. We're talking about the staging for that glorious work – but keep your eyes on the edifying prize. Without a proper consideration of this stage and all the players positioned in heaven for it, you will only weakly understand what things are wrapped up in the events that flow forth, and you'll be easy prey to the confused garbling that comes from so many expositors who have played with these words over the centuries gone by. It is time for me to talk about another group of actors in this drama, who frankly we have yet to explore to any satisfying extent in this body.

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10)

These words of Christ should bring any human who would even consider harming one of God's elect in the earth to a trembling puddle of goo ... oozing about on the floor, under a kitchen table

or couch. Some psychopathic clod grabs a gun and enters a building, sending rounds downrange with indiscriminate carnage – and the place erupts into terrified chaos. A deluded sociopath rams his vehicle into a crowd of humans – another weapon in God’s arsenal of adumbrations – and the terror sends people trampling over any and every other person or thing for safety. Those humans so fear the idea of physical pain and death, they duck, dodge and run to avoid it. It’s natural, of course. But somehow, when Christ articulates the presence and engagement of a power far beyond what any flesh can comprehend, they disregard and mock.

“Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.” (Psalms 103:20)

Angels – speaking of that race of creatures who occupy themselves with the business of God and Christ in heaven and earth – are very real. I have identified at the end of this sermon document 331 separate verses in Scripture¹ that refer to angels in some form – the majority of which identify these majestic creatures who possess superlative attributes. They’re called angel, cherubim, seraphims, chariot, messenger, prince, minister, man, and even by their given name. The Hebrew and Greek words, of course, are sometimes used to identify Christ (in angelic appearance) as well as His saints in the earth, who deliver the message of God to the earth’s population. They also, at times, refer to those dark spirits who are the fallen of that greater race – ***“delivered [] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (2 Peter 2:4)***. Context helps to understand which of these senses is intended, so discipline and care are to be maintained in making use of this group of passages.

The race of elect angels has excellence in power and intelligence and wisdom and spirituality (2 Peter 2:11). They move with such energy, they are identified in Scripture with terms that intimate a fiery, furious energy:

“And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” (2 Kings 2:11)

and

“And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:17)

These magnificent friends of ours have great destructive capacity in the physical realm; such that one angel was prepared to destroy Jerusalem, until God repented of His determination (2 Samuel 24:17), and it took only one to destroy an entire army of 185,000 men of war!

“Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.” (Isaiah 37:36)

Though they be so endowed – such that they are utterly incapable of being withstood by any human or machination beneath God – they are most often assigned to help in the work of the Covenant by providing supports and ministrations to the saints of God who are engaged in these wars of the Lord. They do not have parity with Christ, but they are His allies. They have intense interest in the providential engagements of the church (1 Peter 1:12). They are declared our ministers (Hebrews 1:12). They bear the saints up, when they are facing the dangerous pitfalls and traps and snares of this pilgrim pathway (Psalms 91:11-12). They stood at the ready – twelve legions, or more, strong – lest the Father was entreated to send them forth for the defense of His Son (Matthew 26:53) to whom they spent much time ministering while he was in the earth (Mark 1:13). They have their estate in the heavenly realm, where God dwells and administers His dominion (Jude 1:6). They carry the spirits of those saints who sleep, up into **“Abraham’s bosom”** (Luke 16:22). In eschatological prophecy, they are frequently and substantively spoken of as actively engaged in the work of transitioning the kingdoms of this earth to the kingdom of Christ, with dozens of references in those writings.

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Colossians 1:16)

Relevantly instructive, however, is that like the armies and organizational structures found replicated in the earth, these powerful creatures operate in ranks! While the angels are each of the same nature – that is, Scripture identifies no naturally inferior or superior ones – they have multiple different assignments and ranks as they hasten to the work in the governance of God’s creation. When he rested his head upon stones, while fleeing the wrath of his brother Esau, our beloved spiritual patriarch observed:

“[A] ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;” (Genesis 28:12-13)

This beautiful experience of our spiritual forefather Jacob, when he had the blessed covenant of Abraham confirmed through direct communication from God, is instructive for us. This is not to be viewed as arbitrary movement of angels up and down that grand **“ladder”**, which Hebrew word comes from a root that means *“to cast up a highway”*. These are moving in rank. These are reflecting a perpetual changing of the guard at posts among the affairs of men, and carrying forth of the directives from God’s throne and reports back to that grand command post. God’s troops in the influencing of matters in providence. In rank and file, they ascend and descend, each coming down with a commission; each going up with a report; each flying with great – but strictly disciplined – urgency and moment. When they were counted for us, by John, when he was observing them at parade rest at that grand command post, he exulted:

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;” (Revelation 5:11)

Such an army of majestic creatures – hundreds of millions in excited rank – directed with precision and strictest discipline to tend to all the affairs of men. It makes the noblest scenes of human armies look like what they truly are; slack-jawed, lazy, confused, incompetent, thoughtless drones who will, more likely than not, reflect the profoundest infidelity in even the simplest task assigned, if their pride and lusts are discomfited.

Scripture teaches us further, however, that among those ranks are those angels who are always in the presence of God. These seem to be about directing the work of the saints’ care and protection, perpetually observing and hearing the interventions of our Advocate at the right hand of God, and being dispatched to the work of this redemptive term in the Covenant. When Daniel the prophet had need of helps in understanding the vision of these final days, we read:

“And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man’s voice [i.e., Christ] between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.” (Daniel 8:15-17)

This Gabriel – bless God for an understanding – is engaged in the *very work of these trumpets* in the vision that Daniel saw, because when he is praying for light about the vision of these horrifying times, he reports that Gabriel was that angel ***“whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning” (Daniel 9:21)***. How beautiful is that? Later in Daniel’s cogitations and prophetic visions, he was introduced to yet another of this greater rank of angels, Michael:

“But I [Gabriel] will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.” (Daniel 10:21)

and

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:” (Daniel 12:1)

Whether called “presence angels”, “archangels”, or “great prince”, these, my friends, are who John sees take their positions on this amazing scene of final preparation. He had seen them before, when first introduced to the heavenly scene before the seals began to be loosed:

“And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.” (Revelation 4:5)

The Greek word for **“Spirits”** in this place is *“pneuma”* (*“pnyoo’-mah”*), and has as one of its expressed definitions in Strong’s: *“[A] spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel”*. They are indeed spiritual creatures, and as indicated before, are named in places for their fiery energy. They stand like burning lamps in God’s direct presence, and John was given to see them waiting for their time to act. These are they to whom **“were given seven trumpets”** (Revelation 8:2) and who later **“prepared themselves to sound”** (Revelation 8:6): The archangels who will usher in the spectacular events of these trumpets, including the seventh archangel about whom Paul wrote to the Thessalonians for encouragement:

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:” (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Like the two witnesses who have stood in the very presence of God from the beginning, awaiting the day of their grant to torment the earth dwellers with their pure and beautiful gospel preaching (Zechariah 4:14; Revelation 11:4), so too have these seven blessed spirits waited for this amazing hour of eschatological fulfillment. Their work was at times intimated to the human creature, so they were sent to give helps in that regard. In John’s vision, they have each been given grant to get their angelic troops prepared; they have each been given a trumpet.

There is yet one thing more that I have determined will be most edifying and even comforting about the work of this race of mighty creatures we here consider. I wrestled with bringing this view forth in this sermon, because it is a particularly complicated observation. I could not be rid of the compulsion to draw it out, however, so here is the point.

When Ezekiel is prophesying about the work of the saints in providential events, he speaks about them in a vision that has two distinct prophetic expressions. That is, he sees and reports the vision once; and then addresses the vision again with slightly different – but brilliant – detail. The first treatment of the vision is in Ezekiel chapter one, verses 4-25.ⁱⁱ The second treatment of the vision is in Ezekiel chapter ten, verses 8-22.ⁱⁱⁱ The descriptions of the creatures are identical, except that in chapter one they are called **“living creatures”**, and in chapter ten they are called **“cherub”** or **“cherubims”**. Where an **“ox”** is found in one of the creature’s four faces in chapter one, a **“cherub”** is placed in chapter 10. Their identities being so closely connected, I have always believed and preached that they are the same creatures. I have been too limited in my focus.

The truth of this blessed vision is that Ezekiel is observing and declaring the intimate inter-working of these two races of God’s elect – angels and men. They both are about God’s work in providence. They both share an in-laid burning zeal to that work. They both have immediate and dramatic and continual impact on providence, as is seen in these associated expressions:

“And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when

those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.” (Ezekiel 1:19-21)

and

“And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.” (Ezekiel 10:16-17)

Our blessed friend Ezekiel was given to see how completely God’s mighty angels come among us and envelope us and strengthen us and commit themselves to the perpetual helps of the saints who work in Christ while in these vile bodies! So close, so intertwined, so joined in duty, that from the sight of heaven we are the angels and they are us! That is the only way these two otherwise identical passages can be understood since they display both human and angelic characters about this work. As we consider the matters of eschatology, that must be a most comforting truth with which to exercise our minds and strengthen our spirits!

This scene of men and angels, of which Ezekiel reports, will be visited again in this sermon series. It must, since this same vision will provide edification about the act of the angel in Revelation who ***“took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar” (Revelation 8:5)*** to kick off the horrors introducing the sounding of the seven trumpets. Stay tuned.

“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.” (Revelation 8:3-4)

What could any student of these blessed end times conclude except that the seventh seal brings the completing of the work – since “seven” represents fullness? Since the seals are opening to reveal the contents of the Book of Redemption – whose names are written therein and what is to be their inheritance – we should properly understand the seventh seal to finally and fully reveal the redemptive terms of the blessed Covenant of Grace. Who are God’s elect, and what will be done for the Captain to fully and finally bring them into their inheritance, to wit:

“Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.” (Isaiah 8:18)

As God’s providence and prophecy detail, this will not be a peaceful engagement. There are forces in this earth. Tremendous, insidious, and terrifying forces. We presently wrestle with them, as Paul intimates:

***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
(Ephesians 6:12)***

But, our light is only partial in this dispensation. Howsoever comforting, peace-inducing, thrilling, and sustaining that light – and though it grows as we travel this course and search out this ***“more sure word of prophecy” (2 Peter 1:19)*** – it is still partial. Similarly, the intensity and visibility of our interminable foe’s hatred and strength is only partial, that we may bear up.

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

However, this transitioning dispensation opens these matters more fully to the church. When seals begin to be removed, the preaching is bolder, more effectual, more all-encompassing such that it travels through the earth ***“conquering, and to conquer”*** – bless God! The efficacy of that preaching and prayers – bringing forth displays of plague and horrors and death to the faithless population – amplifies the conflict precipitously. The effect of all this is to bring the engagement between God’s righteous seed and the seed of the wicked to a boil. There are casualties on both sides of this conflict. Though they are peaceful – that is, they will not take up the sword to avenge themselves – the wicked still take the life of some of God’s servants in response to their words and to the plagues their prayers bring forth. It is a time of great distress to a body of faithful saints who have compacted themselves; watching soberly in ***“faith and love”*** and ***“hope of salvation” (1 Thessalonians 5:8)***.

We must pray.

What I mean by that, my sweet friends, is that with the shift in the intensity of the spiritual warfare must come a shift in the use of our weaponry. Prayer is our weapon – at this point it is our *only* weapon – to use in facing the unhinged population that has fully connected the relationship between our actions and their suffering, to wit:

“These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” (Revelation 11:6)

This power is, as the book of James instructs us, through the ***“effectual fervent prayer”*** that, through God’s grant, ***“availeth much” (James 5:16)***. This is an event – not a generic metaphor for the elect’s relationship with Christ and God through the whole of time or even of the church dispensation. The event is immediately involved in the things that will flow forth – from the first angel’s preparations until this conflict is come to final resolution. Literally, all the actions displayed under these seven trumpets are the direct result of the prayers of the saints. So, let us parse out these verses and close this analytical loop for your enjoyment.

When John was given to see **“another angel”** – we must first learn that it was not just *another angel*, as in, one additional member of that angelic race. The characteristics and behaviors of this angel help us to understand with whom this scene has the saints engaging. He stands at **“the alter”**. Since we find him in possession of **“much incense”**, we know that it is referencing that **“golden alter which was before the throne”** ... the alter of incense.

“And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. ... And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.” (Exodus 30:1, 3)

This alter was positioned in the Holy Place (Exodus 31:11), just outside the Holy of holies, where the seat of God’s presence was found ... or **“before the throne”**. The angel, therefore, is performing the work of the priest in this passage before us. He personally takes the **“prayers of the saints”** forth to God in this glorious scene.

“And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:27)

All three members of the trinity are mentioned in this passage: **“the Spirit”**, **“God”**, and **“he”** – which is none other than Christ! It is Christ who is altogether in sync with **“the mind of the Spirit”**, and **“the will of God”**, since He was with God and He is God (John 1:1). However, in this work of **“making intercession for the saints”**, he stands alone as our **“advocate with the Father”** (1 John 2:1). So, the conclusion is compelled upon us, I believe, that this angel who stands at the alter of incense, and carries forth our prayers to God on His throne, is none other than our advocate **“Jesus Christ the righteous”**.

But that only moves us one step further through our joyful exploration of this scene. Expositors frequently articulate that this scene is showing the angel taking up incense, that represents the prayers of the saints, to the throne of God. It is true that our prayers are going up ... but it’s not complete. The language of the passage shows a slightly different reality – and oh, what a difference it makes!

“...that he should offer [the incense] with the prayers of all saints ... which [incense] came with the prayers of the saints....” (Revelation 8:3-4)

The prayers of the saints go up to God **“with”** the incense. Therefore, the incense cannot be referencing the prayers of the saints. So, what is the incense ... this sweet, sweet incense?

“And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.” (Exodus 30:7)

Gill, in examining this mandated practice in the Holy of holies, gives us a clearer view of the import. *“[T]he burning of the sweet incense was typical of the mediation and intercession of Christ; the burning coals typified his sufferings, which were painful to his body, and in which he endured the wrath of God in his soul, and both must be very distressing to him: the incense put upon these shows that Christ’s mediation and intercession proceeds upon his sufferings and death, his bloodshed, satisfaction, and sacrifice; which mediation of his, like the sweet incense, is frequent, is pure and holy, though made for transgressors, and there is none like unto it; there is but one Mediator between God and man:”*

So, it is to be understood that what was imbedded in the daily ceremonial practice of the Jews was to make daily reference to the sufferings and intercessions of the blessed Messiah. Those rotten figs despised that Messiah – and crucified and slew Him. Every time incense was burned in that holy place, the prayers of God’s people were lifted with the sweet reminder to the Father that Christ had agreed to fulfill His term in the Covenant of Grace by undergoing the most horrible bodily sufferings and death – His body broken, His blood spilled – until His death sealed His ownership of those whom God had elected and given Him. In the New Testament church dispensation, the prayers of God’s people are likewise enclosed with the sweet-smelling savor of Christ:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.” (John 16:23)

To finish our discussion of the Christ-scented prayers, we must bring back into focus that we are here discussing the seventh seal. The completing of the work of Redemption. The seven trumpets flow from the seventh seal. The seven vials of God’s wrath^{iv} flow from the seventh trumpet. Those vials culminate in the battle at Armageddon,^v followed by the millennial reign of Christ on his throne in the new temple.^{vi} Therefore, it is to be understood that this staging for the sounding of the seven trumpets in fact is the staging from which will flow all the remaining time in the pre-millennial dispensations, as this same angel reminds us a bit later:

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, ...that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” (Revelation 10:5-7)

That is, this process that is unfolding will bring us to the end of this time. Now that the seventh seal has opened, the conflict has gone from discreet to open. The enemies of the saints move from irritated to enraged. The saints are fully exposed and evidently dependent in all life’s details upon the protections of God and the heavenly host of angels. So, the saints cry out. They have learned increasingly – through much grievous afflictions and just as many deliverances – that lifting up their cause to the father, in the name of their High Priest and Intercessor, is their best remedy.

The text tells us that Christ sweetly encases the **“prayers of all saints”** with His own faithful obedience and delivers them to our Father. Whether this is to intend all the elect in every generation from the crying blood of Abel forward, or only all those saints who are in this final crucible of conflict, the subject matter is evident from the context. These seek a fulfillment of that parabolic promise:

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 13:41-42)

We have had sermons preached on the duty of prayer. Charles did a pair just last year about the duty to pray without ceasing^{vii}, and another reflecting that in this dispensation we are not commanded specifically to engage in imprecatory prayers.^{viii} These saints are seeking that the Father, in the gifting to Christ of His Revelation, discomfits the antagonist, his demons, and those in whom they move to harm in hopes of thwarting the cause of redemption.

We know the subject of the prayers, because the **“fire of the altar [is] cast [] into the earth” (Revelation 8:5)**. The fire of the altar represents the suffering judgments of God – whether it be put upon the sweet Savior or whether it be upon the head of the rebels against that Savior and His Father, even God! The prayers were not for the incense to be poured into the earth, but the fire! Further, we know the subject of the prayers because we know what precipitously breaks forth in the wake – *before* the **“seven angels ... prepared themselves to sound.” (Revelation 8:6)**.

“[A]nd there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.” (Revelation 8:5)

The storm of dispositive conflict is rolling down from above. Tremendous noises of heavenly origin reverberating, blinding fulminations the world over, and a rumbling beneath that takes from every human any hope of a sure footing as they think to do mischief against that bold band of saints who stand in the firm security that what God has promised in prophecy, He is able to accomplish.

“Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” (Isaiah 32:1-2)

Next week, Lord willing, we will continue our examination of these triumphant and terrible works of God in the defense of His people and the Revelation of His Christ.

I love you all.

Amen.

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1. ⁱ Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubim**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.
 2. Genesis 16:7 And the **angel** of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.
 3. Genesis 16:9 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.
 4. Genesis 16:10 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.
 5. Genesis 16:11 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.
 6. Genesis 19:1 And there came two **angels** to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
 7. Genesis 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the **angels** hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
 8. Genesis 21:17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the **angel** of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.
 9. Genesis 22:11 And the **angel** of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.
 10. Genesis 22:15 And the **angel** of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
 11. Genesis 24:7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his **angel** before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.
 12. Genesis 24:40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his **angel** with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:
 13. Genesis 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the **angels** of God ascending and descending on it.
 14. Genesis 31:11 And the **angel** of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.
 15. Genesis 32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the **angels** of God met him.
 16. Genesis 48:16 The **Angel** which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
 17. Exodus 3:2 And the **angel** of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
 18. Exodus 14:19 And the **angel** of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:
 19. Exodus 23:20 Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.
 20. Exodus 23:23 For mine **Angel** shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
 21. Exodus 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine **Angel** shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.
 22. Exodus 33:2 And I will send an **angel** before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:
 23. Numbers 20:16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an **angel**, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:
 24. Numbers 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the **angel** of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
 25. Numbers 22:23 And the ass saw the **angel** of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.
 26. Numbers 22:24 But the **angel** of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
 27. Numbers 22:25 And when the ass saw the **angel** of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.
 28. Numbers 22:26 And the **angel** of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

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29. Numbers 22:27 And when the ass saw the **angel** of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.
 30. Numbers 22:31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the **angel** of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.
 31. Numbers 22:32 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:
 32. Numbers 22:34 And Balaam said unto the **angel** of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.
 33. Nu 22:35 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
 34. Judges 2:1 And an **angel** of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.
 35. Judges 2:4 And it came to pass, when the **angel** of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.
 36. Judges 5:23 Curse ye Meroz, said the **angel** of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.
 37. Judges 6:11 And there came an **angel** of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.
 38. Judges 6:12 And the **angel** of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.
 39. Judges 6:20 And the **angel** of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.
 40. Judges 6:21 Then the **angel** of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the **angel** of the LORD departed out of his sight.
 41. Judges 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an **angel** of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an **angel** of the LORD face to face.
 42. Judges 13:3 And the **angel** of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
 43. Judges 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an **angel** of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:
 44. Judges 13:9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the **angel** of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.
 45. Judges 13:13 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.
 46. Judges 13:15 And Manoah said unto the **angel** of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.
 47. Judges 13:16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an **angel** of the LORD.
 48. Judges 13:17 And Manoah said unto the **angel** of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?
 49. Judges 13:18 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?
 50. Jud 13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the **angel** did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.
 51. Judges 13:20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the **angel** of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.
 52. Judges 13:21 But the **angel** of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an **angel** of the LORD.
 53. 1Samuel 29:9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an **angel** of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.
 54. 2Samuel 14:17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an **angel** of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.
 55. 2Samuel 14:20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an **angel** of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

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56. 2Samuel 19:27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an **angel** of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.
 57. 2Samuel 22:11 And he rode upon a **cherub**, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
 58. 2Samuel 24:16 And when the **angel** stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the **angel** that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the **angel** of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.
 59. 2Samuel 24:17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the **angel** that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.
 60. 1Kings 13:18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an **angel** spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.
 61. 1Kings 19:5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an **angel** touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.
 62. 1Kings 19:7 And the **angel** of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.
 63. 2Kings 1:3 But the **angel** of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?
 64. 2Kings 1:15 And the **angel** of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.
 65. 2Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
 66. 2Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of **horses and chariots of fire** round about Elisha.
 67. 2Kings 19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the **angel** of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.
 68. 1Chronicles 21:12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the **angel** of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.
 69. 1Chronicles 21:15 And God sent an **angel** unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the **angel** that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the **angel** of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
 70. 1Chronicles 21:16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the **angel** of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.
 71. 1Chronicles 21:18 Then the **angel** of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
 72. 1Chronicles 21:20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the **angel**; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.
 73. 1Chronicles 21:27 And the LORD commanded the **angel**; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.
 74. 1Chronicles 21:30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the **angel** of the LORD.
 75. 2Chronicles 32:21 And the LORD sent an **angel**, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.
 76. Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
 77. Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.
 78. Job 4:18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his **angels** he charged with folly:
 79. Job 38:7 When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy.
 80. Psalms 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the **angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
 81. Psalms 18:10 And he rode upon a **cherub**, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

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82. Psalms 34:7 The **angel** of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
 83. Psalms 35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the **angel** of the LORD chase them.
 84. Psalms 35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the **angel** of the LORD persecute them.
 85. Psalms 68:17 **The chariots of God** are twenty thousand, even thousands of **angels**: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
 86. Psalms 78:25 Man did eat **angels'** food: he sent them meat to the full.
 87. Psalms 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil **angels** among them.
 88. Psalms 91:11 For he shall give his **angels** charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
 89. Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his **angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
 90. Psalms 103:21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye **ministers** of his, that do his pleasure.
 91. Psalms 104:4 Who maketh his **angels** spirits; his **ministers a flaming fire**:
 92. Psalms 148:2 Praise ye him, all his **angels**: praise ye him, all his hosts.
 93. Ecclesiastes 5:6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the **angel**, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
 94. Isaiah 6:2 Above it stood the **seraphims**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
 95. Isaiah 6:6 Then flew one of the **seraphims** unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
 96. Isaiah 37:36 Then the **angel** of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.
 97. Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the **angel** of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
 98. Isaiah 66:15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with **his chariots** like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
 99. Ezekiel 10:1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the **cherubims** there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
 100. Ezekiel 10:2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the **cherub**, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the **cherubims**, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.
 101. Ezekiel 10:3 Now the **cherubims** stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
 102. Ezekiel 10:4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the **cherub**, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.
 103. Ezekiel 10:5 And the sound of the **cherubims'** wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.
 104. Ezekiel 10:6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the **cherubims**; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
 105. Ezekiel 10:7 And one **cherub** stretched forth his hand from between the **cherubims** unto the fire that was between the **cherubims**, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.
 106. Ezekiel 10:8 And there appeared in the **cherubims** the form of a man's hand under their wings.
 107. Ezekiel 10:9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the **cherubims**, one wheel by one **cherub**, and another wheel by another **cherub**: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.
 108. Ezekiel 10:14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a **cherub**, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
 109. Ezekiel 10:15 And the **cherubims** were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.
 110. Ezekiel 10:16 And when the **cherubims** went, the wheels went by them: and when the **cherubims** lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.
 111. Ezekiel 10:18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the **cherubims**.
 112. Ezekiel 10:19 And the **cherubims** lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

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113. Ezekiel 10:20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the **cherubims**.
114. Ezekiel 11:22 Then did the **cherubims** lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.
115. Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the anointed **cherub** that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
116. Ezekiel 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering **cherub**, from the midst of the stones of fire.
117. Daniel 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his **angel**, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
118. Daniel 6:22 My God hath sent his **angel**, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
119. Hosea 12:4 Yea, he had power over the **angel**, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us;
120. Zechariah 1:9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the **angel** that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.
121. Zechariah 1:11 And they answered the **angel** of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.
122. Zechariah 1:12 Then the **angel** of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?
123. Zechariah 1:13 And the LORD answered the **angel** that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.
124. Zechariah 1:14 So the **angel** that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.
125. Zechariah 1:19 And I said unto the **angel** that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
126. Zechariah 2:3 And, behold, the **angel** that talked with me went forth, and another **angel** went out to meet him,
127. Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the **angel** of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.
128. Zechariah 3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the **angel**.
129. Zechariah 3:5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the **angel** of the LORD stood by.
130. Zechariah 3:6 And the **angel** of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,
131. Zechariah 4:1 And the **angel** that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
132. Zechariah 4:4 So I answered and spake to the **angel** that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
133. Zechariah 4:5 Then the **angel** that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
134. Zechariah 5:5 Then the **angel** that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.
135. Zechariah 5:10 Then said I to the **angel** that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?
136. Zechariah 6:1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four **chariots** out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.
137. Zechariah 6:4 Then I answered and said unto the **angel** that talked with me, What are these, my lord?
138. Zechariah 6:5 And the **angel** answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.
139. Zechariah 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the **angel** of the LORD before them.
140. Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my **messenger**, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the **messenger** of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
141. Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the **angel** of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

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142. Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the **angel** of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
143. Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the **angel** of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
144. Matthew 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an **angel** of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
145. Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his **angels** charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
146. Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, **angels** came and ministered unto him.
147. Matthew 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the **angels**.
148. Matthew 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his **angels**, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
149. Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the **angels** shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
150. Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his **angels**; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
151. Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their **angels** do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
152. Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the **angels** of God in heaven.
153. Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his **angels** with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
154. Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the **angels** of heaven, but my Father only.
155. Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy **angels** with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
156. Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his **angels**:
157. Matthew 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of **angels**?
158. Matthew 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the **angel** of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
159. Matthew 28:5 And the **angel** answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
160. Mark 1:2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my **messenger** before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee.
161. Mark 1:13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the **angels** ministered unto him.
162. Mark shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy **angels**.
163. Mark 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the **angels** which are in heaven.
164. Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his **angels**, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.
165. Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the **angels** which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
166. Luke 1:11 And there appeared unto him an **angel** of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
167. Luke 1:13 But the **angel** said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
168. Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the **angel**, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
169. Luke 1:19 And the **angel** answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
170. Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the **angel** Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

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171. Luke 1:28 And the **angel** came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
 172. Luke 1:30 And the **angel** said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
 173. Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the **angel**, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
 174. Luke 1:35 And the **angel** answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
 175. Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the **angel** departed from her.
 176. Luke 2:9 And, lo, the **angel** of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
 177. Luke 2:10 And the **angel** said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 178. Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the **angel** a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 179. Luke 2:15 And it came to pass, as the **angels** were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
 180. Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the **angel** before he was conceived in the womb.
 181. Luke 4:10 For it is written, He shall give his **angels** charge over thee, to keep thee:
 182. Luke 7:27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my **messenger** before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
 183. Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy **angels**.
 184. Luke 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the **angels** of God:
 185. Luke 12:9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the **angels** of God.
 186. Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the **angels** of God over one sinner that repenteth.
 187. Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the **angels** into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
 188. Luke 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the **angels**; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.
 189. Luke 22:43 And there appeared an **angel** unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
 190. Luke 24:23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of **angels**, which said that he was alive.
 191. John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the **angels** of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
 192. John 5:4 For an **angel** went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
 193. John 12:29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An **angel** spake to him.
 194. John 20:12 And seeth two **angels** in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
 195. Acts 5:19 But the **angel** of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
 196. Acts 6:15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an **angel**.
 197. Acts 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an **angel** of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
 198. Acts 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the **angel** which appeared to him in the bush.
 199. Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the **angel** which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
 200. Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of **angels**, and have not kept it.
 201. Acts 8:26 And the **angel** of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
 202. Acts 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an **angel** of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

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203. Acts 10:7 And when the **angel** which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
204. Acts 10:7 And when the **angel** which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
205. Acts 10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy **angel** to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.
206. Acts 11:13 And he shewed us how he had seen an **angel** in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;
207. Acts 12:7 And, behold, the **angel** of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.
208. Acts 12:8 And the **angel** said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
209. Acts 12:9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the **angel**; but thought he saw a vision.
210. Acts 12:10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the **angel** departed from him.
211. Acts 12:11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his **angel**, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
212. Acts 12:15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his **angel**.
213. Acts 12:23 And immediately the **angel** of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.
214. Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither **angel**, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
215. Acts 23:9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an **angel** hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.
216. Acts 27:23 For there stood by me this night the **angel** of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,
217. Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor **angels**, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
218. 1Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to **angels**, and to men.
219. 1Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge **angels**? how much more things that pertain to this life?
220. 1Corinthians 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the **angels**.
221. 1Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of **angels**, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
222. 2Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an **angel** of light.
223. Galatians 1:8 But though we, or an **angel** from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
224. Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by **angels** in the hand of a mediator.
225. Galatians 4:14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an **angel** of God, even as Christ Jesus.
226. Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of **angels**, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
227. 2Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty **angels**,
228. 1Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of **angels**, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
229. 1Timothy 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect **angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.
230. Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the **angels**, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
231. Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the **angels** said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

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232. Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the **angels** of God worship him.
233. Hebrews 1:7 And of the **angels** he saith, Who maketh his **angels** spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
234. Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the **angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
235. Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?
236. Hebrews 2:2 For if the word spoken by **angels** was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
237. Hebrews 2:5 For unto the **angels** hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.
238. Hebrews 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the **angels**; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:
239. Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the **angels** for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
240. Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of **angels**; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
241. Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of **angels**,
242. Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained **angels** unawares.
243. 1Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the **angels** desire to look into.
244. 1Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; **angels** and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
245. 2Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the **angels** that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
246. 2Peter 2:11 Whereas **angels**, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
247. Jude 1:6 And the **angels** which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
248. Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his **angel** unto his servant John:
249. Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the **angels** of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.
250. Revelation 2:1 Unto the **angel** of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
251. Revelation 2:8 And unto the **angel** of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
252. Revelation 2:12 And to the **angel** of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
253. Revelation 2:18 And unto the **angel** of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
254. Revelation 3:1 And unto the **angel** of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
255. Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his **angels**.
256. Revelation 3:7 And to the **angel** of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
257. Revelation 3:14 And unto the **angel** of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
258. Revelation 5:2 And I saw a strong **angel** proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
259. Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many **angels** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

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260. Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four **angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
261. Revelation 7:2 And I saw another **angel** ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four **angels**, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
262. Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven **angels** which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
263. Revelation 8:3 And another **angel** came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
264. Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the **angel's** hand.
265. Revelation 8:5 And the **angel** took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
266. Revelation 8:6 And the seven **angels** which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
267. Revelation 8:7 The first **angel** sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
268. Revelation 8:8 And the second **angel** sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
269. Revelation 8:10 And the third **angel** sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
270. Revelation 8:12 And the fourth **angel** sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
271. Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an **angel** flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitors of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three **angels**, which are yet to sound!
272. Revelation 9:1 And the fifth **angel** sounded, and I saw a **star** fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
273. Revelation 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the **angel** of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
274. Revelation 9:13 And the sixth **angel** sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
275. Revelation 9:14 Saying to the sixth **angel** which had the trumpet, Loose the four **angels** which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
276. Revelation 9:15 And the four **angels** were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
277. Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty **angel** come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
278. Revelation 10:5 And the **angel** which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
279. Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh **angel**, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.
280. Revelation 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the **angel** which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
281. Revelation 10:9 And I went unto the **angel**, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.
282. Revelation 10:10 And I took the little book out of the **angel's** hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
283. Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the **angel** stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
284. Revelation 11:15 And the seventh **angel** sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
285. Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his **angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his **angels**,
286. Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his **angels** were cast out with him.

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287. Revelation 14:6 And I saw another **angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
288. Revelation 14:8 And there followed another **angel**, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
289. Revelation 14:9 And the third **angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
290. Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy **angels**, and in the presence of the Lamb:
291. Revelation 14:15 And another **angel** came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
292. Revelation 14:17 And another **angel** came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
293. Revelation 14:18 And another **angel** came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
294. Revelation 14:19 And the **angel** thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
295. Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven **angels** having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
296. Revelation 15:6 And the seven **angels** came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.
297. Revelation 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven **angels** seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.
298. Revelation 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven **angels** were fulfilled.
299. Revelation 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven **angels**, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
300. Revelation 16:3 And the second **angel** poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.
301. Revelation 16:4 And the third **angel** poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
302. Revelation 16:5 And I heard the **angel** of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.
303. Revelation 16:8 And the fourth **angel** poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.
304. Revelation 16:10 And the fifth **angel** poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
305. Revelation 16:12 And the sixth **angel** poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
306. Revelation 16:17 And the seventh **angel** poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
307. Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven **angels** which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
308. Revelation 17:7 And the **angel** said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
309. Revelation 18:1 And after these things I saw another **angel** come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
310. Revelation 18:21 And a mighty **angel** took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.
311. Revelation 19:17 And I saw an **angel** standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
312. Revelation 20:1 And I saw an **angel** come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
313. Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven **angels** which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

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314. Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve **angels**, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
315. Revelation 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the **angel**.
316. Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his **angel** to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
317. Revelation 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the **angel** which shewed me these things.
318. Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine **angel** to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

ⁱⁱ Ezekiel 1:4-25 states:

- 4 ¶ And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.
- 5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.
- 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.
- 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.
- 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.
- 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.
- 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.
- 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.
- 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.
- 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.
- 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.
- 15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.
- 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
- 17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.
- 18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.
- 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
- 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.
- 23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.
- 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.
- 25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ezekiel 10:8-22 states:

- 8 ¶ And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.
- 9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.
- 10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.
- 11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims.

21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

^{iv} For clarification on the nuances of the seven last plagues of God's wrath, please review the sermons presented on: July 30, 2017 tinyurl.com/Rev15-16Pt1MP3, and August 6, 2017 tinyurl.com/Rev15-16Pt2MP3.

^v For clarification on the nuances of the battle at Armageddon, please review the sermons presented on: February 14, 2016 <http://bit.ly/Armagedon1>, February 21, 2016 <http://bit.ly/Armagedon2>, and February 28, 2016 <http://bit.ly/Armagedon3>.

^{vi} For clarification of the millennial reign of Christ and the new temple, please review the sermons presented on: November 20, 2016 <http://bit.ly/MillennialMp3>, November 27, 2016 <http://bit.ly/Millennial2Mp3>, and April 9, 2017 <http://bit.ly/MtZionTemple>.

^{vii} See Charles Hockenbarger's sermons on the duty to pray without ceasing: January 31, 2016 <http://tinyurl.com/PrayerSermon>, and February 7, 2016 <http://tinyurl.com/PrayerSermon2>.

^{viii} See Charles Hockenbarger's sermon on imprecatory prayers: August 23, 2015 <http://tinyurl.com/ImprecatoryPrays>.