

An ancient Egyptian relief carving of a deity, likely Osiris, shown in profile. The deity has a lotus flower on their forehead, a large, patterned beard, and a headdress with a lotus flower. The carving is set against a dark, textured background.

TRUSTING
THE MOST HIGH GOD
IN PERILOUS TIMES

THE WORLD OF ANGELS

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Glimpses of the Angelic World

Is. 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² **Seraphim** stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Glimpses of the Angelic World

Dan. 7:9 “I kept looking
Until **thrones** were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took *His* seat;
His vesture *was* like white snow
And the hair of His head like pure wool.
His throne *was* ablaze with **flames**,
Its wheels *were* a **burning fire**.

Glimpses of the Angelic World

Dan. 7:10 “A river of fire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;
Thousands upon thousands were attending Him,
And **myriads upon myriads** were standing before Him;
The court sat,
And the books were opened.

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Psa. 89:5 The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the **assembly** of the **holy ones**.

⁶ For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?

Who among the **sons of the mighty** is like the Lord,

⁷ A God greatly feared in the **council** of the **holy ones**,
And awesome above all those who are around Him?

Glimpses of the Angelic World

1Kings 22:19 Micaiah said, "...I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the **host** of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. ²⁰ "The Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that. ²¹ "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.' ²² "The Lord said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice *him* and also prevail. Go and do so.' ..."

Glimpses of the Angelic World

Dan. 4:13 ‘I was looking in the visions in my mind *as I lay* on my bed, and behold, an *angelic watcher*, a *holy one*, descended from heaven.

¹⁴ ‘He shouted out and spoke as follows:

“Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,

...

¹⁷ “This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic watchers*

And the decision is a command of the *holy ones*,

In order that the living may know

That the **Most High** is ruler over the realm of mankind,

And bestows it on whom He wishes

And sets over it the lowliest of men.”

Glimpses of the Angelic World

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and **Satan** also came among them. ⁷ The Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Then Satan answered the Lord and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.” ... ¹² Then the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.” So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.

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Mk. 12:25 “For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Luke 20:34 Jesus said to them, “...³⁶ for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

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- Stronger than man
- No bodies
- No salvation

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

What Angelic Beings ARE

- Spirit beings
- Created beings

Neh. 9:6 “You alone are the Lord.
You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their **host**,
The earth and all that is on it,
The seas and all that is in them.
You give life to all of them
And the **heavenly host** bows down before You.

What Angelic Beings ARE

- Spirit beings
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Job 38:1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

...

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

...

⁷ When the **morning stars** sang together
And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

What Angelic Beings ARE

- Spirit beings
- Created beings
- Different types
 - Divine council (sons of God/mighty, holy ones, watchers)
 - Thrones, dominions, rulers, authorities (Col 1:16)
 - Seraphs
 - Cherubs
 - Angels
 - Archangel
 - Angel of the Lord (angel? God? Jesus?)

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- Spirit beings
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- Named:
 - Gabriel
 - Michael (an archangel)

Dan. 12:1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise.

What Angelic Beings ARE

- Spirit beings
- Created beings
- Different types
- Named: Gabriel, Michael
- Some have fallen:
 - Satan/Lucifer (Ezek 28; Is 14)
 - Apollyon/Abaddon (Rev. 9)
 - demons

Satan's Fall

Is 14:12 “How you have fallen from
heaven,

O star of the morning, son of the
dawn!

You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!

¹³ “But you said in your heart,

‘I will ascend to heaven;

I will raise my throne above the stars
of God,

And I will sit on the mount of
assembly

In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ ‘I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most
High.’

¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust
down to Sheol,

To the recesses of the pit.

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- Govern with God
 - Restrain evil (Gen 19)
 - Control over nature (Rev. 7)
 - Control over nations (Dan 4; 2 Kings 19)
 - Gave law (Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19)
 - Judge sin (Acts 12:21-23)
 - Separate saved and lost at end (Mt. 13:49; 24:31)

What Angelic Beings DO

- Worship God
- Govern with God
- Minister to Christ
 - Birth
 - Temptation
 - Gethsamane
 - Resurrection
 - Ascension

What Angelic Beings DO

- Worship God
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- Minister to Christ
- Protect God's people
 - [2Kings 6:17](#) Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Strike this people with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

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Angelic Beings Watching Us

- 1 Cor. 4:9 ...we [apostles] have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.
- Eph 3:10 that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.
- 1 Cor. 11:10 Therefore the woman ought to have *a symbol of* authority on her head, because of the angels.
- 1 Tim. 5:21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of *His* chosen angels, ...
- 1 Pet. 1:12 ... things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look.

What Angelic Beings DO

- Worship God
- Govern with God
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- Protect God's people
- Watch believers
- Fight one another

Angelic Conflict

Dan. 10:12 Then he said to me, "... from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³ "But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left there with the **kings of Persia**. ¹⁴ "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, ..."

Dan. 10:20 Then he said, "... I shall now return to fight against the **prince of Persia**; so I am going forth, and behold, the **prince of Greece** is about to come. ²¹ "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these *forces* except **Michael your prince**.

Spiritual Warfare

“Strategic level spiritual warfare”

Territorial spirits

Spiritual mapping

Aggressively rebuking demons

Unbiblical, dangerous!

Spiritual Warfare

Jude 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Spiritual Warfare

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **powers**, against the **world forces of this darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

Spiritual Warfare

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH**, and **HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, ¹⁵ and having shod **YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ And take **THE HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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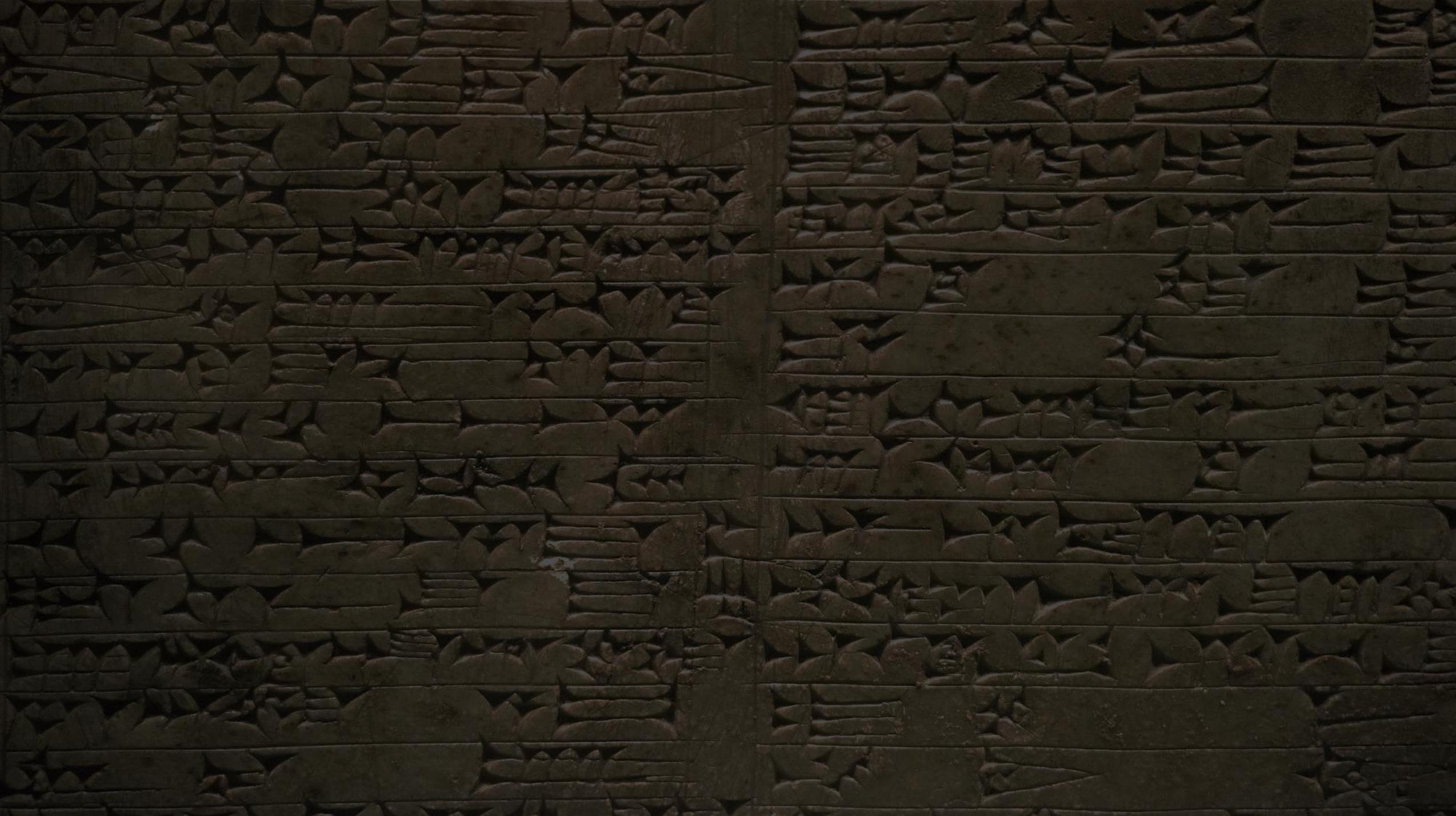
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Angels are Real!

- Let's thank God for the angelic beings
- Let's follow their example and praise God
- Let's be good examples for the angelic beings, as we seek to follow Christ
- Let's beware of fallen angels, but don't fear them and don't use unbiblical ways to fight them



Fallen Angels Bound?

Jude 6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

cf. **2 Pet. 2:4-6**; associated with Noah's flood

Fallen Angels?

Gen. 6:1 Now it came about, ... ² that the **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of men** were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the **sons of God** came in to the **daughters of men**, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

... ⁷ The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.