

## Angels II

Introduction:

Already discussed angels in general, now turn our attention the evil spirit beings disclosed in the Bible

This will necessarily entail a look at:

1. The angels who sinned and left their first estate
2. Evil spirits and demons
3. Satan himself

It is impossible to answer all questions concerning these subjects, and nearly impossible NOT to make assumptions and draw conclusions from limited evidence along the way...so you will forgive any that may creep into our study

### THE EVIL ANGELS

The Fact that Angels “Fell”

1. It has been observed that evil originated in heaven, not on the earth
2. Recall Nehemiah 9.6 – God created all the heavenly beings
3. They were around when the earth was made – Job 38.4-7
4. All that God created, He declared “good” – Genesis 1.31
5. Must, then, have included Satan, the angels who became evil, evil spirits and demons
6. But some angels are described as having sinned or being evil:
  - a. Matthew 25.41 – spoken of as belonging to Satan
  - b. Romans 8.38 – Angels are depicted as threats to our salvation
  - c. 1 Cor. 6.3 – Some angels will be judged by the saints
  - d. 2 Peter 2.4 – Some angels sinned
  - e. Jude 1.6
  - f. Revelation 9.14 – Angels were bound until a certain time to be released to kill
  - g. Revelation 12.7ff – War between the angels of Michael and of Satan
7. So there is no doubt about there being evil angels

When did they “fall?”

1. The scriptures are silent on the exact time of this fall...but we know
2. We know that it was Satan who used the serpent in Genesis 3 to deceive and destroy
3. We also know that Satan is listed among the “sons of God,” or angels, in Job 1
4. Was Satan alone in his sin at first? When were the other angels involved? No answer from Scripture.

Why did they “fall?”

1. One of the deep mysteries of the Bible
2. They were created perfect, with the ability to choose between right and wrong
3. They CHOSE to disobey God
4. It is tempting to draw the conclusion that a great rebellion was wrought by Satan who deceived other angels and spirit beings to join him. Although this is never explicitly stated in Scripture, it

is indicated by the events in Revelation 12.4 – “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.”

5. It is well to ask at this point, “Why did man fall?”
  - a. Was it just because Satan tempted?
  - b. Or was it man’s choice?
  - c. Ultimately, all sin is the result of an individual, man or angel, making a decision.
    - i. One of the most amazing things about the gospel is that it is for MAN
    - ii. Man has a shot at redemption – apparently angels do not
    - iii. Hebrews 2.16-18
    - iv. The gospel aid that Christ brings is for people, not angels
    - v. You and I have a chance to miss the lake of fire prepared for the Devil and his angels...they don’t

What is the result of their “fall?”

1. Jude 6 – at least some have been “reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day...”
2. 2 Peter 2.4 – They are spoken of as “cast...down to hell and delivered... into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”
  - a. The “hell” mentioned here is the word Tartarus (used only here), not the word for the fiery hell, Gehenna.
  - b. It has been described as the “deepest abyss of Hades.”
  - c. **Revelation 9.1-3 and 11** – we are told about Abaddon/Appollyon, the “angel of the bottomless pit.”
  - d. **Luke 8.31** – demons begged not to be sent into the “abyss.”
3. Daniel 10.12-13
  - a. The angel had been kept from coming for 21 days by the “prince” of Persia
  - b. It was only because Michael, “one of the chief princes” helped that he was able to come
  - c. Therefore, the “prince” of Persia must have also been an angel
4. Daniel 10.20
  - a. This angel says he would have to “return to fight with the prince of Persia.”
  - b. He was also expecting another “prince” of Greece who would come
  - c. All appear to be angels who would oppose this angel and others like him – those who chose to do the will of God
5. Some then, must still be loose, or are loosed from time to time.
6. They are always shown in opposition to “the holy angels” or the “angels of God”

This leads us to the next question, “What do the evil angels do?”

1. This has already pretty much been answered.
2. At least some oppose the angels who do the will of God.
3. They are also pictured as opposing our salvation – Romans 8.38
4. Paul may have had them in mind when he said “Though we or an angel from heaven...”
5. They support the Devil, or Satan – Matthew 25.41; Revelation 12
6. Ephesians 6.12 - They are NOT our friends.

What is going to happen to them, and when?

1. We have already seen at least some were:
  - a. “cast down to hell...committed to chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment” 2 Peter 2.4
  - b. “reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day” Jude 6
2. We know that the lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels – Matthew 24.1
3. We know that saints will be involved in judging angels – 1 Cor. 6.3
4. We can conclude, then, that they too will be cast into the lake of fire on the day when the judgment takes place and the Dragon, Satan, the Devil, is likewise disposed of – Rev. 20.10