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How is the word used in Scripture ?

The Nature of Angels

- **Definition:** the Greek word is *angelos* - "a messenger" from the word "to deliver a message"
- **Used of a special class of being**
 - A created being to serve and praise God - Ps. 148:2,5, Gen. 2:1, Ex. 20:11, Neh.9:6
- **Innumerable company of beings** - Heb. 12:22, Rev. 5:11
 - Heavenly position above men - Ps. 8:5, 2Pet. 2:10
- **Used of the preincarnate appearances of Christ**
 - **The Angel of the LORD**
 - Identified as the LORD - Gen. 16:7:11
 - As a distinct person from the LORD - Zech. 1:7-13
- **Used of others as messengers**
 - Men as messengers - Luke 7:24, James 2:25
 - Angel of the Seven Churches - Rev. 2:1, 8, 12, 18



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The Unfallen Angels

- **Michael the archangel is the head of all the holy angels**
 - name means "who is like God" - Dan.10:18-21, Dan. 12:1, Jude 9
- **Gabriel is one of the principal messengers of God**
 - name means "hero of God" - Dan. 8:15-19, Dan. 9:20-23, Luke 1:11-19, Luke 1:26-37
- **Some angels are designated "cherubims"**
 - living creatures who defend God's holiness - Gen 3:24, Ex 25:18-22, Ezek. 10:1-22
- **Some angels are designated "seraphim"** - Isa. 6:1-7
- **Most angels are not given individual names**
 - some described as "elect or chosen" angels - 1Tim 5:21
- **The term "principalities and powers" * seems to be used of both types of angels**
 - warfare between the holy angels and the fallen angels
 - Eph. 1:21, 3:10, Col. 1:16, 2:10,15
- * **"the rulers and the authorities"**



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The Fallen Angels

- When Satan fell he drew multitude of angels with him
- Two classes of Fallen Angels
 - Those who are bound
 - Reserved in chains unto judgment - 1Cor. 6:3, 2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6
 - Those who are free
 - Satan and the Demons - Mark 5:9,15; Luke 8:30, 1 Tim 4:1
- The doom of Satan and his angels is the Lake of Fire
 - Matt. 25:41, Rev 20:10



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The Ministry of Holy Angels

- Angels were present at
 - Creation - Job 38:7
 - The giving of the law - Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19, Heb. 2:2
 - The birth of Christ - Luke 2:13
 - His temptation - Matt. 4:11
 - Garden of Eden - Luke 22:43
 - The Resurrection - Matt. 28:2
 - The Ascension - Acts 1:10
- The angels will be included in the company
 - descending from heaven to earth at the second coming - Matt. 24:
 - seen in the eternal state in the New Jerusalem - Rev. 19:14, 21:
- They are ministering spirits sent forth to the "heirs of salvation"
- The angels are spectators and witnesses of the things of the earth
- Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom
- The ministry of angels is essential to understanding God's providential and sovereign direction of His creation