

HEBREWS

Hebrews 1:4-14 "Superior to Angels"







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7 Hebrew Bible Quotes

- The Identity and Role of Angels
- The Interaction Between Jesus and Angels
- The Interaction Between Humans and Heavenly Beings

Hebrews 1:4-14

⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸ But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰ And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

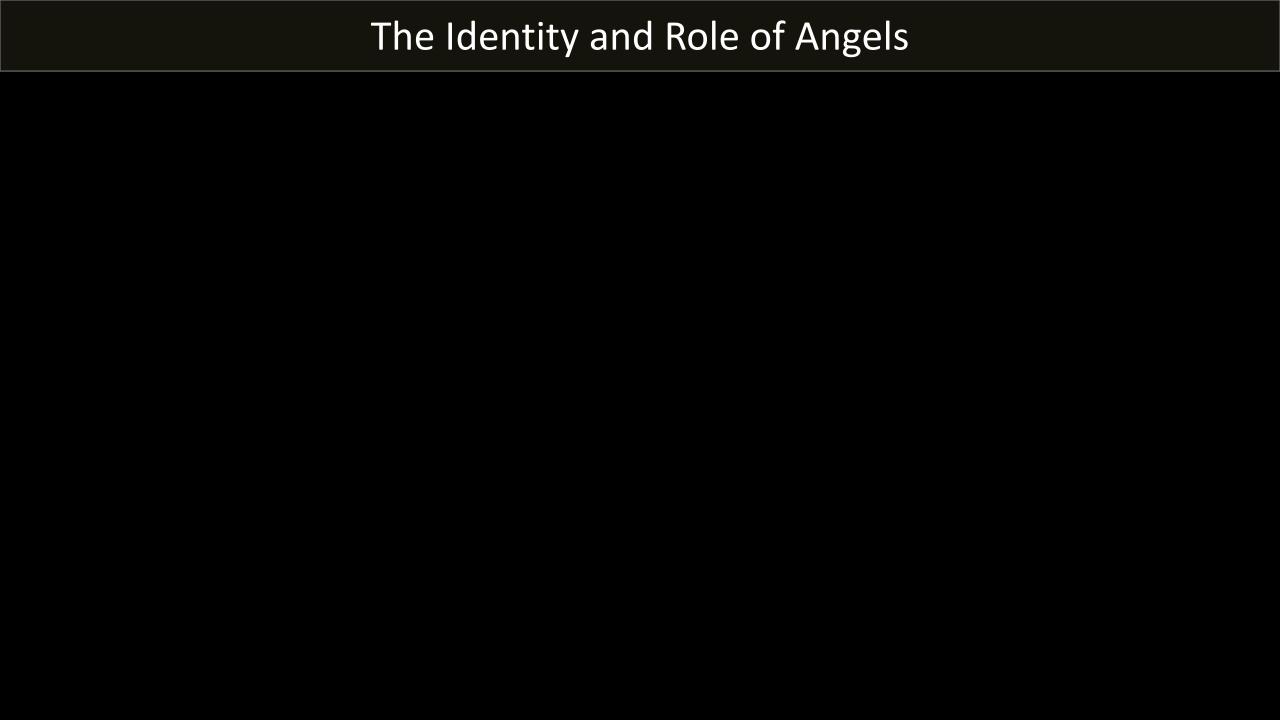
11 they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

12 like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end."

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?







We don't really know that much about angels (the heavenly host)

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See that you do not despise one of these (children). For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

Hebrews 13:2
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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Messengers

Luke 2

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord..."

Daniel 10:13

...Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days.

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- Speak
- Comfort
- Protect

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Warriors

2 Kings 6

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God (Elisha) rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



"The Archangel Michael's Battle with the Devil" Christoph Daniel Schenck

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Worshippers

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Hebrews 12:22
But you have come to...the city of the living God...and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

Revelation 5

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"













Jesus is the Divine King

^{8b} Your throne, O God, is forever and ever the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

4b ...as *much superior* to angels as the *name* he has inherited is *more excellent* than theirs

⁹ Therefore God, your God, has *anointed* you (King Jesus IS God, and Anointed by God)

Coronation Day







Jesus Rules Over Angels

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All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

The Interaction Between Humans and Heavenly Beings

Revelation 19:10

Then I fell down at (the angel's) feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God."

Ignore vs. Obsess

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Genesis 3:24

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Hebrews 2

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. "For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Body of Christ, Broken For You

The Blood of Christ, Shed For You



Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of speaking a blessing over God's people.

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you