

A black and white photograph showing the aftermath of a war. The foreground is filled with a large pile of rubble, including broken bricks, wood, and debris. In the background, several multi-story buildings are visible, many of which are severely damaged. Some buildings have missing roofs, and others show exposed structural elements. A single, leafless tree stands on the right side of the frame. The sky is a uniform, light gray, suggesting an overcast day or the presence of smoke. The overall tone is somber and desolate.

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Won't You Be An Angel Dear...?

Dan. 10

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

Dan. 10

² At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. ³ I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

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⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, ⁵ I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Dan. 10

⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

Dan. 10

10 A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

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¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless.

Dan. 10

¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man]touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, “I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak.

Dan. 10

¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.”

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¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ¹⁹ “Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

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²⁰ So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; ²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

A black and white photograph of a war-torn city street. The foreground is covered in a thick layer of rubble, including broken bricks, wood, and debris. On the left, a large, multi-story building has been severely damaged, with its facade crumbling and its structure exposed. In the center, another building stands with a jagged, partially collapsed roof. To the right, a tall, thin, leafless tree stands amidst the ruins. In the background, more damaged buildings line the street, and a utility pole with wires is visible. The sky is a uniform, light gray, suggesting an overcast day or the aftermath of a bombing. The overall atmosphere is one of desolation and the aftermath of conflict.

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Things to Not Do with Angels

- Don't be ignorant of them.

Claus Westermann

- “People don’t believe in angels anymore. They haven’t believed in angels for centuries. . . . The stories in the Bible that speak of angels relate the experiences of men and women to whom God drew so very near in moments of great personal crisis or danger that they sensed in the words of a human being the work of a messenger of God, and in the help of a human hand they felt the helping hand of God.”

Karl Barth

- It is true, of course, that we can miss the angels. We can deny them altogether. We can dismiss them as superfluous, or absurd and comic....If we cannot or will not accept angels, how can we accept what is told us by the history of Scripture, or the history of the Church, or the history of the Jews, or our own life's history?...Where God is, there the angels of God are. Where there are no angels, there is no God.

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- Don't fear them.

The Nature of Angels

1. They are created beings – Ps. 148:2, 5.

a) They have great power and wisdom, but not as great as God's 2 Sam. 14:20; Ps. 103:20; Mt. 24:36; 2 Pet. 2:11.

b) They are not divine; God is superior to them – Ps. 89:6.

c) They are not to be worshiped – Col. 2:18; Rev. 22:8-9.

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1. They are created beings – Ps. 148:2, 5.

d) Christ is superior to them, and they worship him – Heb. 1:5-2:9.

e) Human beings are made “a little lower than the angels” – Ps. 8:4-6.

f) In some way, believers will judge angels – 1 Cor. 6:23.

The Nature of Angels

2. They are personal beings, who can be interacted with.

a) They have will and reason and act as moral agents – 2 Sam. 14:17; 1 Pet. 1:12.

b) Two are named in Scripture: Michael (Dan. 12:1); Gabriel (Dan. 8:16; Luke 1:26).

The Nature of Angels

3. They are spiritual (nonmaterial) beings - Heb. 1:14.

4. They are immortal beings – Luke 20:36.

5. They are holy beings – Mark 8:38.

The Nature of Angels

6. There are a great many of them – Matt. 26:53; Rev. 5:11.

7. The angel of Yahweh serves as the supreme agent of God in the OT (Gen. 16:7, 9; 22:11, 15; Ex. 3:2).

Activities of Angels

1. Praise and worship God – Is. 6:1-8.
2. Deliver God's messages to the prophets – Ezek. 40:3; Dan. 7:6.
3. Active in the ministry of Jesus, announcing his conception (Luke 1:26-38); announcing his birth (Luke 2:13-15); ministering to him after the temptation (Mark 1:13) and at Gethsemane (Luke 22:43); announcing his resurrection (Mt. 28:5-7).

Activities of Angels

4. Minister to God's people – Ex. 23:20-23; 2 Kings 6:17; Heb. 1:14.

5. Execute God's judgments on human beings – 2 Kings 19:35; 1 Cor. 10:10; Rev. 7:6-9:21.

6. They will be involved in the second coming and final judgment – Matt. 13:39; 25:31; Mark 13:27.

Heb. 1

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Heb. 1

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Heb. 1

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?

Heb. 1

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

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⁷ In speaking of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels spirits,
and his servants flames of fire.”

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⁸ But about the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

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⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has set you
above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

Heb. 1

¹⁰ He also says,

“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the
foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your
hands.

Heb. 1

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

¹² You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.”

Heb. 1

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say,

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

¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to
serve those who will inherit salvation?

I Peter 1

¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

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