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## ANGELS

Our word "angel" is derived from the OT HEB *malak* and the NT GK *angelos* which mean *messenger*. In the Bible angels serve various functions in varied capacities: (a) A deliverer of messages from God to man.

(b) Executors of the will of God in performing miscellaneous tasks. (c) Praising God. (d) Guarding the throne of God. We believe that due to so much figurative language it is impossible to affirm that the Bible makes exclusive use of the word "angel" to describe celestial and/or superhuman beings.

- Frequency in Bible** The word *angel* is found 210X in 192V in the KJV. *Angels* (plural) is found 94X in 92V. Interestingly, the word *angel* appears 97X in 97V in the NT. *Angels* appears 81X in 79V KJV NT. Where in the Bible do we find the first use of the word angel? \_\_\_\_\_
- How They Appear** Many assume that angels always look like humans with wings. Not so! Only the *seraphims* and *cherubims* were winged. *Seraphims* make their most memorable appearance in the visions of Ezekiel (1:4-28; 10:3-22) and Isaiah (6:2-6). They were actually winged serpents. *Cherubims* function primarily as attendants or guards to the divine throne. What was their function in (Gen 3:24)? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Two Angels** (Jn 20:12) "And seeth \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ sitting, the one at the \_\_\_\_\_, and the other at the \_\_\_\_\_, where the body of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_." Don't we usually think of angels as being white, or dressed in white? \_\_\_\_ Can you find an instance in the OT where angels were in white? \_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacob & The Angel** (Gen 32:24-30) Jacob's name was changed to \_\_\_\_\_ when he \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_. "And Jacob called the name of the place *Peniel*: for I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ face to face, and my life is preserved." Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_
- Created Beings?** The Bible is silent on this matter. Only God is everlasting. (Duet 29:29) "The \_\_\_\_\_ things belong unto the \_\_\_\_\_ our God: but those things which \_\_\_\_\_ belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do \_\_\_\_\_ of this law." We cannot know the "if" and "when" of many things. Why (2 Cor 5:7)? \_\_\_\_\_ God was here first and we have no details of what happened before the material creation.
- Guardian Angels?** Many assume that they have an attendant angel who oversees and guards them. (Mt 18:10) "Take heed that ye despise not one of these \_\_\_\_\_; for I say unto you, That in \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." This verse is difficult. Other scriptures: (Ps 34:7; Acts 12:15; Heb 1:14).
- More** Some assume the spirits of the dead become angels. (Mt 22:30) "For in the \_\_\_\_\_ they neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor are given in marriage, but are as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in heaven." Note: The scripture says "as" the angels. Wouldn't man's free moral agency be nullified by his guardian angel? \_\_\_\_ If the guardian angel exerts dominant influence on a person, who is responsible when that individual sins, the angel or the man? \_\_\_\_\_