

ANGEL OF THE LORD

When Hagar fled from Sarai to the fountain in the wilderness that was on the path to Shur, the **angel of the Lord** found her there. (This may have been a preincarnate appearance of Jesus.)

- **Genesis 16:6-7:** "But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur."

When the **angel of the Lord** asked Hagar where she had come from and where she was going, Hagar replied that she had fled from Sarai.

- **Genesis 16:8:** "And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai."

When Hagar fled from Sarai after she treated her badly, the **angel of the Lord** told Hagar to return to Sarai and submit to her.

- **Genesis 16:9:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands."

The **angel of the Lord** told Hagar that she would have so many descendants that they couldn't be numbered.

- **Genesis 16:10:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

The **angel of the Lord** told Hagar that *he* was going to multiply her descendants. (This points to the angel being a preincarnate appearance of Jesus, since he said that he was the one who was going to multiply her offspring.)

- **Genesis 16:10:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

The reason the **angel of the Lord** told Hagar to name her son Ishmael was because God had heard her affliction. (Ishmael means "God hears".)

- **Genesis 16:11:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction."

The **angel of the Lord** told Hagar that her son Ishmael would be a wild man.

- **Genesis 16:12:** "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

The **angel of the Lord** told Hagar that everyone would be against her son Ishmael, and he would dwell in the presence of all his brothers.

- **Genesis 16:12:** "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

It seems that Hagar believed that when she spoke to **the angel of the Lord**, she was speaking to God.

- **Genesis 16:13:** "And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?"

The well where Hagar spoke to **the angel of the Lord** was called Beerlahairoi (which seems to mean "the one who lives and sees me").

- **Genesis 16:14:** "Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered."

It seems that Hagar told Abram about her meeting the **angel of the Lord** in the wilderness, because Abram named her son Ishmael.

- **Genesis 16:15:** "And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael."

When the **angel of the Lord** called out to Abraham when he was about to kill Isaac, Abraham said "Here am I".

- **Genesis 22:10-11:** "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I."

The **angel of the Lord** told Abraham that he hadn't withheld his only son from "me". Since God was the one who told Abraham to sacrifice his son, that means the angel was actually God (a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:12:** "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

After Abraham offered the ram as an offering instead of Isaac, the **angel of the Lord** spoke to Abraham a second time. (This seems to have been a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:15:** "And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,"

At Horeb, the **angel of the Lord** appeared to Moses as a flame that was burning the midst of a bush.

- **Exodus 3:2:** "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."
- **Acts 7:30:** "And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush."

When Moses saw the burning bush, he didn't realize he was seeing the **angel of the Lord**.

- **Exodus 3:3:** "And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

The flame that was in the burning bush was the **angel of the Lord**. However, God is the one who spoke to Moses out of the bush. That means the angel of the Lord was actually God.

- **Exodus 3:4:** "And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I."

When Balaam left with the princes of Moab, God sent the **angel of the Lord** as an adversary against him.

- **Numbers 22:21-22:** "And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him."

Balaam's donkey saved him from being killed by the **angel of the Lord**.

- **Numbers 22:23:** "And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way."
- **Numbers 22:25:** "And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again."

- **Numbers 22:27:** "And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff."

The donkey could see the **angel of the Lord**, but Balaam couldn't.

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After Balaam's donkey saved him from the **angel of the Lord**, the angel moved to trap Balaam in a different place.

- **Numbers 22:24:** "But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side."
- **Numbers 22:26:** "And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left."

When Balaam saw the **angel of the Lord**, he was afraid. (Balaam was only able to see the angel of the Lord after God

opened his eyes.)

- **Numbers 22:31:** "Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face."

There are times when the **angel of the Lord** is sent to kill people whose ways are perverse.

- **Numbers 22:32:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:"

The first thing the **angel of the Lord** did was ask Balaam why he had smote his donkey three times.

- **Numbers 22:32:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:"

The **angel of the Lord** told Balaam that he hadn't planned on killing the donkey. (Instead the angel only wanted to kill Balaam.)

- **Numbers 22:33:** "And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive."

The **angel of the Lord** told Balaam that if the donkey hadn't turned aside three times, the angel would have killed Balaam.

- **Numbers 22:33:** "And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive."

Balaam told the **angel of the Lord** that he was willing to return home.

- **Numbers 22:34:** "And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again."

The **angel of the Lord** told Balaam the only words he was allowed to speak were those he gave him.

- **Numbers 22:35:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak."

The **angel of the Lord** said he was the one who made a covenant with the Israelites. (This means the angel was actually a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.)

- **Judges 2:1:** "And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

When the **angel of the Lord** (a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus) told the Israelites that God would no longer

drive out the Canaanites from before them, the Israelites wept.

- **Judges 2:3-4:** "Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept."

The Israelites named the place where the **angel of the Lord** spoke to them "Bochim" (which means "weep").

- **Judges 2:5:** "And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD."

Deborah said the reason the **angel of the Lord** cursed the inhabitants of Meroz was because they didn't help God wage war against Sisera.

- **Judges 5:23:** "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty."

The oak tree that the **angel of the Lord** sat under (when he came to speak to Gideon) belonged to Joash.

- **Judges 6:11:** "And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites."

The **angel of the Lord** told Gideon that he was a mighty man of valor.

- **Judges 6:12:** "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour."

The **angel of the Lord** told Gideon that God was with him.

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When the **angel of the Lord** told Gideon that God was with him, Gideon asked where God's miracles were. (It seemed Gideon believed that if God was with Israel then He would be doing miracles on their behalf.)

- **Judges 6:13:** "And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

When Gideon asked the **angel of the Lord** why so many terrible things had befallen Israel, the one who looked at Gideon was the Lord. (It seems the angel was a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Judges 6:14:** "And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"

- **Judges 6:16:** "And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man."

When Gideon asked the **angel of the Lord** why so many terrible things had befallen Israel, the angel told Gideon that he was going to save Israel from the Midianites.

- **Judges 6:14:** "And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"

When Gideon asked the **angel of the Lord** why so many terrible things had befallen Israel, the angel didn't answer any of his questions.

- **Judges 6:14:** "And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"

When the **angel of the Lord** told Gideon that he was going to save Israel, Gideon told him that he was the least in his father's house.

- **Judges 6:15:** "And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

When the **angel of the Lord** told Gideon that he was going to save Israel, Gideon told the angel that his family was poor. (Since his father's household had servants, it's not clear if Gideon was telling the truth.)

- **Judges 6:15:** "And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

The **angel of the Lord** agreed to accept a present from Gideon (which points to the angel being a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus).

- **Judges 6:18:** "Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again."

Gideon brought an offering to the **angel of the Lord**. (This is evidence that the angel was actually a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.)

- **Judges 6:19:** "And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it."

When Gideon brought his gift to the **angel of the Lord**, the angel told him to pour the broth upon the goat flesh and the unleavened cakes (after putting them on a rock).

- **Judges 6:20:** "And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so."

After the **angel of the Lord** consumed Gideon's offering by setting it on fire, the angel disappeared.

- **Judges 6:21:** "Then the angel of the LORD put forth the

end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight."

The **angel of the Lord** was carrying a staff.

- **Judges 6:21:** "Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight."

Gideon was dismayed that he had seen an **angel of the Lord** face to face. (He thought he was about to die.)

- **Judges 6:22-23:** "And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O LORD God! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die."

After the **angel of the Lord** departed, Gideon built an altar to God on that spot.

- **Judges 6:24:** "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

The night the **angel of the Lord** appeared to Gideon, God

commanded him to cut down the grove that was by the altar of Baal that belonged to his father.

- **Judges 6:25:** "And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:"

The night the **angel of the Lord** appeared to Gideon, God commanded him to sacrifice his father's second bull to the Lord as a burnt sacrifice.

- **Judges 6:26:** "And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down."

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) that she would give birth to a son.

- **Judges 13:3:** "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son."
- **Judges 13:5:** "For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) that since she was going to have a son, she must not eat anything that was unclean while she was pregnant.

- **Judges 13:4:** "Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:"

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) that since she was going to have a son, she must not drink any strong drink while she was pregnant.

- **Judges 13:4:** "Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:"

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) that no razor was to come upon the head of her son. (This is because Samson was going to be a Nazarite from birth.)

- **Judges 13:5:** "For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah's wife that her son (Samson) was going to *begin* to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. (In other words, he would leave the job unfinished.)

- **Judges 13:5:** "For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

The **angel of the Lord** didn't tell Manoah's wife (Samson's

mother) his name.

- **Judges 13:6:** "Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:"

It seems that Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) was afraid of the **angel of the Lord**.

- **Judges 13:6:** "Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:"

The **angel of the Lord** spoke to Manoah's wife. He didn't speak to Manoah.

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Manoah (Samson's father) asked the **angel of the Lord** to wait while they prepared a meal for him.

- **Judges 13:15:** "And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee."

It's possible to talk to an **angel of the Lord** without realizing it.

- **Judges 13:16:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD."

The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah (Samson's father) that if he was going to offer a burnt offering, he had to offer it to the Lord.

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The **angel of the Lord** told Manoah (Samson's father) that he wouldn't eat any of his food.

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The reason Manoah (Samson's father) asked the **angel of the Lord** for his name was so that when his words came to pass, they could honor him.

- **Judges 13:17:** "And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to

pass we may do thee honour?"

The **angel of the Lord** refused to tell Manoah (Samson's father) his name.

- **Judges 13:18:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?"

When Manoah (Samson's father) offered the offering to the Lord, the **angel of the Lord** ascended in the flame of the altar.

- **Judges 13:20:** "For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground."

Manoah (Samson's father) believed that the **angel of the Lord** was God.

- **Judges 13:22:** "And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God."

When Manoah (Samson's father) realized that he had seen an **angel of the Lord**, he thought he was going to die.

- **Judges 13:22:** "And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God."

Manoah's wife (Samson's mother) didn't believe they were going to die because they had seen the **angel of the Lord**.

- **Judges 13:23:** "But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these."

When God sent a pestilence upon Israel (to punish David for taking a census), the **angel of the Lord** was by the threshing floor of Araunah. (It seems Araunah was also called Ornan.)

- **2 Samuel 24:16:** "And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite."
- **1 Chronicles 21:15:** "And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

When the **angel of the Lord** was at the threshing floor of Araunah, Gad told David to go to that threshing floor and built an altar to God.

- **2 Samuel 24:18:** "And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite."

When Elijah was in the wilderness, the **angel of the Lord** told

him that he needed to eat because the journey was too great for him.

- **1 Kings 19:7:** "And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee."

The **angel of the Lord** told Elijah to ask Ahaziah's messengers if the reason Ahaziah was inquiring of Baalzebub was because there wasn't a God in Israel. (In other words, Ahaziah should have inquired of the Lord.)

- **2 Kings 1:3:** "But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?"

The **angel of the Lord** told Elijah to tell Ahaziah's messengers that since he sent to inquire of Baalzebub instead of the God of Israel, he would surely die.

- **2 Kings 1:4:** "Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed."

When the **angel of the Lord** told Elijah to go with the third captain that Ahaziah sent to arrest him, he obeyed.

- **2 Kings 1:15:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king."

The **angel of the Lord** killed the Assyrian army (which consisted of 185,000 people). This means that not only can angels kill people, but they can kill entire armies.

- **2 Kings 19:35:** "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."
- **Isaiah 37:36:** "Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

The **angel of the Lord** didn't kill Sennacherib. (Instead he was murdered by his own children.)

- **2 Kings 19:36-17:** "So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead."

God told David that His sword was the **angel of the Lord**, who would bring destruction throughout all the land of Israel (as punishment for the census that David had taken).

- **1 Chronicles 21:12:** "Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all

the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me."

When David saw the **angel of the Lord** (who God had sent to punish David for taking a census), he and the elders of Israel fell upon their face.

- **1 Chronicles 21:16:** "And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces."

When David saw the **angel of the Lord**, the angel had a drawn sword in his hand that was stretched out over Jerusalem.

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When David saw the **angel of the Lord**, the angel was standing between the earth and the heaven.

- **1 Chronicles 21:16:** "And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces."

When David saw the **angel of the Lord**, he interceded on

behalf of the Israelites. He asked that he and his house would be punished, and not the people of Israel.

- **1 Chronicles 21:17:** "And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued."

The **angel of the Lord** is the one who gave the command to build an altar to God at the threshing floor of Ornan.

- **1 Chronicles 21:18:** "Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

Ornan and his sons were afraid of the **angel of the Lord**.

- **1 Chronicles 21:20:** "And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat."

The **angel of the Lord** came against Jerusalem during the time of wheat harvest.

- **1 Chronicles 21:20:** "And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat."

The **angel of the Lord** didn't put his sword back in its sheath until David built an altar to God at the threshing floor of

Ornan and offered offerings upon it. (A sacrifice had to be made before God's wrath was turned away.)

- **1 Chronicles 21:26-27:** "And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof."

When God sent the **angel of the Lord** against Jerusalem, the reason David didn't go to the tabernacle to offer sacrifices was because it was at Gibeon, not Jerusalem.

- **1 Chronicles 21:29:** "For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon."

The reason David didn't inquire of God when He sent the **angel of the Lord** against Jerusalem was because David was afraid of the angel's sword.

- **1 Chronicles 21:30:** "But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD."

The **angel of the Lord** encamps around those who fear God.

- **Psalms 34:7:** "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

The **angel of the Lord** delivers those who fear God.

- **Psalm 34:7:** "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

There are times when the **angel of the Lord** chases after the enemies of the saints.

- **Psalm 35:5:** "Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them."

It's good to pray that God would send the **angel of the Lord** after our enemies.

- **Psalm 35:4-5:** "Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them."

There are times when the **angel of the Lord** persecutes those who persecute the saints.

- **Psalm 35:6:** "Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them."

God showed Zechariah that Joshua was standing before the **angel of the Lord**.

- **Zechariah 3:1:** "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him."
- **Zechariah 3:5:** "And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and

clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by."

The **angel of the Lord** spoke to Joshua.

- **Zechariah 3:6-7:** "And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

An **angel of the Lord** told Joseph (in a dream) that the child which was conceived in Mary was from the Holy Spirit.

- **Matthew 1:20:** "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

An **angel of the Lord** told Joseph that he was a son of David.

- **Matthew 1:20:** "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

The reason Joseph took Mary as his wife, even though she was pregnant, was because the **angel of the Lord** commanded him to do so.

- **Matthew 1:24:** "Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:"

After the wise men departed, the **angel of the Lord** appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to flee to Egypt. (This was the second time an angel appeared to him in a dream.)

- **Matthew 2:13:** "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

Joseph was still in Egypt when the **angel of the Lord** appeared to him the third time in a dream (and told him to return to Israel).

- **Matthew 2:19-20:** "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."

After the **angel of the Lord** rolled back the stone from the door to the tomb where Jesus had been buried, he sat upon the stone.

- **Matthew 28:2:** "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

The **angel of the Lord** appeared to Zacharias when he was carrying out the office of the priest in the temple (to tell him that his wife was going to conceive John the Baptist).

- **Luke 1:8, 11:** "And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, ... And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

The **angel of the Lord** appeared to Zachariah on the right side of the altar of incense (in the temple).

- **Luke 1:11:** "And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

When Zacharias saw the **angel of the Lord**, he became afraid.

- **Luke 1:12:** "And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him."

When Jesus was born, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to shepherds of Bethlehem.

- **Luke 2:8-9:** "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

When the shepherds saw the **angel of the Lord**, they were terrified.

- **Luke 2:9:** "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,

and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

The **angel of the Lord** told the shepherds of Bethlehem that he brought good tidings of great joy.

- **Luke 2:10:** "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

The **angel of the Lord** brought the apostles out of prison (and commanded them to go preach the gospel).

- **Acts 5:19-20:** "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

An **angel of the Lord** told Philip to go south of Jerusalem toward Gaza.

- **Acts 8:26:** "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert."

When an **angel of the Lord** told Philip to go to Gaza, he obeyed. (That's when he met the Ethiopian eunuch.)

- **Acts 8:27:** "And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,"

When the **angel of the Lord** came to Peter while he was in prison, the angel smote Peter on his side in order to wake him up.

- **Acts 12:7:** "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands."

When the **angel of the Lord** came to Peter while he was in prison and told him to get up, the chains fell off of his hands.

- **Acts 12:7:** "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands."

When the **angel of the Lord** came to Peter while he was in prison, he told Peter to put on his garment and follow him.

- **Acts 12:8:** "And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me."

Herod was killed by an **angel of the Lord**.

- **Acts 12:21-23:** "And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the

ghost."

The **angel of the Lord** didn't smite Herod when he put the apostle James to death, but he did smite Herod when he accepted praise that he was a god.

- **Acts 12:23:** "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."