

Angels

- I.** Christ contrasted to angels (Heb. 1:4-2:9).
 - 1. So much superior in power than angels (Heb. 1:4).
 - 2. A little time, lower in rank than the angels (Heb. 2:7,9).
- II.** Review of angels: created by the Son; called sons of God; existed before creation of the material universe; spirit beings; masculine; greater power than humans, but not unlimited; higher on the creative scale than humans; 1/3 fell with Satan; 1/3 called evil angels.
- III.** Angels reside primarily on the stars, the Second Heaven.
 - 1. When the material universe was created (Is. 40:22-26):
 - 1) All the universe was designed to be inhabited.
 - 2) Each angel has a name.
 - 2. "Heavenly Hosts" about 270 times: host = large number of soldiers.
 - 1) Innumerable (Jer. 33:22; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11).
 - 2) Heavenly hosts (Job 38:7; Ps. 33:6; 89:5-8; 148:1-6; Jer. 19:13; Mt. 22:30; Lu. 2:13, 15).
 - 3) Fallen angels (2 Kings 17:16; 21:3, 5; 23:4; Acts 7:42).
 - 4) God's House (Mt. 5:34-35; Is. 66:1; Jn. 14:2).
- IV.** All elect angels are under Michael the Archangel (Dan. 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7-9).
 - 1. One archangel (Jude 9).
 - 2. Four ranks of angels, organized by rank according to their function (Eph. 3:10; Col. 1:16).
 - 1) Thrones—assigned to the highest of human rulers, seats of power.
 - 2) Dominions—assigned to second tier government officials (Eph. 1:21).
 - 3) Principalities—assigned to magistrates.
 - 4) Powers—have authority over common humans.
- V.** The fallen angels come from the lowest two ranks (Eph. 6:12).