

Angels in the New Testament—Part 2

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Angels in the New Testament—Part 2.” The presentation discussed angels from the book of Revelation.

Did you know that there are 75 references in the book of Revelation where the Greek word *angelos* is translated as either “angel” or “angels”?

And there are other descriptions. Some are listed below.

- 24 thrones with 24 elders
- 7 spirits
- 7 stars
- 4 living creatures

Mentioned at the beginning

Revelation 1:1—“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

Revelation 1:4—“John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

Revelation 1:20—“The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.”

Seven congregations

Revelation 2:1—“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write . . .”

The same wording is included to refer to the other six congregations—Smyrna in 2:8, Pergamos in 2:12, Thyatira in 2:18, Sardis in 3:1, Philadelphia in 3:7 and Laodicia in 3:14.

Before the Lamb

Revelation 5:6—“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

Millions of angels

Revelation 5:11—"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."

Angels worshiped God

Revelation 7:11—"All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God."

Seven angels with seven trumpets

Revelation 8:2—"And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets."

Seventh angel

Revelation 11:15—"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!' "

Archangel Michael

Jude 9—"Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!' "

Revelation 12:7-9—"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Angel preaching to entire world

Revelation 14:6—"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people."

Seven angels with seven last plagues

Revelation 15:1—"Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete."

Revelation 16:1—"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, 'Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.' "

Message to God's people

Revelation 18:4—"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.' "

Humility of an angel

Revelation 22:8-9—"Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.' "