

Preface

1. Last week I was concluding the *Doctrine of War* in preparation for a study of the *Doctrine of the Angelic Conflict*.
2. Before we wrap-up our study of *Doctrine of War*, I want to give you opportunity to use rebound as may or may not be necessary.
3. When time expired we were about to see what God had to say about the Promised Land resting.
4. God said the land rested because of successful military victories.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

4.1 Jesus Christ wins the last battle of the Armageddon campaign and saves Israel from destruction.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

5. God will protect the mature believer even in time of war.

Job 5:20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

6. Great Old Testament warriors performed expertly because they had doctrine in their souls.

Heb 11:34 because of their faith these men quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

7. Jesus is often described as a warrior.

Jos 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

Jos 5:14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

Jos 5:15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

8. The Bible taught Israel that war is hell and complete destruction of the enemy is the way to wage war.

Deu 2:32 When Sihon and all his army came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz, ...
Deu 2:34 At that time we took all his towns and **completely destroyed them--men, women and children. We left no survivors.**

Deu 3:3 So the LORD our God also gave into our hands Og king of Bashan and all his army. We struck them down, leaving no survivor. ...
Deu 3:6 **We completely destroyed them, as we had done with Sihon king of Heshbon, destroying every city-- men, women and children.**

9. To preserve the United States we must show up when Bible doctrine is taught, support a strong military, train our children in the Word of God and avoid anti-Semitism.

10. In answer to the age old “WWJD—What Would Jesus Do?” -- we know from Scripture what Jesus will do when He returns as King of kings and Lord of lords. John in the Apocalypse describes the events. Rev 14:14-20; 19:11-21; 20:1-15

11. Now for a categorical study of the subject “The Angelic Conflict.”

Definition

1. The angelic conflict is an intense war on the part of the fallen angels to further their cause by

- producing a creature incapable of being saved--part angel and part man,
- killing the humanity of Christ,
- inducing Christ to sin,
- somehow keeping man from accepting Christ as Savior, and
- causing sweeping Christian apostasy.

Concept

1. Angels were created as super creatures to do God's will.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Heb 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

2. One of the three lead angels (referred to as a covering-angel) named Lucifer went on negative signals and chose to be disobedient to God's plan. This occurred sometime in eternity past. The other two covering or lead angels--Michael and Gabriel--did not follow Lucifer in the fall.

3. Lucifer took one-third of all the angels with him in his rebellion.

4. Because of this rebellion, God after a trial sentenced Satan and his fallen cadre to the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire was created not for man but for Satan and his subalterns.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

5. Satan and his partners apparently protested, using as their defense: "God is not fair, for we could not help ourselves." The excuse, as best we can tell, went something like this, "I, as a creature angel so inferior to you members of the Trinity, I could not help myself; after all I am not like you."

6. God created man inferior to angels for the purpose of showing that a "sub creature" could stay on positive signals and not rebel against God's plan.

7. Christ took on the form of man and showed Satan that the Godman could be tempted, but refuse to fall. His example left Satan without excuse.

8. We as believers are also part of the conflict. We also demonstrate to the one-third who followed Satan in his fall that an inferior creature will choose God's plan of salvation and deliverance, thus providing further evidence in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict that the demons are without excuse.

Facts about Angels

1. Angels are spirits created for service.

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

2. Angels were created to do God's will as His ministers.

1Ki 19:3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,

1Ki 19:4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

1Ki 19:5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ...

1Ki 19:9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1Ki 19:10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ...

1Ki 19:18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel -- all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

Psa 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

Dan 6:22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

Mat 2:13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Luk 22:43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Luk 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Acts 5:19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

Acts 12:7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Acts 12:8 Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.

Acts 12:9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

Acts 12:10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

3. Angels have tremendous power and strength with superhuman wisdom.

2Sa 14:20 Your servant Joab did this to change the present situation. My lord has wisdom like that of an angel of God -- he knows everything that happens in the land."

2Sa 14:21 The king said to Joab, "Very well, I will do it. Go, bring back the young man Absalom."

Psa 103:20 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Psa 103:21 Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

4. Angels can traverse the galaxies and this includes visiting the Third Heaven.

Dan 10:19 "Do not be afraid, O man 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."

Dan 10:20 So the angel 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;

Dan 10:21 but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Job 2:1 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

5. Fallen angels attempt to influence rulers.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison
Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth --
Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the
seashore.

6. Angels are exceedingly numerous.

Mat 26:53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my
disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Rev 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands
upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne
and the living creatures and the elders.

7. The word **Angelos**, often translated angel, is also used for messengers.

Luk 7:24 After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about
John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

Jam 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered
righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in
a different direction?

8. Angels have the power to appear in human form.

Gen 19:1 The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in
the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed
down with his face to the ground.

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man
the meaning of the vision."

Dan 8:17 As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell
prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the
time of the end."

9. Angels are neuter in gender, although under Satan's direction they chose to
become masculine when they rebelled just before the flood--"they left their first
estate." For more information see my Doctrine of Tartaros.

Gen 6:1 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were
born to them,

Gen 6:2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they
married any of them they chose.

Gen 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he
is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Gen 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days -- and also afterward -- when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Gen 6:6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

10. Believers have at least one guardian angel.

Mat 18:10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Psa 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

11. Angels will accompany Christ at His Second Advent.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

12. Angels have the ability to observe humans.

Job 2:3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

Job 2:4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.

1Co 4:9 For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men.

Eph 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

13. Angels know certain boundaries they are not to pass.

2Pe 2:10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings;

2Pe 2:11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

Jude 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

14. There are three angels mentioned in Scripture by name:

14.1 Michael

Dan 10:13 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. . . .

Dan 10:21 but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people -- everyone whose name is found written in the book -- will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."

14.2 Gabriel

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

Dan 9:21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

Luk 1:19 The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

14.3 Lucifer

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

15. Angels are a higher and a superior form of creation than man.

Psa 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Psa 8:5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Heb 2:6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"

Heb 2:7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

16. Hell or the Lake of Fire was prepared for Satan and his fallen angels.

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

17. The fallen angels are properly called demons. Satan is generally called Satan, the Devil or Lucifer. Demons are also called Satan's ministers.

18. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict.

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