

# Angels Lesson 4

## The Appearances and Shapes of Angels

In the Bible there are recorded events of angels. In many of these events the Bible does not describe how an angel appears or what shape or form the angel might have. There are a few events that give some description of what shape that angel might have and how he appeared to mankind.

### I. Angels can appear in a flame of fire.

1. The angel that appeared to Moses took the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

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."

Later, God used this angel as his official voice to speak to Moses.

### II. Angels can appear visible or invisible.

2. An angel was visible to a \_\_\_\_\_ and at the same time invisible to \_\_\_\_\_ and his two servants.

Numbers 22:22-23 "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.

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."

Therefore, an angel may be visible or seen by one and at the same time be invisible to others.

3. Later on the angel made himself visible to \_\_\_\_\_.

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."

**4. Another angel made himself visible to \_\_\_\_\_, but invisible to the prison \_\_\_\_\_.**

**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."**

**There is the visible world where we move and have awareness through our senses, and there is, at the same time, the invisible world with its own activities and life that we cannot perceive.**

**5. God is the creator of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ world.**

**Colossians 1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"**

**Angels can move from the invisible to the visible world or from the visible to the invisible world. They can have objects such as swords, chariots and horses that can also be taken from the invisible to the visible world or go from the visible to the invisible. The invisible world is just as real as the visible.**

### **III. Angels can appear as chariots of fire.**

**When the Syrian army surrounded Elisha and his servant, Elisha saw the angels of God as horses and chariots of fire, but his servant saw nothing. After Elisha prayed, God opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw what was there all the time: the horses and chariots of fire.**

**6. Angels appeared as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of fire to Elisha.**

**2 Kings 6:16-17 "And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."**

#### **IV. Angels can appear in dreams and visions.**

**7. An angel appeared in a \_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob and to Joseph.**

**Genesis 31:11 "And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I."**

**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."**

**8. An angel appeared to Cornelius in a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 10:3 "He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius."**

#### **V. Angels appear as men.**

**There are four events in the Bible where it states that the angels appeared as men.**

**9. The two angels that came to Lot appeared as \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Genesis 19:1-2; 5 "1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;**

**2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.....**

**5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them."**

**10. The angel that came to Manoah and his wife appeared as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 13:9-11 "9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.**

**10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.**

**11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am."**

**11. The angel that was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego appeared as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Daniel 3:25; 28 "25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.....**

**28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."**

**12. The angels that were in the tomb of Jesus appeared as \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 24:23 "And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive."**

**Luke 24:2-5 "And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.**

**3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.**

**4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:**

**5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?"**

**The Hebrew word for angel is "malak", which is always used in the masculine gender.**

**The Greek word for angel is "aggelos", which is always used in the masculine gender.**

**13. The Hebrew and Greek word for angel is always used in the \_\_\_\_\_ gender.**

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**Angels are never described as babies or children. Humans do not become angels.**

**14. Angels are never described as \_\_\_\_ in the Bible.**

**Choose one of the following.**

**A. Children**

**B. Women**

**C. Babies**

**D. All of the above.**

**E. None of the above.**

**15. Will humans become angels? \_\_\_\_\_**

# Angels Lesson 5

## Angels Do Not Have Wings!

In all of the scriptures about angels, nothing is mentioned about angels having wings. The idea that angels have wings comes from the drawings of artists. The artists thought that Seraphims, Cherubims and the beasts before the throne of God were angels. Therefore, since they had wings, the artists believed angels had wings. Angels do not have wings! Angels are never described with wings.

In the Bible, when any life is mentioned that is different from the human form, a description is given, and if it has wings, they are mentioned. Such is the case with Seraphims, Cherubims and the beasts before the throne of God; they are different, and they have wings. When an angel appears to Zechariah to explain the visions he sees, one of the visions is about two women, but these women are different in that they have the wings of a stork.

**Zechariah 5:9-10** "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?"

Nothing is said about the angel having wings. If angels had wings, then in one place or another the Bible would give a description of the wings. The Bible never states that angels have wings.

Another reason for the idea that angels have wings is that in three accounts the Bible records an angel flying, but it never mentions or describes any wings on the angel.

**Daniel 9:21** "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation."

**Revelation 8:13 "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"**

**Revelation 14:6 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"**

**With all the power of an angel and its ability to be visible or invisible or to take the shape of a flame of fire, there should be no problem in believing that an angel could fly without wings.**

- 1. The Bible states that angels have wings. \_\_\_\_\_ (True or False)**
- 2. People think that angels have wings because: \_\_\_\_\_ Choose one of the following.**
  - A. Of the pictures about angels.**
  - B. Angels can fly.**
  - C. Of the movies and stories.**
  - D. All of the above.**
  - E. None of the above.**