

# The Angels' Candle

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## Introduction

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**This is not the first time Angels are mentioned singing in the Bible!**

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## **Angels Sang at Creation**

### **Job 38:4-7**

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

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## **Angels Witnessed the Fall**

When Adam & Eve sinned, the Holy Angels had already seen the affect of sin in the angelic realm.

Satan had formally been Lucifer and was perhaps the most powerful Angelic creation in Heaven.

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## Angels Witnessed the Fall

### Ezekiel 28:14-15

“You *were* the anointed cherub who covers;  
 I established you;  
 You were on the holy mountain of God;  
 You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.  
<sup>15</sup> You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were  
 created,  
 Till iniquity was found in you.

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## Angels Witnessed the Fall

### Isaiah 14:12-15

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

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## **Angels Witness the Struggle**

There is a war going on in the world for the hearts of men, women, boys & girls. The consequence of this struggle is the eternal destiny of their souls.

**The battle lies in who will you worship. Will you worship God, or will you worship the god of this world.**

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## **Angels Serve in the Struggle**

### **Angels do God's Work**

They have been involved in **Judgment**  
(Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19)

And in **Redemption** (they rescued Lot from Sodom before its destruction).

They have been involved in **delivering God's Word to man**  
(Daniel 8:15-16)

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## Angels are Curious about Salvation

### 1 Peter 1:10-12

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, <sup>11</sup> searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & John

### Luke 1:11-17

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Mary

### Luke 1:26-29

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name *was* Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

<sup>29</sup> But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Mary

### Luke 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Mary

Luke 1:34-38

Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I <sup>[a]</sup>do not know a man?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible.”

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Joseph

Matthew 1:18-20

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Joseph

### Matthew 1:21-25

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”<sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,<sup>25</sup> and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Joseph

### Matthew 2:13-14

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

<sup>14</sup> When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt.

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## Angels, the Incarnation, & Joseph

### Matthew 2:19-20

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.”

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## **Angels Sing**

**At Creation**

**“glory to God in the Highest”**

**At the Incarnation**

**“And on earth peace”**

**At the Consummation (Rev. 5)**

**“goodwill toward men”**

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**So What ...**

**We have so much to praise God for. He sent His Son so that we can live with Him.**

**Angels, do not fully comprehend Salvation, yet they praise God.**

**We are the recipients of Salvation, let make sure that we praise God properly.**

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