

# God Used Angels in the OT

**Genesis 4:6** The LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

- “**God** condescends to **send an angel** to **Cain** to converse with him.” SR 53.1

**Genesis 5:24** Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

- “**God** would not permit **Enoch** to die as other men but **sent his angels to take him to Heaven** without seeing death.” SR 59.2

**Genesis 6:7-8** And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- “He sent His **angels** to **Noah** to tell him what His purpose was in regard to the inhabitants of the old world.” Ms86-1886.5

**Genesis 7:16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

- “Notwithstanding the solemn scenes which they had witnessed the **beasts and birds entering the ark**, and the **angel of God closing the door** they still continued their sport and revelry, even making a jest of these signal manifestations of God's power.” PP 98.3

**Genesis 11:6-7** And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. <sup>7</sup> Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

- “They had built their tower to a lofty height, when **the Lord sent two angels to confound them** in their work. Men had been appointed for the purpose of receiving word from the workmen at the top of the tower, calling for material for their work, which the first would communicate to the second, and he to the third, until the word reached those upon the ground. **As the word was passing from one to another in its descent, the angels confounded their language.**” SR 73.1

**Genesis 16:5-16** Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. <sup>6</sup> But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup> And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. <sup>9</sup> And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. <sup>10</sup> And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. <sup>11</sup> And the angel

of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. <sup>12</sup> And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. <sup>13</sup> And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? <sup>14</sup> Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. <sup>15</sup> And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup> And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

- “**The Lord, through a holy angel, directed him** to grant Sarah's desire; his love for Ishmael or Hagar ought not to stand in the way, for only thus could he restore harmony and happiness to his family. And **the angel gave him the consoling promise** that though separated from his father's home, Ishmael should not be forsaken by God; his life should be preserved, and he should become the father of a great nation. **Abraham obeyed the angel's word**, but it was not without keen suffering. The father's heart was heavy with unspoken grief as he sent away Hagar and his son.” PP 146.2

**Exodus 4:24-26** And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. <sup>25</sup> Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. <sup>26</sup> So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

- “On the way from Midian, Moses received a startling and terrible warning of the Lord's displeasure. **An angel appeared to him in a threatening manner**, as if he would immediately destroy him. No explanation was given; but Moses remembered that he had disregarded one of God's requirements; yielding to the persuasion of his wife, he had neglected to perform the rite of circumcision upon their youngest son. He had failed to comply with the condition by which his child could be entitled to the blessings of God's covenant with Israel; and such a neglect on the part of their chosen leader could not but lessen the force of the divine precepts upon the people. Zipporah, fearing that her husband would be slain, performed the rite herself, and **the angel then permitted Moses to pursue his journey.**” PP 255.5

**Exodus 12:22-29** And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. <sup>24</sup> And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. <sup>25</sup> And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? <sup>27</sup> That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. <sup>28</sup> And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded

Moses and Aaron, so did they. <sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

- “That the Israelites might be spared, they were directed to place upon their doorposts the blood of a slain lamb. Every house was to be marked, that **when the angel came on his mission of death**, he might pass over the homes of the Israelites.” DA 51.3.

**Exodus 14:24-25** And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, <sup>25</sup> And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

- “The Egyptians dared to venture in the path God had prepared for His people, and **angels of God** went through their host and **removed their chariot wheels.**” SR 124.3

**Joshua 6:20-21** So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. <sup>21</sup> And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

- “The **Captain of the Lord's host came himself** from Heaven to lead the armies of Heaven in the attack upon the city. **Angels of God laid hold of the massive walls** and brought them to the ground.” RH September 16, 1873, par. 31

**Deuteronomy 34:5-6** So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

- “But **angels of God buried the body of His faithful servant** and watched over the lonely grave.” PP 477.2

**Psalms 78:24-25** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. <sup>25</sup> Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

- “In the words of the psalmist, **God gave them “of the corn of heaven. Man did eat angels’ food”** (Psalm 78:24, 25)—that is, **food provided for them by the angels**. Sustained by “the corn of heaven,” they were daily taught that, having God's promise, they were as secure from want as if surrounded by fields of waving grain on the fertile plains of Canaan.” PP 297.1

**1 Samuel 14:19-23** And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. <sup>20</sup> And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. <sup>21</sup> Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which

went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. <sup>22</sup> Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. <sup>23</sup> So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

- “**Angels of heaven shielded Jonathan** and his **attendant, angels fought by their side**, and the Philistines fell before them. The earth trembled as though a great multitude with horsemen and chariots were approaching. Jonathan recognized the **tokens of divine aid** and **even the Philistines knew that God was working** for the deliverance of Israel. Great fear seized upon the host, both in the field and in the garrison. In the confusion, mistaking their own soldiers for enemies, the Philistines began to slay one another.” PP 623

**1 Chronicles 28:19** All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

- “The closing years of David's life were marked with faithful devotion to God. He mourned over his sins and departure from God's just precepts, which had darkened his character, and given occasion for the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. The Lord, **through his angel, instructed David, and gave him a pattern of the house** which Solomon should build for him. **An angel was commissioned to stand by David while he was writing** out, for the benefit of Solomon, the important directions in regard to the arrangement of the house.” 1SP 387.2

**2 Samuel 6:6-9** And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup> And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

- “**Angels who attended the ark struck down Uzzah** for presuming impatiently to put his hand upon the ark of God.” 1SP 410

**Isaiah 6:1-6** In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. <sup>3</sup> And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. <sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup> Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

- “Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read **Revelation** in connection with **Daniel**. Teach these things. Let discourses be short, spiritual, elevated. Let the preacher be full of the word of the Lord. Let every man who

enters the pulpit know that he has angels from heaven in his audience. And when these **angels empty from themselves the golden oil of truth into the heart** of him who is teaching the word, then the application of the truth will be a solemn, serious matter. **The angel messengers will expel sin from the heart**, unless the door of the heart is padlocked and Christ is refused admission. Christ will withdraw Himself from those who persist in refusing the **heavenly blessings that are so freely offered** them.” TM 337.2

- **“This representation will be acted over and over again.** The Lord desires to have many take part in this grand work, those who are consecrated, whose hearts are humble, and who are willing to engage in any line that demands their service.” MC 19.4

**Daniel 5:5** In the same hour came forth fingers of a man’s hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king’s palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

- “These men are no more able to interpret **the mystic characters traced by the hand of an angel** of God than they were to interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.” RH February 8, 1881, par. 4