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*The  
Unseen World  
of Angels  
and Demons*

## Angelic Power in the End Times

**A**T NO POINT IN TIME will the power, authority, greatness and strength of the angels be so evident as at the close of the age when they implement God's judgments. Since Old Testament times angels have functioned as agents of God's judgment, rescuing His people by striking down their foes. The angel of the Lord helped to hold back the Egyptian army (Exodus 14:19-20) from the departing Israelites, who passed safely through the Red Sea, whereas their pursuers drowned in the water. On another occasion the angel of the Lord went out and slew 185,000 men in the camp of the Assyrians (2 Kings 19:35).

However, we also read of angels executing judgment upon the people of God, or upon a man of God like David, who saw the destroying angel striking down the people because of his sin (2 Samuel 24:17).

At the close of the age a single glance or word of command from God sends the heavenly spirits flying like arrows in all directions to execute His judgments upon the world and humanity. These mighty heroes of God enter the final

conflict with Satan and battle on until the victory is accomplished.

As human beings we will never fully fathom what it means for the angels to witness this hour of God's wrath. They had experienced the hour of trial for the angelic world: the revolt of Lucifer, his apostasy and fall. He had been one of them, their pride and glory. They had also witnessed the creation of man and then his fall instigated by Satan. After the expulsion of Adam and Eve, they guarded the entrance to paradise with a flaming sword. For the sake of people, nations, the entire creation, they were compelled to enter combat with the demons.

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If the angels rejoice when a sinner repents (Luke 15:10), can we imagine their grief to see Satan, the adversary of God and humanity, claim more and more victims down through the ages? This they could not prevent, for God has given human beings freedom of will. No matter how much a guardian angel may battle and intervene for his charge, the

ultimate decision for or against God rests with that person.

The angels are rightly called *His* angels. They are all out for Jesus and His kingdom. In this titanic battle of the ages, their power and authority will be awesome to see.

The angels are also empowered to seal the servants of God (Revelation 7:3), so that the demonic forces (referred to as locusts) cannot harm them. The power of the demons ascending from the bottomless pit is limited.

They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. Revelation 9:4 NKJV

In addition to these angels of judgment, the Book of Revelation shows us other angels involved in the end-time events: warners and heralds of judgment. The entire cosmos is, as it were, under the control of angels, who do all they can for the establishment of Jesus' reign. There is, for instance, the warning angel, who flies in mid-heaven (Revelation 14:6). The power he possesses is vast, and his missions are inconceivable to the human mind. He is commissioned to announce his message not just to one person, one city or one nation.

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No, this one angel has a message for all of humanity living in the end times. The everlasting gospel that he proclaims with a loud voice to the whole world simultaneously is:

Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water. Revelation 14:7 NKJV

Why should this message be called an everlasting gospel? What may have been puzzling to former generations now becomes plain. In the spirit of the Antichrist, the end-time generation is in revolt against everything associated with Christianity and the worship of God, refusing to tolerate any authority above themselves. The original relationship of the creature with its God and Maker, a relationship of awe and reverential fear, has been lost. So the call to worship the one true God and give Him glory is a saving message. Only when we humbly acknowledge His greatness, will we see ourselves as sinners and recognize our desperate need of a Saviour: Jesus Christ.

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The end-time judgments, executed by the angels, will usher in the reign of God, which is His ultimate objective. The horrors will fade into the background, while great rejoicing breaks out in heaven because the hour of deliverance has come for the world. Satan will be rendered powerless as the outworking of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary. Christ's reign on earth will begin, to be followed by the creation of a new heaven and a new earth.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory. Revelation 19:6-7 RSV

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him .... He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him... Revelation 20:1-3 NIV

## *One Story of Angelic Help in Modern Times*

A nurse who later became a founding member of our sisterhood describes what happened at the end of the war: “Together with our children from the various hospitals we had found temporary lodging in a makeshift kindergarten. As some children needed round the clock care, it was necessary to work at night. As the only house in the entire place with lights on, we were exposed to great danger. Yet people called it ‘the haven of peace.’

“One day a lady came with her girl and boy and begged us to take the children. That evening as we prayed, the new boy, instead of folding his hands, stared into the distance with wide open eyes. We sang, ‘That we in safety now may rest, angelic hosts the Lord does send, placing their golden weapons around our bed.’ When we said ‘Amen,’ the boy drew me out of the building. He kept tapping his breastbone and said, ‘Up to here. It came up to here on them.’ I asked him what he meant. Pointing to the guttering on the roof of the building, he repeated, ‘The guttering came up to here on them!’

‘Who are you talking about?’ I asked. Then he told me that at each corner of the building he had seen a man all ablaze – and these men were so tall that they towered above the roof. Now it was clear to me how this house could be known as a haven of peace.”

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#### Part I: Demons – A Reality

1. Where Does Evil Come from?
2. The Demons’ Heyday
3. Combat with Satan Today

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