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**THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS**

**(Continued)**

1. **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EVIL/FALLEN ANGELS:** These angelic beings “kept not their first estate “they are unholy100 and ungodly101, disobedient rebels.” (I Pt. 2:4; Jude 6)
2. **The Names for Fallen Angels:**
3. **SHEDIM**102(Deut. 32:17) The Hebrew word translated “devils” is Shedim. (Ps. 106:37; I Cor. 10:20) They are of the wicked one (after that likeness).
4. **SEIRIRN, SAIR, SATYR**103 (Lev. 17:7; Is. 13:21) SATYR-“he goat” the ancient symbol of a demonic creature of mythology worshipped by followers of satanic ritual. The Hebrews were to offer sacrifice on The Alter of the Tabernacle, not “to the he-goats in the desert”. Jeroboam I, appointed worship for the SEIRIRN (II Chron. 11:15) and Josiah brake down “the high places of the gates” (II Kings 22:8) that is SEIRIRN.
5. **ELILIM**104 (Ps. 96:5) gods of the nations are idols, fallen, ungodly and unholy, the characteristics of the evil one.
6. **GAD**105 (Is. 65:11) one of Israel’s sons/troop, those of this troop characteristic of the evil one. ***Note:*** *Asher-blessed, Benjamin-son at thy right hand, Dan-judged, Issachar-reward, Joseph-adding to, Judah-praise, Levi-joined/attached, Naphtali-struggle, Reuben-behold a son, Simeon-one who hears and Zebulun-prince with God.*
7. **QETER**106 (Ps. 91:5-6) the demonic presence and ungodly influence oppression, possession.

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1. **THE DEVILS ANGELS**107 (Mt. 25:41, Rev. 12:9) Designated to be damned in a place designed specifically for them and for their unholy and ungodly character.
2. **FAMILIAR SPIRITS**108 (Deut. 18:11; Is. 19:3) known in the world among the wicked, witches, warlocks and wizards.
3. **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**109 (Mt. 10:1; Mk. 1:27, 3:11, 5:13; Acts 5:16, 8:7; Rev. 16:13) the characteristic which best describes their conduct and character.
4. **EVIL SPIRITS**110 (Lk. 7:21; Acts 19:12-13) avoid of moral conscience.
5. **SEDUCING SPIRITS**111 (I Tim. 4:11) evil intent.
6. **WICKED SPIRITS**112 (Lk. 11:26) wanton destruction, devising wickedness.
7. **DEMONS**113 Seventy-five times in the Greek New Testament **DAIMON** is used to describe these fallen ones. The word is translated devil114 in the King James Bible, some modern scholars say it is incorrectly translated; however, the emphasis is placed on the imitation or imagery/characteristic of the devil, the one the fallen angels follow.

**NOTE:** There are several theories concerning the origin of demons, among these are four.

1. They are the spirits of the wicked dead115; however, this cannot be true for scripture declares the unsaved dead are in hell (Hades-Sheol) not roaming the regions of earth or beyond. (Ps. 9:17; Lk. 16:23; Rev. 20:13).

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1. They are spirits of a “pre Adamic race”116, but again there is no scriptural support, but additional theory and supposition. The Bible confirms Adam was the “first” man. (I Cor. 15:45).
2. They are the spirits of those born of an unnatural union117 between fallen angels (sons of God) and the daughters of men (women) from references in I Peter and Jude. But no such teaching is consistent or confirmed in context.
3. **The most Logical Conclusion:** The word demon is descriptive of the conduct118 and character119 of fallen120 or evil intended121 angelic beings. There are numerous Biblical descriptions of demons (Mt. 4:24, 7:22, 8:16, 9:32, 10:8, 12:22, 15:22, 17:18; Mk. 1:32, 3:4, 3:9, 3:13, 6:13, 9:38, 16:9, 17; Lk. 4:33, 41, 8:2, 11:14; Jn. 7:20, 8:48; I Cor. 10:20-21; I Tim. 4:1; James 2:19; Rev. 9:20)
4. **The Location of Fallen Angels:** Two categories are presented in scripture as to their activities and abilities as well as accessibility.
5. Unchained angels122: Not without limitations or restrictions, yet free to roam within those perimeters established by God. (Ps. 78:49; Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:7‑9). Yet they remain in a fallen state.
6. Chained angels123: These fallen angels have greater restraints and restrictions and are kept from roaming the regions of Heaven or earth, they are bound-chained, held captive. There are three descriptive locations given in scripture.

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1. The fallen angels-demons-in Tartarus124 (II Pt. 2:4; Jude 6)
2. The fallen angels-demons-in the bottomless pit125 (Lk. 8:31; Rev. 9:1-2, 11, 20:1-3)
3. The fallen angels-demons-in the River Euphrates126 (Rev. 9:14)

**NOTE:** Inevitably questions arise concerning the sin that bound these fallen angels and two predominant theories have been presented historically with scriptural references implied to support each position. Let’s consider both:

We already observed one third127 of Heavens angels joined Lucifer’s rebellion against God. These are the host of evil-fallen angels128 of the Bible who will be punished forever in Gehenna Hell Fire129 following the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (Rev. 20:10-15). But why are so many suffering imprisonment already? One theory is expounded from the account in (Gen. 6:1, 2, 4)

1. Who were “the men” that multiplied upon the earth?
2. Who were “the Sons of God” – married-made wives?
3. Who were “the daughters of men” – many wives?

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1. Who were “the children born unto them” – mighty men, men of renown?

There are two basic approaches to this, first, the sons of God were those of the line of Seth130 while the women were of the ungodly line of Cain131. (There is a clear line of delineation between the two, carnal/spiritual save/unsaved, believing/ unbelieving.) The second is more involved in its interpretation as the Sons of God are fallen Angels132 who have committed unnatural immoral acts with women born in that age resulting in multiple births of part human part angelic beings.

**Basic arguments for the first view:** Under natural laws:

* The most natural way to interpret the text
* The statement made by Jesus (Mt. 22:30)
* The law of BIOGENESIS – “After its kind” (Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24, 25)
* The statement of Paul in (I Cor. 15:38-40) celestial=heavenly, terrestrial=earthly
* The Hebrew word for Angel – (Malak) of God, is not used, though it is used 28133 times in the Pentateuch
* The word in Hebrew for “Mighty Men”, “Men of renown”, GIBBOR (Gen. 6:4) and is always used of human men. (Jude 6:12)

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**Basic arguments for the Second view:** Under supernatural laws:

* The Hebrew language favors it. bne-elohim (Sons of God) always
* Refers to angels in the Old Testament (Job 1:6; 2:1, 38:7; Dan. 3:25)
* The Hebrew word NEPHIM=Translated “Giants” (Gen. 6:4) is also rendered as “fallen ones”, of those who fell from a higher position/place.
* The normal word for huge man is RAPHA, men like OG and GOLIATH, (Deut. 3:11; I Chron. 20:6).

*Ancient pagan legends have formed many distorted interpretations, for “men of renown”. Hercules and the gods of Mythology, the Babylonian story of Gilgamesh the supposed son of a goddess and a mortal, two thirds god, and one third man. Jewish scholars (historian-Josephus) referring to the Septuagint (Gen. 6:2) “angels of God.” The early church espoused this position up to the fourth century when the worship of angels became increasingly more prevalent. The New Testament presents additional texts (I Pt. 3:18‑20), where the “spirits” are presented as the sons of God (Gen. 6:1-4). Their iniquity was perverting the human line preventing the promised incarnation. Peter confirms Christ’s words regarding their foiled plan. We conclude there are chained, and unchained angels, both fallen angels, the unchained have access to high places and unsaved men (Mk. 1:23; Lk. 8:27; Eph. 6:12). The chained are already incarnated (II Pt. 2:4; Jude 5-7). These fallen angels influenced carnal men for evil, spiritually134, mentally135, and physically136. Altering the genetic line of God’s creation, perversion is the devil’s principle weapon.*

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**Conclusion:**

1. **The Organization and Rank of Fallen Angels:** (Mt. 12:24‑30; Eph. 6:12) Satan’s kingdom is comprised of evil-fallen angels which are organized into a reigning army137 of demonic unholy and ungodly wicked angels.
2. Evil angels that rule over the Nations of the World. (Dan. 10:13)
3. Evil angels - Legion led a group of fallen spirits that possessed the maniac of Gadara (Mk. 5:9), one above many.
4. Evil angels – Abaddon=Hebrew, Apollyon=Greek is the controller of the “bottomless pit”. (Rev. 9:11)
5. Evil angels – as an army, even 200 million strong (Rev. 9:15) are led by four angels during the tribulation.
6. Evil angels - organize events which lead to Armageddon under the rule of three strong angels. (Rev. 16:13-14)
7. **The Appearance of Fallen Angels:** The angelic host are created beings, they are invisible138, but can and do manifest139 themselves. Here are three New Testament passages that offer description of these corrupt creatures.

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1. (Rev. 9:7-10) Hideous creatures, like horses prepared for battle, armored, crowns on their heads, authority, faces like men, hair like women, teeth like lions, breastplates of iron, tails like scorpions, sound of their wings, like chariots. (What they look like beyond our dimensions.)140
2. (Rev. 9:13-21) Mounted like Calvary on some kind of hellish horse, with a head like a lions’ head, smoke, fire, flaming Sulphur billowing out of their mouths, with riders in fiery-red breastplates…141
3. (Rev. 16:13) Unclean spirits like frogs (reptiles) spewing out of their mouths, dragon – beast – false prophet, spirits of devils, influence… Many of the horrible creatures by Hollywood may not be imagined at all. They are invisible but influential – Our God is JEHOVAH – Tsebeoth, Lord of Hosts,… over all the hosts of Heaven, earth, fallen – standing.142
4. **The Personalities of Fallen Angels:** One of our favorite Bible commentators is John Philipps (Exploring Revelation Page 127), consider this disclosure concerning Demons and Fallen angelic beings:

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*“Modern man professes not to believe in demons, but they exist just the same. Moreover, they are clever with a diabolical cunning. Man’s attitude toward the demon world may well be likened to man’s attitude in the Dark Ages toward bacteria. If we could be transported back to London in the year 1666, we would find ourselves in a nightmare world. The great bubonic plague was at its height. The sights and sounds of the city were like the terrible climax of a horror movie. It was generally believed that fresh air was the culprit. The College of Physicians recommended the frequent firing of guns to blow away the deadly air. People sealed themselves in their rooms and burned foul-smelling messes to ward off the fresh air. Chimneys were sealed, rooms were gray with smoke, and people choked in the suffocating stench. Outside, palls of black smoke hung over the city. People sat in the tightly sealed chambers, grimly determined to endure the smarting smoke, convinced they were thus immune to the plague. We could tell them they were wrong, that the plague is not caused by fresh air but by germs – microscopic organism spread by fleas – and they would laugh us to scorn.*

*Modern man has adopted a similar attitude toward the demon world. We tell them that the world is in the grip of Satan and that he has countless hosts of invisible demons to aid him in his dark designs against mankind. We say that these unseen beings are intelligent, and that before long, they are to be joined by countless more of their kind worse even than themselves. People look at us with pitying scorn and suggest we peddle our theories to the publisher of science fiction. But it is true all the same. Once the pit is opened, the world of men will be invaded by a virus far more dreadful than the bubonic plague, a virus all the more deadly because it is able to think and because it directs its attack against the soul rather than the body.”*

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1. They have names143 (Lk. 8:30; Rev. 9:11)
2. They speak144 (Mt. 8:29; Mk. 3:11, 5:12; Lk. 4:34, 41, 8:28; Acts 19:15)
3. They possess intelligence145, volitional will, reason, understanding…

* They know who Jesus146 is (Lk. 4:34)
* They know what awaits them147 (Mt. 8:29)
* They know the saved148 from the unsaved149 (Acts 16:15-18; Rev. 9:4)
* They plan and prepare a satanic influence150 (I Tim. 4:1)
* They express fear151 (Lk. 8:28; James 2:19) disdain152 (Acts 16:15-18)
* They possess great strength153 (Ex. 7:11, 12; Dan. 10:13; Mk. 5:2-4, 9:17-26; Acts 19:16; Rev. 9:15-19)

1. **The Activities of Fallen Angels:**
2. They oppose God’s purpose (Dan. 10:10-14; Eph. 6:12)
3. They execute Satan’s plan (I Tim. 4:1; Rev. 9, 16:12‑14)
4. They disseminate false doctrine (II Thess. 2:2; I Tim. 4:1)

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1. They influence and impact human beings, physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally… insanity154 (Mt. 8:28, 17:15, 18; Mk. 5:15; Lk. 8:27-29), muteness155 – speech (Mt. 9:33), even lure some into immorality156 (Mt. 10:1; Mk. 1:23-26, 3:11), deafness157 (Mk. 9:25), epilepsy158 (Mt. 17:15-18), blindness159 (Mt. 12:22), suicide160 (Mk. 9:22), personal injury161 (Mk. 9:18) and defects162 (Lk. 13:11), they oppress.
2. They possess human beings: The Bible gives us twelve examples of people possessed by fallen angelic, demonic spirits…

**SAUL** Israel’s first king, was often troubled by an evil spirit (I Sam. 16:14; 18:10; 19:9). Jealousy, tried to kill David, Javelin, deception, tried to kill his own son, killed 85 priests of God for helping David, witch of Endor, etc.163

**Seven Demon Possessed Persons Delivered by Jesus:**

1. A Capernaum Demoniac (Mk. 1:25; Lk. 4:35)
2. A Gergesene Demoniac (Mt. 8:32; Mk. 5:8; Lk. 8:33)
3. A Dumb Demoniac (Mt. 9:33)
4. A Demoniac Girl (Mt. 15:28; Mk. 7:29)
5. A Demoniac Boy (Mt. 17:18; Mk.. 9:25; Lk. 9:42)
6. A Blind-Deaf Demoniac (Mt. 12:22; Lk. 11:14)
7. A Woman – 18 yr. infirmity (Lk. 13:10-17)

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Illus: The Maniac of Gergesene, possessed of demons. Exceedingly fierce, no man could control, broke chains, lived among the dead, screaming, cutting himself, naked, unclean, 6000 demons, bound, etc.164

The Son possessed by Demons: Since childhood, beaten, broken bones, burned, severe convulsions, violently thrown down, foaming mouth, rolling around, unconscious, and uncontrollable.165

**Mary Magdalene:** (Mk. 16:9; Lk. 8:2) She had seven demons living in her before her conversion.166

**Simon:** (Acts 8:18-24) Sought the power of the supernatural for personal gain.167

**Elymas:** (Acts 13:8-11) Demon possessed sorcerer attempted to frustrate Paul’s efforts to win the governor of Cyprus to Christ.168

**Slave Girl:** (Acts 16:16-18) Demon possessed, the demon sought to identify the work of Paul with him and confuse his message in the midst of the people in Philippi.169

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**NOTE:** There are numbers of unnamed example throughout scripture, many delivered by the Apostles (Acts 5:16, 8:7, 9:12) throughout history examples of evil-wickedness, so vile, has exposed demonic oppression and possession. Charles Manson, son of Sam killer, Roe v. Wade, Joseph Smith, Gary Gilmore, Zodiac killer, Menendez Brothers,... today = Genetic engineering – cloning, demonic – drug –Pharmacia – enchantments…170

**Demonic Torment/Torture in the Great Tribulation:** Stinging scorpions, locusts from the abyss, they don’t attack vegetation, these are meat eaters! (Rev. 9:1‑11) The context continues with much more suffering inflicted upon the unsaved, and on the 144,000 servants of God. Five months! Many will seek to die, but cannot, perhaps Satan blocks the door of death lest they escape.

The sixth trumpet ushers in the second invasion led by four special satanic angels (counterfeits of God’s four living creatures) see (Rev. 4:6-8)

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An army of satanically influencing-indwelt demonic/angelic and human soldiers, 200 million strong, one mile wide, eighty seven miles long. Unlike the first wave, these are mounted on hellish horses. These ride up the Euphrates River, where life began, there it ends. For thirteen horrible months they persecute and slaughter, one third of humanity is killed by brimstone, fire, smoke, and one fourth is slain at the fourth seal opening (Rev. 6:8). That’s over one billion people, and then one third of those remaining, another one billion, unlike the fifth trumpet when no man was able to die. The results? (Rev. 9:20-21) over half the world’s population wiped out! The stage is being set, staggering statistics of death in large numbers, pandemics, cancer, heart disease, suicide, abortion (42,680,000 worldwide in 2020) other murders, horrible crimes… The king of these demons (Rev. 9:11) APOLLYON=DESTROYER, the counterfeit of Michael the Archangel, he leads but God is in control.

**NOTE:** Throughout scripture, God has controlled even the evil-fallen angels, restraining, and restricting their activities and at times redirecting their evil intent to punish wicked men. Remember, God is Lord of All the hosts171.

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* A demon was used to punish wicked King Abimelech (Judges 9:23)
* A demon was used to prepare for the execution of King Ahab in battle (I Kings 22:19-23)
* A demon brought out the true nature of unsaved King Saul (I Sam. 16:14)
* A demon punished rebellious Israel in their wilderness wanderings (Ps. 78:49)
* Also demons will be dispatched to guide ungodly nations to Armageddon for the great slaughter at the end of the Tribulation (Rev. 16:13-16)

1. **The Destiny of Fallen Angels:** They are non-redeemable173, they fell into Satan sin, decisively and permanently. There is no record of any fallen angel repenting, returning or being restored. They are judged by Christ and the church (I Cor. 6:3). They are cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Mt. 25:41; II Pt. 2:4; Jude 6)