

Rev 5:8, “Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”

**Rev 5:9, “And they sang a new song, saying:
‘You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open
its seals; for You were slain, and have
redeemed us to God by Your blood out of
every tribe and tongue and people and
nation,’”**

Rev 5:10, [Sung by the living creatures and angels]

“And have made them kings and priests to our God; And they shall reign on the earth.”

Rev 5:11, “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,”

Who are the angels?

How many are there?

What do they look like?

What are their powers?

Can we see them?

What about people who think angels appeared to them?

Are there good and bad angels?

When were angels created?

When did Satan fall?

Who are the fallen angels, the demons, and the evil spirits and what can they do to us?

And finally, what does human history have to do with the angels, if anything?

1. Definition: **Angelic Conflict**

The invisible spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the forces of God (Eph. 6:10). This is displayed in human history in what is called spiritual warfare.

2. The Course of the Angelic Conflict:

Four Systems of Knowledge:

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable.
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

- 1. 34 of the 66 books of the Bible (17 Old Testament; 17 New Testament) refer to angels by that name as existing creatures.**

2. The terms for angel (מַלְאָךְ, *mala'ak*, Heb; ἄγγελος, *angelos*, Gk.) occur more than 300 times in the Bible.

3. Jesus Christ referred to angels frequently as real creatures.