

Angels: God's Heavenly Warriors

Introduction:

1. People assume that angels always come in _____, bringing tranquility and rest.
2. As we study the Scriptures, we discover that this is not true at all. Angels are seasoned warriors that are seen fighting, making war, and bringing destruction to God's enemies.
3. But, why must angels fight and make war? There are three truths we must understand:

There are angels that aligned themselves with _____.

1. Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:13-19 describe the fall of Satan.
2. When Satan fell from his position, he began to _____ his plan of rebellion to the angelic host. Many of God's angels followed Satan in his rebellion against God. Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:7
3. Here are a few biblical facts about Satan's angels:
 - They are _____-beings, just like the angels of God.
 - ◇ *"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick."* **Matthew 8:16**
 - They are _____. Mark 5:1-13
 - They are set in _____. There are no new demons being created.
 - They work deceptively. They usually appear as angels of _____ and ministers of righteousness.
 - ◇ *"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."* **2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

There is a great angelic _____ being fought.

1. Angels are God's warriors, and demons are Satan's warriors.
2. There is an all-out invisible _____ being fought. Revelation 12:7-9 pictures this angelic conflict.
3. The Christian's enemy is not someone _____. Our enemies are the demonic forces of evil. Ephesians 6:11-12
4. But praise God, He has given us the spiritual provisions needed to _____ against the attacks of Satan and his armies. Ephesians 6:10-17

The angels are organized into an intricate system of _____, position, and authority.

1. Ephesians 6:12 refers to the demons as principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness. These are designated positions of rank and authority.
2. Satan imitated God, because the holy angelic creation follows the same pattern. Colossians 1:16, 2:10, 15; Ephesians 1:19-21, 3:10
3. It is clear that God has established positions of rank and authority among the angelic host, similar to a political or military organization.
4. Angels have structured activity and _____. They have clearly-defined positions and jobs to do. Angels are literally carrying on God's business on _____ and in the heavenlies.