

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 5

OUTLINE:

1) *The Angelic Host – Their Ministry*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

We are still looking at the ministry of good angels, for there is more information given on this subject than on any other. We will continue where we left off in our last lesson, by studying the judgment ministry of angels. Lesson 4 closed with a brief mention being made of an event in the life of David, which proved his belief that angels are sometimes sent to deliver judgment on our enemies. We will begin our present lesson with the details of this unusual occasion the life of David.

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Fourth: Their Judgment Ministry (*Continued from Lesson 4*)

The Philistines, a dreaded enemy of the nation Israel, had spread themselves over the valley, awaiting the right moment to attack David and his people. King David prayed for guidance as to what course of action he should take. What was the first thing God told him to do?

1 Chronicles 14:13-14 _____

These trees were to play an important part in what God said next to David. David was not to attack the Philistines until he heard what take place?

1 Chronicles 14:15 _____

This sound in the trees would be the signal that God and His angelic forces had gone on ahead of David and guaranteed victory over the enemies. The sound in the trees was spoken of as a “sound of going” or actually the sound of troops marching to battle. What was heard was the angelic army that swept before the army of David and smote the Philistines that day.

The Israelites came to believe that God would help them defeat all their enemies. They had good reason to believe this because of what promise made them?

Exodus 23:22-30 _____

The Psalmist praised God for being true to this Exodus promise. What was his personal views on how a nation should expect to win a war?

Psalm 44:6 _____

What did he feel was the only sure way to gain victory in battle?

Psalm 44:5,7 _____

This idea of God fighting for His beloved re-emphasized by Jesus. When arrested in the Garden, He spoke of being able to call an army of angels to carry out swift judgment upon His accusers if He had so desired.

Fifth: Their End-Time Ministry

This topic will conclude our look at the various types of work carried out by the good angels. As the sub-title of this section implies, this part of the ministry of angels has not yet taken place. The time will come when angels will play a major role in the plans God has both for the saved and the lost. The activities of the angels, during the end-time, will be varied. They will be seen carrying on all their usual ministries plus several not yet mentioned.

There will come a time in history when great trouble will be commonplace upon the earth. During this period, commonly referred to as "The Tribulation," angels will be quite active. How did Jesus speak of the trying conditions of this time of tribulation.

Matthew 24:21-22 _____

Just before this Tribulation period begins, which is to last seven years, we are told of what event that must take place?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 _____

A voice is said to be heard; whose voice is it? _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Jesus spoke of this event in one of His parables. He was talking of the problem of the unbeliever being a part of the Church. The question was raised if the believer should attempt to root out all unbelievers. Jesus said, "No." for it is too hard for man to judge correctly who is true and who is false. Jesus speaks of letting the two remain together until the harvest. The harvest refers to the Tribulation period. The burning refers to the torments man will suffer. But before the burning takes place, what is said to happen to the saved, which is portrayed here as being wheat?

Matthew 13:30 _____

The barn is heaven. The parable speaks of reapers going forth to gather all the wheat. Who are the reapers?

Matthew 13:38-40 _____

This parable also points out that angels shall be used in the harvest or tribulation time to execute judgment upon the ungodly of earth. More detailed accounts of their work are found in the Book of Revelation. Before taking a look at their work of tribulation judgment, one other text in the Bible should be brought out. It shows very vividly what will take place to the Christians just before the tribulation begins. What did Jesus say would happen?

Matthew 24:40-42 _____

There is much that could be said about what takes place upon earth during the seven years of Tribulation. But since we are studying angels, we will confine ourselves to looking only at their activities. On one occasion John saw four angels who were given instructions to do what upon the earth?

Revelation 7:1,2 _____

Before these four carry out their mission, what does another angel say must be done?

Revelation 7:3,4 _____

On another occasion John saw what takes place while there was silence in heaven?

Revelation 8:2 _____

Let us look briefly at what these seven angels are instructed to do. **Write only the consequences** of their acts. It is almost impossible to know what is meant by the methods they used to accomplish their mission.

First Angel (Rev. 8:7) _____

Second Angel (Rev. 8:8,9) _____

Third Angel (Rev. 8:10-11) _____

Fourth Angel (Rev. 8:12) _____

An angel is heard to say what about those on earth before the next angel sounds his trumpet?

Revelation 8:13 _____

Fifth Angel (Rev. 9:1-6) _____

Sixth Angel (Rev. 9:13-15) _____

Regardless of all that befalls man, what is his reaction to God?

Revelation 9:20-21 _____

Seventh Angel (Rev. 11:15; 15:1-2) This angel announced still 7 more angels who held seven vials of wrath, which you are again to mention only the consequences. In their hands they held the seven last what?

Revelation 15:1 _____

These seven vials were also known as what?

Revelation 16:1 _____

Angel & Vial 1 (Rev. 16:2) _____

Angel & Vial 2 (Rev. 16:3) _____

Angel & Vial 3 (Rev. 16:4) _____

Angel & Vial 4 (Rev. 16:8) _____

Angel & Vial 5 (Rev. 16:10) _____

Angel & Vial 6 (Rev. 16:12) _____

Angel & Vial 7 (Rev. 16:17-21) _____

During this period of great tribulation what shall be a common sight?

Revelation 6:15-16

The tribulation period can best be defined as a time when?

Revelation 6:17 _____

The final scene of the tribulation is spoken of in Revelation 14:14. What is the picture?

What does an angel say to Christ just before the Lord's return to earth?

Revelation 14:15 _____

What was the outcome of what the angel said?

Revelation 14:20 _____

The last verse refers to that great event known as the Battle of Armageddon. To better understand what took place, we need to read Revelation 19.

What do we see in Revelation 19:11? _____

