

JESUS IN THE OT

BASED ON THE SERMON: "THE Angel of The LORD"

THE BIG IDEA: This study will focus on the the angel of the LORD. Not "an" angel of the LORD or angels of the LORD. Specifically "the" angel of the LORD. Who he is? What he does? God is a complex and mysteriously wonderful being.

PRIMER Q: Where do you think Jesus was before he came in the flesh?

SERMON RECAP Q: What stood out to you in this week's sermon? Why did it stand out? How has God used the sermon to challenge and/or change you this week?

WATCH: Check out *the Angel of the LORD* video [<https://youtu.be/qgmf8bHayXw>] to setup today's study.

READ: Let's read **Genesis 16:1-13** [The first occurrence of "the angel of the LORD" in the scriptures.] **Q:** What clues in this story point to the angel of the LORD being more than just an angel? **Q:** This angel of the LORD gives commands, but also tells Hagar what he is going to do in her life. Do other angels in scripture have this ability to speak as the LORD?

READ: Let's read **Exodus 3:1-6**. **Q:** Who is in the burning bush? The angel? The LORD? Why do you think the scripture intentionally uses two titles for God in the same story? What is this trying to teach us? **Q:** In vs. 6 who does the angel of the LORD identify himself as?

READ: Let's jump to **Exodus 3:13-14**. **Q:** What is God's name according to these verses?

READ: Let's read an interaction between the religious leaders and Jesus regarding who Jesus is in **John 8:53-59**. **Q:** What is Jesus saying in this passage about who he is? [see vs.57-58]. **Q:** How could a 1st century rabbi exist before Abraham? How could a 1st century rabbi be the I AM?

*NOTE** The religious leaders knew exactly what Jesus was saying. That is why they picked up rocks to stone him to death in vs59.* **Q:** Do you see the connection to the burning bush?

READ: There are many accounts of the angel of the LORD appearing in the Bible. Take a quick look at this list. **Q:** Do you notice anything odd?

Genesis 16:7

Genesis 22:11

Exodus 3:2

Numbers 22:22

Judges 2:1

Judges 5:23

Judges 6:11

Judges 13:3

2 Samuel 24:16

1 Kings 19:7

2 Kings 1:3

2 Kings 19:35

Psalms 34:7

Psalms 35:5

Isaiah 37:36

Zechariah 1:11

Zechariah 3:1

Zechariah 12:8

For Bible Nerds

For those looking to learn more about the angel of the LORD check out this lecture on YouTube titled

"Who Is the Angel of the Lord? How to Find Jesus in the Old Testament" by Pastor Mike Winger

<https://youtu.be/ryCyQ4N08Q0>

Prayer Requests

Take prayer requests in your group. Instead of *only* praying for people at your gathering set up a calendar event or reminder on your phone later in the week with prayer details as well.

READ: "The" angel of the LORD does not appear in the NT with one exception in **Matthew 1:24**. After Jesus was born in the flesh the angel of the LORD no longer appears!

Q: What might this imply? [*On it's own this is shaky evidence, but after studying the angel of the LORD this is a fun Easter egg!*]

Q: Are there any other questions you have? Areas of interest for further study on this topic?

[Leader Note: Allow time for discussion and questions.]

If you or your group have any further questions please text them to 813.444.7170 or email rtirona@thechapelfh.org

Closing Thoughts: Taking this week's sermon and bible study into account, what area of faith and doctrine do you feel compelled to study further?

CLOSE IN PRAYER