

Angelic Hierarchy



Angel of the Lord

First Order



1. Seraphim



2. Cherubim



Throne Guardians

3. Wheels/Thrones

Second Order



1. Chief Prince/Dominion



2. Prince/Ruler



Angelic Beings over Nations

3. Authority

Third Order



1. Warrior



2. Watcher



Ministering Angels

3. Messenger

The angelic beings belong to the class of spiritual beings, "elohim." The Hebrews frequently viewed the angels as the stars of heaven. Genesis 1:14-19 God prescribes the dominion of the heavens to the sun, moon and the stars. For example: Judges 5:20, Job 38:7, Psalms 147: 4, Isaiah 40:26. Angels are also called, "the sons of elohim." For example Genesis 6, Job 1-2. The divine council is seen in Job 1-2 and in 1 Kings 22 and reveals God's control over rulers in history. The Divine Council involves God and all of the angelic beings, or "sons of God."

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

1. In every instance He acts as God. He does miracles and receives worship.
2. He forgave sin (Zechariah 3:1-5)
3. He is the pre- incarnate Jesus Christ

FIRST ORDER: These throne guardians are the closest to God

1. Seraphim (burning ones; or saraph- serpent) Isaiah 6: 2-6
2. Cherubim Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 1+2, Revelation 4: 6-11 (Satan is a ruling cherub, Ezekiel 28:14)
3. Ophanim (wheels) Ezekiel 1+2. Thronoi (Greek: thrones) Colossians 1:15; Revelation 4:4

SECOND ORDER: These angelic beings are over the nations

1. Roshanim sarim- chief princes, Michael (Daniel 10:13); Colossians 1:15 (dominions)
2. Sarim- "princes", they are over nations (Daniel 10:21) Colossians 1:15 (rulers)
3. Authorities- (Greek- exousia) official over a level of government. Colossians 1:15

THIRD ORDER: Ministering angels are protectors, guides and messengers

1. Gibborim- "Mighty ones," warriors Psalms 78:25; 103:20
2. Irim- watchers, chief angels, Daniel 4:13, 17, 23
3. Malakim- messengers: Genesis 19:1, 15; 28:12; 32:1; Job 4:18; Psalms 78:49; 91:11, 103:20