



## FAQs PLUS From Week 1: Holy Ground

### Angels

#### What types of angels are there?

There are several types of angels. Though the word “angel” literally means “messenger”, which is one type of angel, there are several other types as well. Here are the types:

- **Messenger angels** - those sent by God to deliver a Divine message like Gabriel (Luke 1; Daniel 9)
- **Seraphim** - assignment is to worship God (Isaiah 6:2-3)
- **Cherubim** - assignment is to guard the throne and stand watch; they are big and powerful (Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10)
- **Archangels** - chief princes and high ranking warriors like Michael (1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 9)
- **Ophanim** - considered “wheels within wheels”. These are also high ranking angels that accompany the cherubim. These have divine sight, awareness and perception. They have supernatural mobility that allows them to move in all directions without turning but ONLY as directed by God (Ezekiel 1:15-21)

#### Do angels take on physical forms?

Angels are spiritual beings that God created NOT to have a physical form (unlike humans who are spiritual beings who God created WITH physical form). However, angels CAN TAKE ON a physical form but ONLY with permission from God for a specific purpose (examples: Genesis 18, Genesis 19, Hebrews 13:2)

### Fallen Angels, Demons, and More

#### What types of fallen angels, demons, and more are there?

There are several categories of fallen angels, demons, and more and the difference and how they move today depends on the context of their fall - how they came to be. Here's a simple breakdown:

- **Fallen Angels Pre-Creation & Pre-Fall of man - Angels that fell with Lucifer** - Satan was an angel that fell and he took other angels with him. Some believe that this scripture in Revelation tells us that a third of the angels fell with him (Revelation 12:4). Though we can't be sure this is what this points to as this was a vision that seems to point to future events. In either case, angels that fell with Lucifer are active today in the Kingdom of darkness as principalities, rulers, etc as described in Ephesians 6:12.
- **Fallen Angels Post-Fall of man but pre-flood - Angels that rebelled by having relations with humans** (Genesis 6:1-4). They produced children called “Nephilim” that were half angel/half human. Nephilim is the Hebrew word for “giant” found in Genesis 6:4. The angels who were the parents (we address the children in the next bullet) were also considered fallen for doing this and God punished

them by binding them in chains in darkness where they await the final judgement (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6)

- **Nephilim** - The flood wiped out the Nephilim, but since not created by God their souls are said to remain and **THESE are the demons** who torture, torment, oppress and possess. They TAKE opportunities to possess as they once had a human form (unlike angels who take on human form by permission from God ONLY) **though they cannot possess a Holy Spirit-filled Believer** - their best tactic for the Holy Spirit believer is torment and oppression. (NOTE - this is NOT actually found in the scriptures of the Holy Bible. This is found in other Jewish writings and in the Book of Enoch. None of these are considered the God-breathed truth as in scripture, though a traditional, widespread belief held by many theologians primarily because it does explain those scriptures speaking to this whole issue. Absent these writings, interpretations of these scriptures would be a mystery)
- **Post Babel Fallen Angels**- When God scattered the population at Babel, giving them different languages and scattering them to different places to live (Genesis 11), he also assigned an angel to oversee each place while God decided He would ONLY be with a chosen group of people - who we know as the Children of Israel today (descendants of Abraham - Genesis 12). When people began to worship the angels that God assigned to the territories and those angels began to receive/welcome that worship, the angels fell! These fallen angels operate as principalities today. (Psalm 82; Daniel 10)

**Let me underscore this VERY IMPORTANT POINT - Holy Spirit Filled Believers CANNOT BE**

**POSSESSED BY DEMONS** - God's light CANNOT reside in the same place as darkness! His Spirit and the enemy's spirit CANNOT occupy the same space. Demons can torment and oppress, but they CANNOT possess a Holy Spirit filled believer! (1 John 4:4; John 1:4-5)

**Are the giants we see in the Bible after the flood (like Goliath) Nephilim?**

The short answer is that we don't know for sure.

There is scripture that supports it (when you look at the Hebrew word for "giant" in several passages post-Flood it's "Nephilim")

Scripture also refutes it. Since the flood wiped out everyone except Noah and his family and we don't see where other angels came and had relations with humans, how did these new Nephilim come to be?

Some hypothesize that maybe there were other angels who did this later. Others hypothesize that maybe one of Noah's son's wives had some Nephilim in her DNA somewhere.

We don't know for sure what the true answer is.

**Should I be hyper focused on fallen angels and demons now?**

NO! We will be getting to "In with the New" which will tell us EXACTLY where we SHOULD be hyper focused! We should be educated about angels and fallen angels and demons but **if we are hyper focused on THE NAME and THE SPIRIT that matters and won the victory over all this stuff, and do what GOD tells us to do (including, but not limited to putting on our whole armor of God - Ephesians 6:13-18) we have NO REASON to obsess over the rest!** Consider all of this as "helpful background" that we all should know because it helps... REALLY HELPS us understand our Bible and REVERENCE who we SERVE!!! (Colossians 2:15; 1 John 4:4)