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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

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**The following passages reveal much about the Angel of the Lord**

**Genesis 16:7** The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

**Genesis 22:11-17** But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

**Exodus 3:2-4** – See **Acts 7:30-34**

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-- why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

**Exodus 23:20-21** – See **Isaiah 63:9**

See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

**Judges 2:1-5** The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you." When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, and they called that place Bokim. There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.

**Judges 6:11-12** Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!"

**Judges 13:6-22** When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the LORD. "We are doomed to die!" he said to his wife. "We have seen God!"

**Isa 63:9** In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence [face] saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**Zechariah 1:9-11** I asked, "What are these, my lord?" The angel who was talking with me answered, "I will show you what they are." Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go throughout the earth." And they reported to the angel of the LORD, who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."

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**Zechariah 3:1-6** Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by. The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua:

**Zechariah 12:7-9** The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah. On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

**Acts 7:30-34** After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord's voice: 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'

## Scriptures in support of the possibility that the Angel of the Lord seems to be involved in ministry tied with the Lord Jesus.

1. **Revelation** – *Ex 3:2,4,6,14, John 1:14,18, Col 2:9, John 17:6*
2. **Commissions** – *Ex 3:7-8, Gideon – Jud 6:11-13, Samson Jud 13:1-21* Jesus commissioned disciples *Matt 28:19-20*
3. **Deliverance** – *Eph 1:7, Heb 2:14-15, Rom 11:25-26*
4. **Protection** – *Ps 34:7, 2 Kings 19:35, Heb 13:5*
5. **Intercession** – *Zech 1:12-13, Heb 13:5*
6. **Advocacy** – Advocate of God's *Zech 3:1-7, I John 2:1-2*
7. **Confirmation of covenant** – *Gen 22:11-18, Jud 2:1, Matt 26:28, Rom 15:18-19, Heb 9:15*
8. **Comfort** – *Gen 16:7-13, Lk 4:16-19, Jn 9:35-38, 16:1-4*
9. **Judgment** – *I Chron 21:1, 14:15, 21:18, 24-29, Matt 24:44-51, 25:32-42, 2 Thess 1:5-10, Rev. 5:5, 6:1-17*
10. **Calling to faith & commitment** *Gen 18:22-33, 31:11-13, 32:24-32*
11. **Provision and safekeeping** – *Gen 48:15-16 (KJV)*
12. **Forgiveness and direction** – *Ex 3:30-21*
13. **Representative of God's presence** – *Ex 32:34 –33:3, 14,15*
14. **Association with Glory Cloud** – *Ex 13:21-22, 14-19*
15. **Heavenly leader of God's army** – *Josh 5:13-15*

## NIV Study Bible

Note on Genesis 16:8 - *The Angel of the Lord*. Since the angel of the Lord speaks for God in the first person (v.10) and Hagar is said to name "the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me' (v.13), the angel appears to be both distinguished from the Lord (in that he is called 'messenger'-the Hebrew for 'angel')

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means messenger') and identified with him. Traditional interpretation has held this 'angel' was a preincarnate manifestation of Christ as God's Messenger-Servant. It may be, however, that, as the Lord's personal messenger who represented him and bore his credentials, the angel could speak on behalf of (and so be identified with) the One who sent him. Whether this 'angel' was the second person of the Trinity remains therefore uncertain.

## NEW TESTAMENT

### An Angel of the Lord

**Matt 1:20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit

**Matt 2:13** When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

**Luke 1:11-17** Gabriel called an angel of the Lord

**Perhaps the Angel of the Lord is the personal attendant(s) of the Lord. See Genesis 18**

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## ANGEL OF THE LORD IS INVOLVED IN JUDGING

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**2 Sam 24:15-17** So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the LORD, "I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall upon me and my family."

**1 Chr 21:14-17** So the LORD sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell dead. And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the LORD saw it and was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown. David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."

**II Ki 19:35** That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning-- there were all the dead bodies!

**Isa 37:36** Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning-- there were all the dead bodies!

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**Acts 12:21-23** On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

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## DISCERNMENT OBSERVATIONS

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I first discerned the Angel of the Lord when the furnace appeared. I believe the Angel of the Lord is tied the Pillar of Fire. I am aware of the Angel of the Lord when I sense a roaring fire on my head where I sense angels.

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## POSITION IN THE TABERNACLE

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The Angel of the Lord is at the Bronze Altar near the entrance to the Tabernacle.