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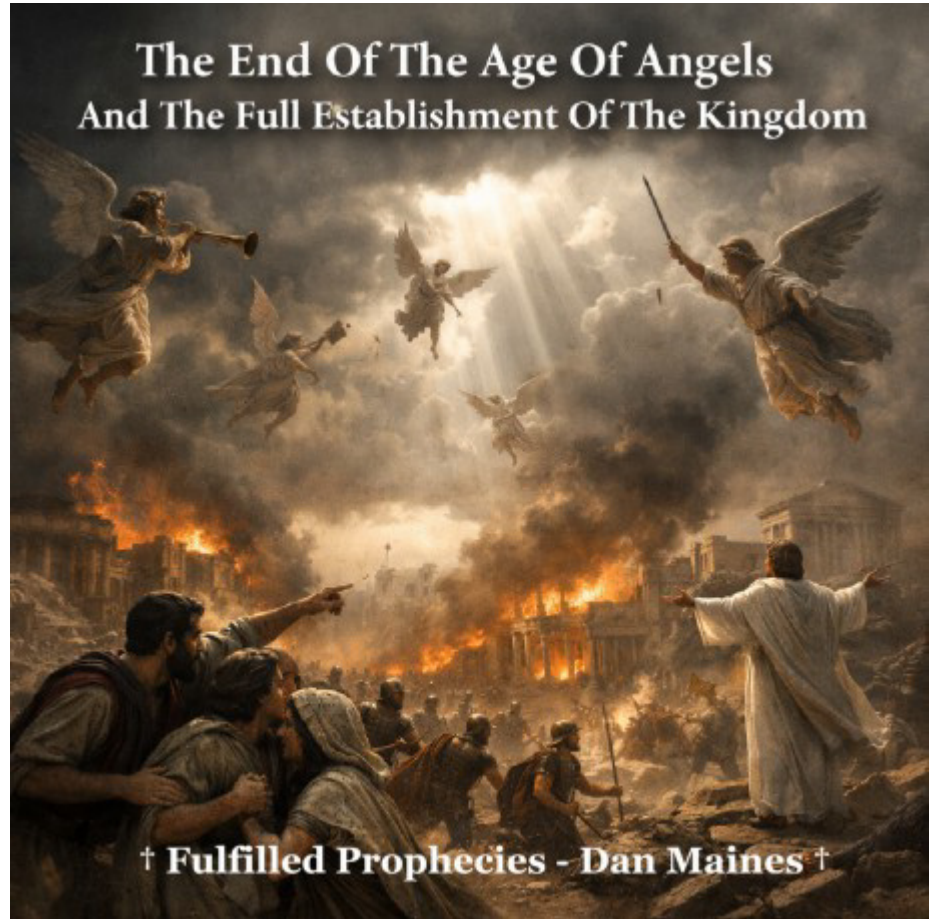
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Angels - The End Of The Age Of Angels And The Full Establishment Of The Kingdom



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Introduction

† Most people have been taught that angels are still actively carrying out covenant roles today, but scripture shows their ministry was tied to a specific age that has already passed.

† The Bible clearly places intense angelic activity in the last days of the Old Covenant, not in our time today.

† If we don't recognize the timing, we'll keep expecting things that belonged to a world that has already been judged and removed.

Galatians 3:19

Why the Law then? It was added on account of the violations, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the Seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

† The law itself was administered through angels, showing they had a covenant role, not an eternal one (Galatians 3:19).

† The word until places a clear stopping point on their function, meaning their role was temporary (Galatians 3:19).

† Once the Seed came and fulfilled the promise, that system, including angelic mediation, was no longer needed (Galatians 3:19).

Hebrews 2:2-3

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every violation and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

† The Old Covenant word was spoken through angels, confirming they were part of that administration (Hebrews 2:2).

† The contrast is now salvation through Christ, not through angelic mediation (Hebrews 2:3).

† This shows a shift from angel involvement to direct fulfillment in Christ (Hebrews 2:2-3).

Hebrews 1:13-14

But to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at My right

hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet?
Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

† Angels are described as ministering spirits serving those who were about to inherit salvation, not those who have already fully received it (Hebrews 1:14).

† Their role is tied to the process of inheritance, showing a transitional function, not a permanent one (Hebrews 1:13-14).

† Once the inheritance was fully established, their covenant role was no longer needed (Hebrews 1:13-14).

Matthew 24:31

And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

† Jesus places angelic activity at the time of His coming in that generation, not thousands of years later (Matthew 24:34).

† The gathering of the elect was a first century event tied to the judgment of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:31).

† Angels were actively involved in the closing of that age, not in an ongoing future mission (Matthew 24:31).

Revelation 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place

† The events of Revelation were said to take place soon, placing all angelic activity within their lifetime (Revelation 1:1).

† This removes any justification for pushing these events thousands of years into the future (Revelation 1:1).

† The timing confirms the fulfillment was imminent for them, not distant for us (Revelation 1:1).

Revelation 22:10

And he said to me, Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

† Angels were delivering final revelation because fulfillment was near to them, not distant (Revelation 22:10).

† The urgency proves that all angelic activity in Revelation belonged to their generation (Revelation 22:10).

† This wasn't written to a future audience, it was written to people about to experience these events (Revelation 22:10).

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant

† They had already come into the heavenly reality during that transition period (Hebrews 12:22).

† Angels are mentioned as part of that scene, but the focus is now on Jesus as the mediator (Hebrews 12:24).

† The shift is clear, from angelic administration to direct access through Christ (Hebrews 12:22-24).

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

in these last days has spoken to us in His Son

† God no longer speaks through angels as a covenant means, but through His Son (Hebrews 1:2).

† The phrase last days refers to the end of that Old Covenant age, not the end of the physical world (Hebrews 1:2).

† This confirms the transition was complete, and the former methods had passed away (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Ephesians 1:10

with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth

† All things, including angelic administration, were summed up and brought to completion in Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

† This shows the fulfillment wasn't partial, it was complete and comprehensive (Ephesians 1:10).

† There is no ongoing covenant role for angels because everything has already been brought together in Him (Ephesians 1:10).

Historical References

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in AD 70, marking the end of that covenant world (Wars of the Jews, Book 6).

† Eusebius confirms the early church understood these events as fulfillment of Christ's words concerning that generation and expected these things within their lifetime (Ecclesiastical History, Book 3).

† Tacitus also records the catastrophic judgment that came upon Jerusalem, aligning with the timeframe Jesus gave (Histories 5.13).

How It Applies To Us Today

† We're not waiting for angels to complete a mission, Christ has already completed it (Hebrews 10:12-14).

† We're living in the fully established kingdom, not in a transition period (Luke 17:20-21).

† Our focus isn't on signs, angels, or future judgments, it's on the present reign of Christ (Ephesians 1:20-22).

† We don't need mediation through angels, we have direct access to God through Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5).

Q & A Appendix

Q If angels were active then, do they still work the same way today?

A Scripture shows their covenant role was temporary and tied to that age, Galatians 3:19, Hebrews 2:2-3, Hebrews 1:13-14.

Q What about Matthew 24, doesn't that still apply to us?

A Jesus said all these things would happen in that generation, Matthew 24:34.

Q Why do people still expect angelic activity like in Revelation?

A Because they haven't recognized that the time was near for them, not us, Revelation 1:1, Revelation 22:10.

Q Doesn't the Bible say angels are ministering spirits forever?

A It says they were sent to serve those who would inherit salvation, showing a time-bound role tied to that inheritance,

Hebrews 1:14.

Q Do angels still exist even if their role changed?

A Yes, but their covenant function of mediating, revealing, and gathering has already been fulfilled in Christ, Ephesians 1:10.

Q Are there any angels today?

A Yes, angels still exist, but scripture shows their active covenant role was tied to the Old Covenant and its fulfillment, not to an ongoing system today, Galatians 3:19, Ephesians 1:10.

Q Why don't we see angels like they did in the Bible?

A Because their visible activity was concentrated in the time of covenant transition, especially leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem, Hebrews 1:1-2, Revelation 1:1.

Q Do angels still deliver messages from God today?

A No, God has now spoken fully through His Son, and that revelation has been completed, Hebrews 1:1-2, Revelation 22:10.

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