



Sermon Series: The Revelation of Jesus Christ - Part 3

Message: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible

Main Texts: Revelation 1:1, 20; Deuteronomy 32:8

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Question: How “supernatural” is our own worldview?

Bible Study Tip: If it's *weird*, it's probably *important*!

Let's talk about the different job descriptions of spiritual beings:

- **Angel:** *malak* (Hebrew) = “messenger” (Ex: Genesis 18-19)
- **Minister:** *mesortay* (Hebrew) = “ministers” (Ex: Psalm 103:20-21)
- **Watcher:** *ir* (Hebrew) = a spiritual being tasked to watch and stay alert (Ex: Daniel 4:13, 17, 23)
- **Cherubim & Seraphim** (Hebrew) = Yahweh God's throne guardians (Ex: Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10; Isaiah 6:1-6; Revelation 4:6-8)

More on spiritual beings:

- **They have free will** (Ex: 1 Kings 22:19-22)
- **We know a couple by name** (Gabriel - Luke 1:26; Michael - Daniel 10 & 12:1)
 - Daniel 10:13 - Michael is a “chief prince”
 - “prince”: *sar* (Hebrew) = another word for “supernatural being”
 - Daniel 12:1 - Michael is the protector of the nation of Israel
 - Jude 9 - Michael is called an archangel (chief angel)
- **Some spiritual beings were appointed over the nations at the Tower of Babel event**
 - Deuteronomy 32:7-9 - “sons of God” = spiritual beings
 - Deuteronomy 4:19 - Moses warns the Israelites of worshipping these spiritual beings
 - Psalm 82 - These spiritual beings became corrupt and were judged. Their inheritance of the nations was taken away (v6)!
 - Ephesians 3:10, 6:12; Colossians 1:16; 1 Peter 3:22 - These fallen spiritual beings are not demons! The terms “powers” “rulers” “authorities” etc, are of a much higher rank.

Back to Revelation:

- **Revelation 1:19-20** - “stars” = the angels of the seven churches
- **Revelation 2-3** - “To the angel of the church in _____ write:”
 - **Angel:** *angelo* (Greek) = generic term for spiritual beings loyal to Yahweh God
 - Writing to the “angels” of the churches is inclusive of the entire local church - both human and spiritual being - everyone loyal to Jesus
 - **Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22** - “*the Spirit says to the churches*”

Final Thoughts:

- **Consider This:** The physical world we can see is not all there is!
- **Mission of Jesus:** As His Kingdom increases, the kingdom of darkness decreases
- **Warning & Encouragement:** Jesus, Paul and Peter all urge us to “be alert!” (Mark 13:33; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 5:8-9)

Recommended Resources

Video Resources (*New videos added for this week!*):

- Go to our “Refton Church” Youtube channel and search for our Revelation Series Resources playlist (or find it in our weekly newsletters)

Books (*New book added!*):

- *The Unseen Realm*, by Dr. Michael Heiser
- *Reading Revelation*, by Joseph L. Trafton
- *Reading Revelation Responsibly*, by Michael J. Gorman
- *Left Behind or Left Befuddled*, by Gordon L. Isaac
- *NIV Faithlife Study Bible*, Zondervan, 2017