

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week we began a study of the Book of Hebrews by considering the identity of its Author, Audience and Theme. In this treatise, we see the presentation of "A New and Living Way" through the perfect propitiation of Jesus who eternally fulfilled the requirements of the ultimate sin sacrifice - that offered on behalf of the priest, and then the nation, on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).
- * In the book of Hebrews, the "New and Living Way" found in the New Covenant, and established by Jesus the Messiah, is declared to a primarily Jewish audience who are struggling with the trappings of the Old Covenant and false rabbinic teachings.
- * Today, we will consider the first of those misunderstandings, or false teachings - that Jesus the Messiah was an "Angel." God's Word is very clear that Jesus is the Son of God not an "angel." The author of the book begins by declaring WHO JESUS IS - He is the Son of God - and what that entails. He then transitions into the Biblical proof of why He is not an "angel."
- * As last week, we will consider the final point of our outline first in order to fully understand the Hebrew mindset before we consider the wonder of who Jesus actually is! ... SO ... WHO EXACTLY IS THE SON OF GOD?

INSTRUCTION

I. HE IS THE A _____ (v. 1-2; 3:1)

αποστολος - an official representative ... from αποστέλλο - to send out officially
(John 3:17; 3:34; 5:36-37; 6:27-29; 6:57; 7:29; 10:36; 11:42; 17:3; 1 John 4:14-15)

A. The E _____ N _____ of YHWH

1. HE IS _____

2. HE IS _____

* cf. Isaiah 43:10-11; 48:12-16; 50:1-7; Zechariah 2:8-9

* cf. Hebrews 1:5; Psalm 2:7; John 14:6-11;

* cf. Acts 5:4,9; Psalm 78:18-20, 40-41, 56

3. HE IS _____ (cf. 1 Cor 11:3; 15:27-28; Eph 1:20-22; Matt 28:18; John 5:20-30)

B. The P _____ R _____ of YHWH

* cf. John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 2:14-15; 5:7; cf. John 5:21-29; 7:16-18; 8:25-29; 12:44-50

II. HE IS THE A _____ (v. 2,4)

* cf. Psalm 2:6-9; Isaiah 9:6-7;

* cf. Matthew 21:33-40; Ephesians 1:20-23; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:17-18; Romans 8:17

III. HE IS THE A _____ (v. 2)

* cf. Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 40:22, 28; 42:5; 44:24; 45:12, 18; 48:13; 51:13; Psalm 104:2; Jeremiah 10:12; 51:15

* cf. John 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16-17

IV. HE IS THE A _____ (v. 3)

* cf. Hebrews 7:27; 9:12-16, 26; John 1:29; 1 John 1:7; 2:1-2; 3:5

V. HE IS NOT A _____ (v. 4-14; 2:5,9)

A. The Meaning and Usage of "Malak"

* An official representative of another; a messenger; an ambassador; an "angel"

* It is used 213x in 196v:

71x - The Angel of YHWH

16x - A Generic Angel ... Plus 13x in Zechariah

93x - An Earthly Messenger

2x - Messiah (Malachi 3)

* Verses where use is intermixed with heavenly and earthly

(cf. Genesis 32:1-6; Judges 6:11-35; 1 Kings 19:1-7; 2 Kings 1:2-5; 19:9,14,23,35)

B. The Messenger of YHWH

1. HE IS _____ (cf. Genesis 18:1-5; Judges 13:1-6, 15-23)

2. HE IS _____ (cf. Genesis 22:11-12, 15-18; 31:11-13; Judges 2:1-5; 6:20-23; 13:15-23; Hosea 12:2-5)

C. The Message of the Author of Hebrews (cf. Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14; Deut 32:43; Psalm 104:4; 145:6-7; 102:25-27; 110:1)

INTROSPECTION

- * Who is Jesus to you? Is He the eternal Son of God?
- * When the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons come to your door, are you "Ready to give a defense?"
- * Is understanding the "truth" as God presented it important to you?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Is having a proper understanding of the deity of Christ really important? Why, or why not?
- * How important should it be for us, individually, to seek to have a proper grasp on various Biblical/Theological issues/doctrines?
- * How important is reading and understanding the Old Testament for the New Testament believer? Why?

malak ... 213x in 196v (only 8x in the Psalms!)

Angel of YHWH ("An Angel of YHWH)

Genesis 16:7, 9, 10, 11; 21:17; 22:11, 15
Exodus 3:2
Numbers 22:22,23,24,25,26,27,31,32,34,35
Judges 2:1,4; 5:23; 6:11,12,20,21,22; 13:3,6,9,13,15,16,17,18,20,21
1 Kings 19:5,7
2 Kings 1:3,15; 19:35
1 Chron 21:12,15,16,18, 20, 27, 30
2 Chron 32:21
Angel who brought the plague on Jerusalem (cf. 2 Sam 24:16,17 4x)
Psalm 34:7; 35:5,6
Isaiah 37:36
Zechariah 3:1,3,5,6; 12:8

Angel of God ... spoke to Jacob and spoke as YHWH (cf. Genesis 31:11)

Angel of God in reference to the pillar of cloud (cf. Exodus 14:19; Numbers 20:16)

Angel ... Jacob declared "the angel which redeemed me ..." (cf. Genesis 48:16)

Angel ... YHWH declared that He was sending His Angel before Israel and His would be in Him (cf. Exodus 23:20,23; 32:34; 33:2)

THE MESSIAH (Malachi 3:1-3)

Malachi 3:1-3 1 "Behold, I send **My messenger**, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even **the Messenger of the covenant**, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

Angels of YHWH to Sodom ("The Angels") (cf. Genesis 19:1, 15)

YHWH shall send His angel before You (cf. Genesis 24:7,40)

Angels of God ascending and descending upon the ladder (cf. Genesis 28:12)

Angels of God met Jacob while returning (cf. Genesis 32:1)

Angels of God in a general sense (Psalm 78:49 (evil); 91:11; 103:20; 104:4; 148:2)

Angel of God/YHWH ... (Zech 1:11,12,13,14,19; 2:3; 4:1,4,5; 5:5,10; 6:4,5)

Comparing David to an angel of God to him (cf. Achish - 1 Sam 29:9; Woman hired by Joab - 2 Sam 14:17,20; Mephibosheth - 2 Sam 19:27)

False prophet claimed an angel of God spoke to him (cf. 1 Kgs 13:18)

Messengers of Jacob (cf. Genesis 32:6)

Messengers of Moses (cf. Numbers 20:14; Deuteronomy 2:26)

Messengers of Israel (cf. Numbers 21:21; Joshua 6:25; 7:22)

Messengers of Balak (cf. Numbers 22:5; 24:12)

Messengers of Gideon (cf. Judges 6:35; 7:24)

Messengers of Zebul the ruler of Shechem (cf. Judges 9:31)

Messengers of Jephthah (Judges 11:12,13,14,17,19)

Messengers of Beth Shemesh (1 Samuel 6:21)

Messengers of Jabesh and then Saul (1 Samuel 11:3,4)

Messengers of Saul (1 Samuel 11:7,9; 16:19; 19:11,14,15,16,20,21; 23:27)

Messengers of David (1 Samuel 25:14, 42; 2 Sam 2:5; 3:14; 11:4,25; 1 Chron 19:2)

Messengers of Abner ... Joab (2 Samuel 3:12; 3:26; 11:19,22,23; 12:27)

Messengers of Hiram (2 Samuel 5:11)

Messengers of Jezebel (1 Kings 19:2)

Messengers of Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 20:2,5,9)

Messengers of Ahab and Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:13; 2 Chron 18:12)

Messengers of Ahaziah (2 Kings 1:2,3,5,16)

Messengers of Elisha (2 Kings 5:10)

Messengers of Ahab (2 Kings 6:32,33; 7:15; 9:18)

Messengers for Jehu (2 Kings 10:8)

Messengers of Amaziah (2 Kings 14:8)

Messengers of Ahaz (2 Kings 16:7)

Messengers of the King of Assyria (2 Kings 17:4; 19:9,14,23; Isaiah 37:9,14)

Messengers of the King of Tyre (1 Chron 14:1)

Messengers of the Ammonites (1 Chron 19:16)

Messengers of Necho (2 Chron 35:21)

Messengers (Prophets/Priests) of YHWH (2 Chron 36:15,16; Haggai 1:13; Malachi 2:7)

Messengers of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 6:3)

Messengers in/to/discussed by Job and friends (Job 1:14; 4:18; 33:23)

Messengers in Proverbs/Ecclesiastes (Prov 13:17; 16:14; 17:11; Eccl 5:6)

Messengers in Isaiah (Isaiah 14:32; 18:2; 30:4; 33:7; 42:19; 44:26)

Messengers to Zedekiah (Jeremiah 27:3)

Messengers in Ezekiel (Ezek 17:15; 23:16; 23:40; 30:9)

Messengers in Nahum (Nahum 2:13)

EXAMPLES OF MALAK AS HEAVENLY MESSENGER AND EARTHLY MESSENGER IN SAME PASSAGE

Genesis 32:1-6 ... Came to Jacob and Jacob then sends out to Esau

Judges 6:11-35 ... Angel of YHWH/God ... then he sends out his messengers (6:35; 7:24)

2 Kings 19:9,14,23, 35 ... messengers of the King of Assyria ... the Angel of YHWH

1 Kings 19:1-7 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent **a messenger** to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!" 5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly **an angel** touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And **the angel of the LORD came back the second time**, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

2 Kings 1:2-5 Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent **messengers** and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury." 3 But **the angel** of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet **the messengers** of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' 4 Now therefore, thus says the LORD: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah departed. 5 And when **the messengers** returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?"

EXAMPLES OF ANGEL OF YHWH BEING YHWH

Genesis 22:11-12 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Genesis 22:15-16 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son--

Genesis 31:11-13 Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.' 12 And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.' "

Judges 2:1-5 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. 2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? 3 Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'" 4 So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept. 5 Then they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the LORD.

Judges 6:20-23 20 The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. 21 Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." 23 Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."

Judges 13:15-23 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You." 16 And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.) 17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?" 18 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on-- 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar--the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!" 23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have told us such things as these at this time."

Hosea 12:2-5 "The LORD also brings a charge against Judah, And will punish Jacob according to his ways; According to his deeds He will recompense him. 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God. 4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us-- 5 That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name.

EXAMPLES OF THE ANGEL OF YHWH LOOKING LIKE A "MAN"

Judges 13:15-23 ... Manoah and his wife both saw The Angel of YHWH as a very special man

Genesis 18:1-5 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."

Judges 13:1-6 Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. 2 Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. 3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. 5 For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." 6 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.