



ANGELOLOGY



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- OT – 108 references
- NT – 165 references



Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 2:3

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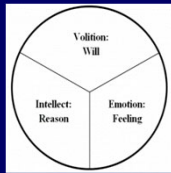
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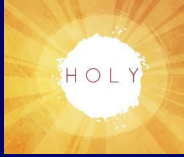
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- General
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 - ◆ Ministering spirits (Heb 1:14)
 - ◆ Heavenly hosts (Luke 2:13)
 - ◆ Watchers (Dan 4:13-17)
 - ◆ Sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)
 - ◆ Stars (Rev 12:3-4, 9)

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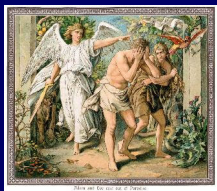
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- Past
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 - ◆ Brought judgment (Gen 19:22; Acts 12:22-23)
 - ◆ Accompanied the Law (Gal 3:19)
 - ◆ Announced births of John and Christ (Luke 1:11-13, 26-27)
 - ◆ Strengthened Christ (Matt 4:11)
 - ◆ Announced resurrection (Matt 28:1-7)
 - ◆ Observed Ascension (Acts 1:11)
 - ◆ Brought messages (Luke 1:13)

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- Present
 - ◆ Protect believers (Ps 34:7; 91:11-12)
 - ◆ Deliver God's answers to prayer (Dan 9:23; 10:12)
 - ◆ Take souls to heaven (Luke 16:22)
 - ◆ Involvement in government (Dan 10:21; 11:1; 12:1)

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- Future
 - ◆ Rapture (1 Thess 4:16)
 - ◆ Judged by humans (1 Cor 6:3)
 - ◆ Tribulation judgments (Rev 8:2; 16:1)
 - ◆ Return of Christ (Matt 24:31; 25:31)
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