

1. Last week I taught in summary fashion the Doctrine of Suffering, the Doctrine of Heathenism and Dan 3:26. We are now ready to begin Dan 3:27.

2. Before continuing let me give you an expanded translation of Daniel chapter three verses twenty-four, twenty-five and twenty-six.

Dan 3:24 After King Nebuchadnezzar arrived from the Palace, he looked into the furnace and was astounded, what he saw caused him to leap to his feet; the King turned to his chief of staff, "Didn't we throw all three men into the fire and were not their hands and feet tied?" One of his cabinet members answered, "Certainly, O king."

Dan 3:25 King Nebuchadnezzar then said: O Look, I see four men unbound; in fact they are all four walking around in the furnace; there are flames leaping all around them but they seem to be unharmed and the fourth man looks like a son of one of our gods.

Dan 3:26 Then, after the furnace had cooled down somewhat, Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the furnace and spoke: "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the most high God, come out and come here. Then the three came out of the furnace."

3. It would certainly seem the King saw the Angel of Jehovah in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

3.1 The Angel of The Lord is in a number of cases used of the Lord Jesus Christ as a Theophany, i.e., the appearance of Christ in some form like a burning bush, an angel, a wrestler etc., but not always as shall see.

4. Let me review the Doctrine of The Angel of Jehovah:

4.1 The Angel of The Lord is identified as Jehovah in several Scriptures. In the Old Testament Lord is Yehovah and in the New Testament Lord is Kurios. Angel in the Old Testament is Malach and in the New Testament it is Angelos.

4.1.1 Let's look at several Scriptures where the Angel of the Lord is, at least from the context, Christ.

Gen 16:7 And the "angel of the LORD" found Hagar by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur (a city west of Beersheba on the route to Egypt).

Gen 16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

Gen 16:9 And the "angel of the LORD" said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

Gen 16:10 And the "angel of the LORD" said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

Gen 16:11 And the "angel of the LORD" said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

Gen 22:11 And the "angel of the LORD" called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

Gen 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

Exo 3:2 And the "angel of the LORD" appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Act 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai an "angel of the Lord" in a flame of fire in a bush.

Act 7:31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

Act 7:32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

Act 7:33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Act 7:34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Act 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Jdg 6:11 And there came an "angel of the LORD", and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

Jdg 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valor.

Jdg 6:13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Jdg 6:14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

Jdg 6:15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

2. Several angels and even one called "an angel of the Lord" are distinguished from Jehovah in other Scriptures. Therefore, it is difficult to identify the Angel of The Lord, i.e., whether the Angel is Christ or an "angel."

Exo 14:19 And the "angel of God" (Elohim), which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

Exo 23:20 Behold, I send an "Angel" before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exo 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

Exo 23:22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

Exo 23:23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Num 20:16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an "angel", and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

1Ch 21:15 And God sent an "angel" unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Zec 1:12 Then the "angel of the LORD" (Yehovah) answered and said, O LORD (Yehovah) of hosts (Tsava), how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

Zec 1:13 And the LORD (Yehovah) answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

3. The Angel of Jehovah is often the Second Person of the Trinity but not always therefore the context must be taken into consideration:

3.1. The Second Person of the Trinity is the visible God of the New Testament.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

3.2 Both the Angel of Jehovah and Jesus Christ are sent by the Father.

3.3 Since both the Father and the Holy Spirit cannot be seen by man, and since Christ has been seen, it is concluded that Christ is very often the Angel of Jehovah in both the Old and New Testaments unless the context demands otherwise.

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