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Angels can break off chains

**The angel struck him (Peter) on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists. (Acts 12:7)**



Angels can lead past guard posts

**So Peter left the cell, following the angel... They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. (Acts 12:10)**



Angels can open iron city gates

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Angels can appear and disappear

**So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him.**



Angels can strike a person with sickness

**Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people’s worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died. (Acts. 12:23)**



Angels protect people who make the Lord their refuge and shelter

**If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. (Psalm 91:9-10)**



Angels hold people up with their hands

**They (angels) will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. (Psalm 91:12)**



Angels praise the Lord, do God's bidding, obey His word, and do His will

**Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. (Psalm 103:20-21)**



Angels dispute with the devil

**But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 9)**



Angels oppose people at times

**The angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him... The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road... she turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat her... Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. (Numbers 22:22-31)**



Angels have swords

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Angels rejoice over sinners repenting

**In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)**



Angels are concerned in human things

**Even angels long to look into these things. (1 Peter 1:12)**



Angels fly and speak

**Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (Isaiah 6:2-4)**



Angels accompany the Lord down from heaven

**For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)**



Angels appear in dreams and speak

**After he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:20)**



Angels can appear to humans and not be recognized

**Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)**



Angels take messages to people on earth

**In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. (Luke 1:26)**

**But the angel said to them [shepherds], "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10-12)**

**After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)**

**When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12)**

**The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son." (Judges 13:3)**

**Last night an angel of the God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." (Acts 27:23)**



Angels attended Jesus when He was on earth

**Then the devil left him (Jesus) and angels came and attended him [in the wilderness]. (Matthew 4:11)**

**An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (Jesus in the garden) (Luke 22:43)**



Angels moved earthly objects on earth

**An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. (Matthew 28:5)**

**During the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. (Acts 5:19)**



Angels can appear in flames of fire

**There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. (Exodus 3:2)**



Angels can lead people

**The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. (Judges 2:1)**



Angels are ministering spirits

**[The Lord] who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire. (Psalm 104:4 KJV)**

**Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)**

**My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. (Daniel 6:22)**

**Elijah was afraid and ran for his life...Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."...The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." (1 Kings 19:3, 5, 7)**



Angels guard God's people

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. (Psalm 34:7)**

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:11-12)**



Angels sometimes become visible in the likeness of human form

**The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. (Genesis 19:1)**

**The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah... And the angel of the Lord disappeared. When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." (Judges 6:11, 22)**

**David looked up and saw the angel of the Lord standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 21:16, 20)**



Angels do not marry

**At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. (Matthew 22:30)**



Angels are exceedingly numerous

**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. (Hebrews 12:22)**

**Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. (Revelation 5:11)**



Angels are powerful

**That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. (2 Kings 19:35)**



Angels are about the throne of God

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**All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (Revelation 7:11)**



Angels observe people

**For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. (1 Corinthians 4:9)**

**His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 3:10)**



Angels are to accompany Christ in His second advent

**When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31-32)**

**For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. (Matthew 16:27)**

**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels. (Mark 8:38)**



Angels are harvesters to weed out sin and all who do evil

**The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels...The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:39, 41-42)**



The angel Michael has a particular relation to Israel

**But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia... no one supports me against them except Michael. (Daniel 10:13, 21)**

**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that**



**time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered. (Daniel 12:1-2)**



The angel Gabriel has distinguished services

**While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision." (Daniel 8:15-16)**

**While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding." (Daniel 9:21-22)**

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Fallen angels are chained in darkness waiting judgment

**And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home - these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. (Jude 6)**

**For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment, if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others, if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly, and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. (2 Peter 2:4-9)**



Angels will be judged by those who belong to Jesus

**Do you not know that we will judge angels? (1 Corinthians 6:3)**



Satan and his angels will be sent to everlasting fire

**Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)**

**And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)**



Angels can ascend and descend from heaven to earth

**He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. (Genesis 28:12)**

**He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. (John 1:51)**



Angels sing and shout for joy

**Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? ...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? (Job 38:4, 7)**



Angels of the little ones always see the Father's face in heaven

**See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:10)**



Angels will gather God's elect

**At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:30-31)**



Angels' appearance can frighten people

**Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. (Luke 1:11)**

**And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,**

**and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:8-12)**



Angels praise God

**Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13)**

**And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him. (Hebrews 1:6-7)**



Angels carry people who die into paradise

**The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. (Luke 16:22)**



Angels are under submission to Jesus Christ

**It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:22)**



Angels are stronger and more powerful than men

**Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. (2 Peter 2:11)**



Angels are in heaven standing before God and working for Him

**After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. (Revelation 7:1)**

**And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. (Revelation 8:2-3)**

**And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (Revelation 12:7-9)**

**Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (Revelation 14:6-7)**

**Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle. (Revelation 14:17)**

**Then the angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God." (Revelation 19:9-10)**

**The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place." (Revelation 22:6)**

**I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. but he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" (Revelation 22:9)**

