

# Spiritual Powers of Darkness: Evil Angels

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## Strong's Definitions

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### ANGEL

**OT:4397 mal'ak** (mal-awk'); from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): KJV-ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

**NT:32 aggelos** (ang'-el-os); from aggello [probably derived from **NT:71**; compare **NT:34**] (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor: KJV-angel, messenger.

**NT:71 ago** (ag'-o); a primary verb; properly, to lead; by implication, to bring, drive, (reflexively) go, (specially) pass (time), or (figuratively) induce: KJV-be, bring (forth), carry, (let) go, keep, lead away, be open.

**NT:34 agele** (ag-el'-ay); from **NT:71** [compare **NT:32**]; a drove: KJV-herd.

### DIGNITARIES

**NT:1391 doxa** (dox'-ah); from the base of **NT:1380**; **glory (as very apparent)**, in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): KJV - dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship

**NT:1380 dokeo** (dok-eh'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb, doko (dok'-o) (used only in an alternate in certain tenses; compare the base of NT:1166) of the same meaning; **to think; by implication, to seem (truthfully or uncertainly)**: KJV - be accounted, (of own) please (-ure), be of reputation, seem (good), suppose, think, trow.

### HOST OF HEAVEAN

**OT:6635 tsaba'** (tsaw-baw'); or (feminine) tseba'ah (tseb-aw-aw'); from **OT:6633**; a mass of persons (or figuratively, things), **especially reg. organized for war** (an army); by implication, a campaign, literally or figuratively (specifically, hardship, worship): KJV - appointed time, (+)army, (+)battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).

**OT:6633 saba'** (tsaw-baw'); a primitive root; **to mass (an army or servants)**: KJV - assemble, fight, perform, muster, wait upon, war.

### POWERS

**NT:1849 exousia** (ex-oo-see'-ah); from **NT:1832** (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: KJV-authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

**NT:1832 exestin** (ex'-es-teen) or exesti (ex'-es-tee); third person singular present indicative of a compound of NT:1537 and NT:1510; so also exon (ex-on'); neuter present participle of the same (with or without some form of NT:1510 expressed); impersonally, it is right (through the figurative idea of being out in public): KJV-be lawful, let, X may (-est).



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## PRINCIPALITIES

**NT:746 arche** (ar-khay'); from **NT:756**; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank): KJV-beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

**NT:756 archomai** (ar'-khom-ahee); middle voice of **NT:757** (through the implication of precedence); to commence (in order of time): KJV-(re)harse from the) begin (-ning).

**NT:757 archo** (ar'-kho); a primary verb; to be first (in political rank or power): KJV-reign (rule) over.

## RULERS OF THE DARKNESS

**NT:2888 kosmokrator** (kos-mok-fat'-ore); from **NT:2889** and **NT:2902**; a world-ruler, an epithet of Satan: KJV-RULER.

**NT:2889 kosmos** (kos'-mos); probably from the base of **NT:2865**; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]): KJV-adorning, world.

**NT:2865 komizo** (kom-id'-zo); from a primary komeo (to tend, i.e. take care of); properly, to provide for, i.e. (by implication) to carry off (as if from harm; genitive case obtain): KJV-bring, receive.

**NT:2902 krateo** (krat-eh'-o); from **NT:2904**; to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively): KJV-hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

**NT:2904 kratos** (krat'-os); perhaps a primary word; vigor ["great"] (literally or figuratively): KJV-dominion, might [-ily], power, strength.

**NT:4655 skotos** (skot'-os); from the base of **NT:4639**; shadiness, i.e. obscurity (literally or figuratively): KJV-DARKNESS.

**NT:4639 skia** (skee'-ah); apparently a primary word; "shade" or a shadow (literally or figuratively [darkness of error or an adumbration]): KJV-shadow.

## SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS

**NT:4152 pneumatikos** (pnyoo-mat-ik-os'); from **NT:4151**; non-carnal, i.e. (humanly) ethereal (as opposed to gross), or (daemoniacally) a spirit (concretely), or (divinely) supernatural, regenerate, religious: KJV-SPIRITUAL. Compare **NT:5591**.

**NT:4151 pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from **NT:4154**; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: KJV-ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare **NT:5590**.

**NT:4154 pneo** (pneh'-o); a primary word; to breathe hard, i.e. breeze: KJV-blow. Compare **NT:5594**.

**NT:5594 psucho** (psoo'-kho); a primary verb; to breathe (voluntarily but gently, thus differing on the one hand from **NT:4154**, which denotes properly a forcible respiration; and on the other from the base of **NT:109**, which refers properly to an inanimate breeze), i.e. (by implication of reduction of temperature by evaporation) to chill (figuratively): KJV-wax cold.

**NT:5591 psuchikos** (psoo-khee-kos'); from **NT:5590**; sensitive, i.e. animate (in distinction on the one hand from **NT:4152**, which is the higher or renovated nature; and on the other from **NT:5446**, which is the lower or bestial nature): KJV-natural, sensual.



**NT:5590 psuche** (psoo-khay'); from NT:5594; breath, i.e. (by implication) spirit, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from NT:4151, which is the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from NT:2222, which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew OT:5315, OT:7307 and OT:2416): KJV-heart (+-ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.

**NT:4189 poneria** (pon-ay-ree'-ah); from **NT:4190**; depravity, i.e. (specifically) malice; plural (concretely) plots, sins: KJV-iniquity, WICKEDNESS.

**NT:4190 poneros** (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of **NT:4192**; hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from NT:2556, which refers rather to essential character, as well as from NT:4550, which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners: KJV-bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also **NT:4191**.

**NT:4192 ponos** (pon'-os); from the base of **NT:3993**; toil, i.e. (by implication) anguish: KJV-pain.

**NT:3993 penes** (pen'-ace); from a primary peno (to toil for daily subsistence); starving, i.e. indigent: KJV-poor. Compare NT:4434.

**NT:4191 poneroteros** (pon-ay-rot'-er-os); comparative of **NT:4190**; more evil: KJV-more wicked.

## Fallen Angels in the Old Testament

Even in his servants he puts no trust, and **his angels he charges with error**; how much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like the moth. Job 4:18-19 ESV

He let loose on them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, **a company of destroying angels**. Psalms 78:49 ESV

On that day the Lord will **punish the host of heaven, in heaven**, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. Isaiah 24:21 ESV

Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. **All the host of heaven shall rot away**, and the skies roll up like a scroll. **All their host shall fall**, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree. Isaiah 34:3-4 ESV

Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. **The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me** twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with **the kings of Persia**, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come." Daniel 10:12-14 ESV



Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against **the prince of Persia**; and when I go out, behold, **the prince of Greece** will come. Daniel 10:20 ESV

Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, "Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out." And I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the basket that is going out." And he said, "This is their iniquity in all the land." And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket! And he said, "**This is Wickedness.**" And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening. Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, **two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings. They had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.** Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they taking the basket?" He said to me, "To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it. And when this is prepared, they will set the basket down there on its base." Zechariah 5:5-11 ESV

## **Fallen Angels in New Testament**

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and **the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 24:29-30 ESV

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

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and **the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Mark 13:24-26 ESV

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For **the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:25-27 ESV

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, **nor angels nor rulers**, nor things present nor things to come, **nor powers**, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39 ESV

Do you not know that we are **to judge angels**? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 1 Corinthians 6:3 ESV



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For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**. So it is no surprise if **his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness**. Their end will correspond to their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 ESV

That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion**, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church. Ephesians 1:20-22 ESV

So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to **the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places**. Ephesians 3:10 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places**. Ephesians 6:10-12 ESV

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and **invisible**, whether **thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities**—all things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16 ESV

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to **the elemental spirits of the world**, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is **the head of all rule and authority**. Colossians 2:8-10 ESV

By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **He disarmed the rulers and authorities** and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:14-15 ESV

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and **worship of angels**, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind. Colossians 2:18 ESV

But even if we or **an angel from heaven** should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:8 ESV

Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, **with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him**. 1 Peter 3:22 ESV

For if **God did not spare angels when they sinned**, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment. 2 Peter 2:4 ESV

For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is **the deceiver and the antichrist**. 2 John 7 ESV



And **the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority**, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day. Jude 6 ESV

Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and **blaspheme the glorious ones**. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." Jude 8-9 ESV

They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. They have as king over them **the angel of the bottomless pit**. His name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, and in Greek he is called **Apollyon**. Revelation 9:10-11 ESV

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, **with seven heads and ten horns**, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down **a third of the stars of heaven** and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. Revelation 12:1-4 ESV

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And **the dragon and his angels fought back**, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and **his angels were thrown down with him**. Revelation 12:7-9 ESV

## Possible References

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, **the sons of God** saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God** came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. Genesis 6:1-4 ESV

And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, **all the host of heaven**, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. Deuteronomy 4:19 ESV

"If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and **served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven**, which I have forbidden, and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel. Deuteronomy 17:2-4 ESV



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And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made **an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.** 2 Kings 17:16 ESV

For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he erected **altars for Baal and made an Asherah**, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and **worshiped all the host of heaven** and served them. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem will I put my name." And he built **altars for all the host of heaven** in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 2 Kings 21:3-5 ESV

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made **for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven.** He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who **burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens.** And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. 2 Kings 23:4-6 ESV

For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he erected **altars to the Baals, and made Asherahs, and worshiped all the host of heaven** and served them. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem shall my name be forever." And he **built altars for all the host of heaven** in the two courts of the house of the Lord. And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with wizards. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. 2 Chronicles 33:3-6 ESV

Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. Job 1:6 ESV

Again there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. Job 2:1 ESV

On that day the Lord will **punish the host of heaven, in heaven**, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. Isaiah 24:21 ESV

Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. **All the host of heaven shall rot away**, and the skies roll up like a scroll. **All their host shall fall**, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree. For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction. Isaiah 34:3-5 ESV

And they shall be spread before **the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven**, which they have loved and served, which they have gone after, and which they have sought and worshiped. And they shall not be gathered or buried. They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground. Jeremiah 8:2 ESV



The houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah—all the houses on whose roofs offerings have been **offered to all the host of heaven**, and drink offerings have been poured out **to other gods**—shall be defiled like the place of Topheth."  
Jeremiah 19:13 ESV

Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. It grew great, **even to the host of heaven**. And **some of the host and some of the stars** it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. It became great, even as great as **the Prince of the host**. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. And **a host will be given over** to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper.  
Daniel 8:9-12 ESV

"I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests along with the priests, those who bow down on the roofs to **the host of the heavens**, those who bow down and swear to the Lord and yet swear by Milcom.  
Zephaniah 1:4-5 ESV

But God turned away and gave them over to **worship the host of heaven**, as it is written in the book of the prophets: "'Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices, during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You took up **the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan**, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'" Acts 7:42-43 ESV

