

Exploring the Biblical Roots of our

# UNSEEN ALLIES

Millions of spiritual  
creatures walk the earth  
Unseen, both when we  
wake & when we sleep.

~John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

## A Collection of Resources on the Holy Angels

*In the face of the challenges of our times and the tribulations which every individual experiences in his life, it is salutary to recall the powerful help and solicitous guidance of the holy angels who "work together for the benefit of us all" - Benedict XVI (cf. Catechism, No. 350).*

### ANGELS IN PRINT

#### Introductory

Mike Aquilina, "Angels of God: The Bible, the Church, and the Heavenly Hosts" St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2009.

#### Intermediate

Peter Kreeft, "Angels & Demons: What do we really know about them?" Ignatius Press, 1995.

#### Advanced

Steven Chase, "Angelic Spirituality: Medieval Perspectives on the Ways of Angels" Paulist Press, 2002.

### ANGELS ONLINE

The best site I have discovered that has collected all the most accurate information on angels from Scripture & Tradition is:

[www.opusangelorum.org](http://www.opusangelorum.org)

In EWTN's audio library you can search angels in the keyword field for programs with Mother Angelica, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, and even a series on the Angels. [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

Other helpful sites:

[www.catholic-pages.com/angels/what.asp](http://www.catholic-pages.com/angels/what.asp)

Renowned catechist

Fr. John Hardon, SJ on the angels:

<http://bit.ly/aZxKT2>



*Angels at the Ascension of Christ*



*Angel ministering to Christ*



*Archangel Michael*

*O delightful intimacy, O blessed companionship! Oh, if only all men knew how to understand and appreciate this very great gift that God, in the excess of His love for men, has assigned to us this celestial spirit!*

*- St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

# Angels in the Story of Salvation: evidence of God's love

This isn't an exhaustive list (there are 300+ references to angels in the Scriptures), but rather a survey of the continuous role of angels in the story of salvation and evidence that God intends them to be our ever-present companions on our journey to Christ.

*"Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation, announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan" - Catechism, No. 332*

## EARLY WORLD

Gen 1:6-8; 3:1, 24

## PATRIARCHS

Gen 16:7-11; 18:1-15; 19:1-23; 22:11; 24:7, 40; 28:12; 31:11; 32:1-2; 48:16

## EGYPT & EXODUS

Ex. 3:2; 14:19; 23:20, 23; 25:18; 33:2

## DESERT WANDERINGS

Num. 20:16; 22:22-35

## CONQUEST & JUDGES

Josh. 5:13-15; Jud. 2:1-4; 6:12; 13:3

## ROYAL KINGDOM

2 Sam 24:16-17; Ps. 91:11; 1 Kng 6:23

## DIVIDED KINGDOM

1 Kings 19:5; 2 Kings 1:3; 19:15

## EXILE

Daniel 3:28; 6:22; 8:15-17; 10:4ff; Isa 63:9; Tobit 12:15; Baruch 6:7

## RETURN

Zechariah 1-6

## MACCABEAN REVOLT

2 Macc. 3:24-30; 5:2-4; 10:29-30; 11:8

## MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT

Lk. 1:11-19, 26-38; 2:9-15; 10:18; 12:8-9; 15:10; 16:22; 20:35-36; 22:43; 24:4

## THE CHURCH

Acts 5:19; 8:26; 10:3,7; 12:7-11; 27:23-24

"Nearly every page of Scripture testifies to the existence of angels and archangels."  
- St. Gregory the Great

*For he will give  
his angels charge  
of you to guard  
you in all your  
ways - Ps. 91:11*



The Annunciation

## ANGELS IN THE MASS

The Church, every day and every hour, in all the world, before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer *in the center of the Mass*, makes appeal "to the angels and archangels" to sing the glory of the thrice-holy God, uniting herself thus to those first adorers of God, in the worship and the loving knowledge of the unspeakable mystery of His holiness." - John Paul II