

Hebrews 1 vs 4 to 14 Jesus Is Better Than Angels Nov 8 2009

Intro: ABC's V for visitors. "They arrive, visitors from beyond." Promising technological advances and world peace. Want homage/worship. Something sinister under the good promises of Anna, the leader of the V's.

We are not alone in the universe. In addition to God, there are angels, elect and evil.

1. Angelology – What the Bible Says.

- People do not become angels when they die.
- Angels were all created at one time before Adam and Eve.
- There are a multitude of angels.
- Satan was a rebellious angel who led as many as 1/3 in revolt. (Rev 12)
- Satan and his evil angels, demons, deceive people. (Acts 5:3)
- The elect angels, minister to God and people, and they are messengers
- Angels are directly referenced 108 Xs in the OT and 165Xs in the NT.

2. Angel Theories – What the First-Century Jews Taught.

- God's Sanhedrin. (Gen 1:26 –let Us...)
- Made up names for Presence Angels (Raphael, Phanuel, Yuriel...)
- Believed 200 angels controlled the stars, and 1 angel controlled the seas
- One rabbi claimed that not only every child had an angel, but also that every blade of grass had an angel
- Believed the Old Covenant and its blessings came by the means of angels.

The writer cited seven Old Testament passages to prove Jesus' superiority over the angels ([v. 4](#)). As mentioned previously, the number seven was especially significant to the Jews as representing the completeness of something (e.g., the work of creation, etc.). Probably the writer used seven facts in [verses 2b-3](#) and seven passages in [verses 5-13](#) to impress completeness strongly on his original readers.

— Tom Constable's Notes on the Bible

3. Jesus Has A Personal Title That Is Superior.

Hebrews 1:4-5 (HCSB) ⁴ So He became higher in rank than the angels, just as the name He inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say, You are **My Son**; today I have become Your Father, or again, I will be His Father, and He will be My Son?

(Jehovah's Witnesses)

4. The Angels Were Told It Was Proper to Worship Jesus.

Hebrews 1:6 (HCSB) ⁶ When He again brings His firstborn into the world, He says, And all God's angels must worship Him.

Colossians 2:18 (HCSB) ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on ascetic practices and the worship of angels, claiming access to a visionary realm and inflated without cause by his fleshly mind.

1 Corinthians 10:19-20 (ESV) ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. (see also Deut 32:17 and Psalm 106:37)

5. Jesus Was Given The Place and Authority To Rule

Hebrews 1:7-8 (HCSB) ⁷ And about the angels He says: He makes His angels winds, and His servants a fiery flame;

⁸ but about the Son: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

6. Jesus Is The Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King.

Hebrews 1:9 (HCSB) ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; this is why God, Your God, has anointed You, rather than Your companions, with the oil of joy.

"Christology is the central focus in all the theology of Hebrews, and two titles of Christ are central to its Christology: Son of God and High Priest. Around these two focal points all the major ideas in Hebrews concerning Christ's person and work can be located. Christ as High Priest is actually the more distinctive and important idea in the theology of the book, but Christ as Son of God is foundational."

7. Jesus Is The Permanent Lord From Pre-Creation to Post-Universe

Hebrews 1:10-12 (HCSB) ¹⁰ And: In the beginning, Lord, You established the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but You remain. They will all wear out like clothing;

¹² You will roll them up like a cloak, and they will be changed like a robe. But You are the same, and Your years will never end.

Revelation 1:5-8 (ESV) ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

8. Jesus Is Presented As The Victor!

Hebrews 1:13-14 (HCSB) ¹³ Now to which of the angels has He ever said: Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

Isaiah 45:22-23 (HCSB) ²² Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By Myself I have sworn; Truth has gone from My mouth, a word that will not be revoked: Every knee will bow to Me, every tongue will swear allegiance.

Philippians 2:8-11 (HCSB) ⁸ He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

⁹ For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.