

ANGELOLOGY



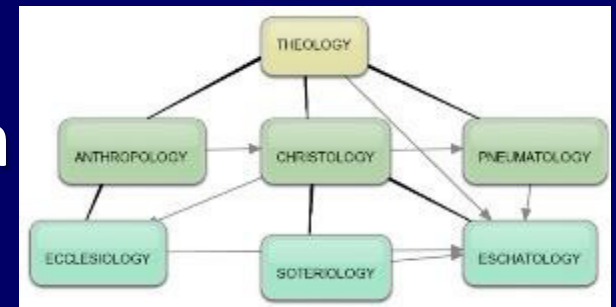
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Areas of Systematic Theology

- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end

Systematic
Theology



Preview of Angelology

1. Good angels
2. Satanology
3. Demonology
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



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Existence

- OT – 108 references
- NT – 165 references



Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 2:3

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Origin

- Created by God – Col 1:16
- Time of creation
 - ◆ Before the earth (Job 38:4-7)
 - ◆ Perhaps on the first two creation days (Gen 1:1; Exod 20:11; Ps 148:2-5; Gen 2:1)
- Created as angels
 - ◆ Not human (Heb 12:22-23)
 - ◆ Not deity (Rev 19:10)

Origin

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- Created with creaturely limitations
 - ◆ Not omnipresent (Dan 9:22-23)
 - ◆ Not omnipotent (Dan 10:13)
 - ◆ Not omniscient (Matt 24:36; 1 Pet 1:12)



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Nature

- Personhood
 - ◆ Attributes
 - ✦ Intellect (1 Pet 1:12)
 - ✦ Emotions (Luke 15:10)
 - ✦ Will (Ps 103:20)
 - ◆ Actions
 - ✦ Desire (1 Pet 1:12)
 - ✦ Talk (Luke 1:13)
- Confirmed in holiness (1 Tim 5:21; Rev 14:10)

Nature

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■ Power

- ◆ Relative to man (2 Pet 2:11)
- ◆ Relative to God (2 Pet 2:11)

■ Material

- ◆ Spiritual (Heb 1:7, 14)
- ◆ Physical Gen 18–19; Heb 13:2)

■ Gender

- ◆ Male? (Gen 19, masculine pronouns)
- ◆ Neuter? Cannot reproduce, Spirit, no female angels

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Appearance

- On earth: men (Acts 1:10)
- In heaven
 - ◆ Seraphim (Isa 6)
 - ◆ Cherubim (Ezek 1; 10)
 - ◆ Living creatures (Rev 4:6-8)
 - ◆ An angel (Rev 10:1-3)

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Names and Classifications

■ General

- ◆ Angels
- ◆ Ministering spirits (Heb 1:14)
- ◆ Heavenly hosts (Luke 2:13)
- ◆ Watchers (Dan 4:13-17)
- ◆ Sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)
- ◆ Stars (Rev 12:3-4, 9)

Names and Classifications (cont'd)

■ Specific

- ◆ Cherub(im) – Gen 3:24; Exod 25:17-22
- ◆ Seraph(im) – Isa 6:2, 6
- ◆ Michael – Dan 12:1; Jude 9; Rev 12:7
- ◆ Gabriel – Dan 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:18-19, 26-38

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■ Past

- ◆ Witnessed creation (Job 38:7)
- ◆ Brought judgment (Gen 19:22; Acts 12:22-23)
- ◆ Accompanied the Law (Gal 3:19)
- ◆ Announced births of John and Christ (Luke 1:11-13, 26-27)
- ◆ Strengthened Christ (Matt 4:11)
- ◆ Announced resurrection (Matt 28:1-7)
- ◆ Observed Ascension (Acts 1:11)
- ◆ Brought messages (Luke 1:13)

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■ Present

- ◆ Protect believers (Ps 34:7; 91:11-12)
- ◆ Deliver God's answers to prayer (Dan 9:23; 10:12)
- ◆ Take souls to heaven (Luke 16:22)
- ◆ Involvement in government (Dan 10:21; 11:1; 12:1)

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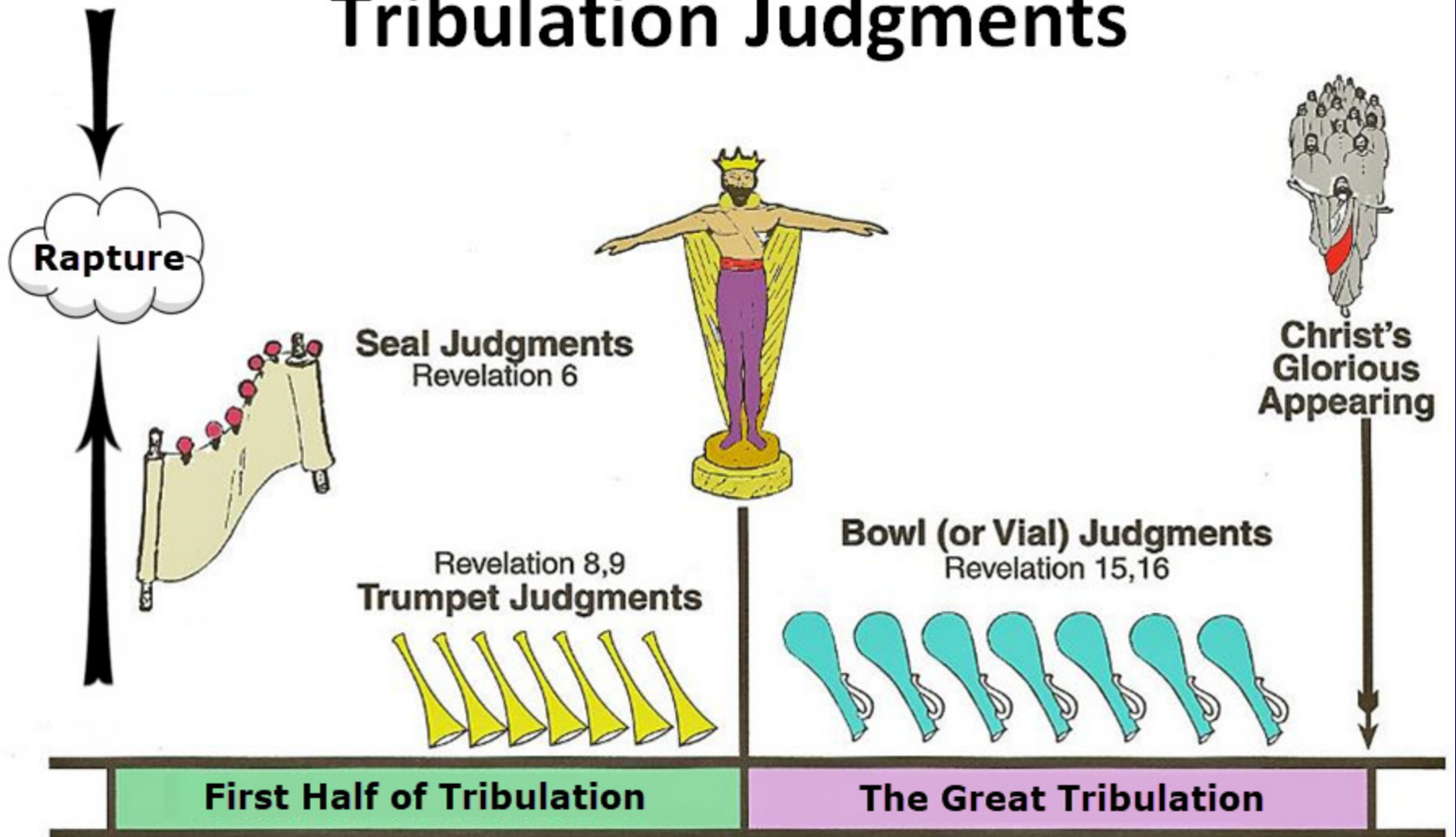


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