

IDENTITY OF THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

The context for all these passages concerns the Angel of the LORD. The clues given identify the Angel of the LORD to be God Himself in the Person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the focus of both the Old and New Testaments. It is God taking on temporary physical form.

HE SPEAKS AS GOD

Ge.16:10, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly"

Ge.16:11, "You shall call his name Ishmael"

Ge.22:11, "the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven" unto Abraham

Ge.22:12, "for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me"



HE IS IDENTIFIED WITH GOD

Ge.21:17, "God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven"

Ex.3:2-4, "the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush... God called to him from the midst of the bush"

Jg.6:22-23, "Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, 'Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.'" Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die"

Jg.13:21-22, "When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. And Manoah said to his wife, 'We shall surely die, because we have seen God!'"

HE EXERCISES THE PREROGATIVES OF GOD

Ge.22:15-16, "Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: 'By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD'"

Ge.22:17, "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore"

Jg.2:1, "the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: 'I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.'"

Jg.5:23, "'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD, 'Curse its inhabitants bitterly, Because they did not come to the help of the LORD'"

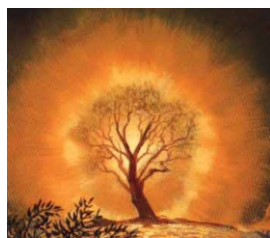
Jg.6:14, "Then the LORD turned to him and said, 'Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?'"

CHRIST IN THE OT



Angel of the LORD

Ge.22:11-18; 48:15-16



Angel in the Burning Bush

Ex.3:2-6



Pillar of Cloud by Day

Ex.13:21-22



Pillar of Fire by Night

Ex.13:21-22



Balaam and the Angel in the Way

Nu.22:22-35



Captain of the Host of the LORD

Ge.32:24-30; Js.5:13-15