**Hebrews 1:1-4 and the mighty angels**

**Main: Jesus is greater than the greatest angels and the angels are there for you**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

 **I. The History of Angels**

* **Created before the world – (Job 38:6-7)**
* **Perfect in creation (Jude 6)**
* **It appears many fell into sin with Lucifer, who became Satan (Rev. 12:4, 7-9)**
* **Will be judged by believers (1 Cor. 6:3)**

 **II. The Nature of Angels**

* **Spirit beings (Heb. 1:14) who can change forms (Heb. 1:7)**
* **They do not reproduce in heaven (Mt. 22:30), nor do they die (Lk. 20:36)**
* **They have great power (2 Pet. 2:11)**

**III. The Organization of Angels**

* **Archangel = Michael (Jude 9)**
* **Chief Princes (Dan. 10:13)**
* **Ruling angels (Eph. 3:10)**
* **Guardian angels (Mt. 18:10)**
* **Seraphim (Isa. 6:1-3 – involved with worship of God)**
* **Cherubim (Gen. 3:22-24) – involved with guarding, such as God’s holiness (Ark of the Covenant)**
* **Elect angels (1 Tim. 5:21)**

**IV. The Ministry of Angels**

**Concerning Jesus…**

* **Predicted and announced His birth (Lk. 1:26-33; 2:13)**
* **Protected the Baby (Mt. 2:13)**
* **Strengthened Christ (Mt. 4:11; Lk. 22:43)**
* **Prepared to defend (Mt. 26:53)**
* **Rolled away stone (Mt. 28:2)**
* **Announced the resurrection (Mt. 28:6)**

**Concerning the nations…**

* **Michael seems to have a special relationship to Israel (Dan. 12:1) and others, fallen and unfallen, seem involved with other nations (Dan. 10:13)**
* **God’s agents in the execution of His providence (Dan. 10:21)**
* **Involved with the judgments of the Tribulation (Rev. 8, 9, 16)**

**Concerning unbelievers…**

* **Announce coming judgments (Gen. 19:13; Rev. 14:6-7)**
* **Inflicts punishment (Acts 12:23)**
* **Are “reapers” at the end of the Age (Mt. 13:39)**
* **Children are important to God, their angels before God (Matt. 18:10)**
* **Satan seeks to keep them from believing the Word that they might be saved (Lk. 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:4)**

**Concerning Believers…**

* **Involved with answering prayer (Acts 12:7)**
* **Observe Christian experiences (1 Cor. 4:9; 1 Tim. 5:21)**
* **Encourage in time of danger (Acts 27:23-24)**
* **Interested in evangelistic efforts of Christians (Acts 8:26)**
* **Care for the righteous at death (Lk. 16:22; Jude 9)**
* **Have an organized system of teaching that seeks to deceive (1 Tim. 4:1)**
* **Believers teach and later judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3; Eph. 3:10)**
* **Interested and involved in our growth (Lk. 15:10; 1 Cor. 11:10; Heb. 1:14)**