

## Helps to Bible Study

6. Daniel 12:4. In the time of the end knowledge was to be increased. The increase of knowledge during the last 100 years exceeds that of all previous centuries from the beginning of time. Anyone today who is sixty years old has during his lifetime seen an advance in knowledge which exceeds all that people of past generations saw from the time history began. In the day of God's preparation the chariots of men were to run like the lightning (Nahum 2:3-5), and this we see now in this great age of speed.

7. Luke 21:11. In the last days, Jesus said, there will be fearful calamities. We see this in the increase of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, droughts, and heat waves of recent years.

8. 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Paul prophesied there would be perilous times in the last days, with a craze for pleasure, and a marked decline in true religion. We see all this right now before our very eyes.

9. Matthew 24:12. Jesus said that in the last days lawlessness would abound; the land would be full of bloody crimes. Ezekiel 7:2, 23; Matthew 24:37; Genesis 6:5, 11. We see this in the great crime waves of our day.

10. Matthew 24:14. The supreme sign that the end is near is seen in the fact that God is now sending a special message to all the world to warn the people to prepare to meet Christ Revelation 14:6-14; Joel 2:1.

11. 2 Peter 3:3-5. There will be many who will scoff at the idea of the end being near.

12. Isaiah 2:2-4. The nations in the last days will talk about putting an end to war. We see this fulfilled in the great peace movement of our day.

13. Joel 3:9, 10, 14. When the day of the Lord is near, the nations will prepare for war as never before, and this we see before our very eyes today.

14. Mark 13:29. When we see all these things we should know that the coming of Christ is at the door, and we should now be prepare to meet Him.

## 5. ANGELS

1. Hebrews 1:13, 14. Angels are ministering spirits sent forth by the Lord to minister to every person who trusts in the Lord and serves Him.

2. Genesis 3:24. Angels could not be the spirits of the departed righteous dead, because they were in existence before the first man died. The angels were in existence before even Adam or this world was created. Job 38:34. Adam was made a little lower than the angels. Psalm 8:4, 5.

3. Ezekiel 28:14, 15. Lucifer as one of the highest angels was created. As with him, so with all the rest of the angels. They are created beings. They were created by the Son of God before He made Adam, and this world. Colossians 1:16.

4. Ezekiel 10:12. Angels are not incorporeal phantoms, without form or parts, but they are real beings with spiritual bodies. 1 Corinthians 15:44. Angels appeared to Abraham and Lot as real beings. Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-3. During Bible times angels appeared to men at different times, and in God's Word are found descriptions of their appearance. These descriptions show that angels resemble men in general appearance. (Luke 24:4; John 20:12; Acts 1:9-11); but with their spiritual bodies they are far more beautiful than men, and have powers far superior to those of men. Revelation 18:21; Ezekiel 1:14; Isaiah 37:36. At the last day when Jesus comes and our natural bodies are changed to glorious spiritual bodies (Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 15:44), then we will be equal to the angels. Luke 20:35, 36.

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5. Revelation 5:11. There are many more angels in God's universe than there are people in this world. Hebrews 12:22.

6. Matthew 18:10. In speaking of the Father's watch care over His children, Jesus mentions "their angels," showing that to every child of God an angel is assigned, to take care of him or her-an attending, guardian angel. Thus the Scripture speaks of Peter's angel. Acts 12:15. Among those countless billions of angels, there is one assigned to you, to watch over you by day and by night.

7. Psalm 91:11, 12. This angel has been given charge over you, to help you in your journey to heaven.

8. Psalm 34:7. When danger threatens, and troubles come upon you, this attending angel, your angel, will deliver you (Daniel 6:22), provided you have rightly related yourself to God. There are two kinds of angels-Christ's angels, who compose two thirds of the angels created, and Satan's angels, who compose one third of those created. Every person will be under the control of either good or evil angels. When you obey God there are twice as many for you as ever can be against you. 2 Kings 6:16.

9. Matthew 25:31. All the holy angels will come to the earth when Jesus appears. The angels are God's chariots (Psalm 68:17), and they will come with Jesus Christ at His second advent to take the righteous to heaven, just as they took Elijah to heaven. Matthew 24:31; 2 Kings 2:11. Let us make sure that we live each day so that we will be ready for Jesus' coming, and may have a home among the "many mansions" which Christ has prepared for those who love God.