

# ***The Messenger of Jehovah***

*Genesis 16:7-14*

***While we live in an age of angel-mania, these select Scriptures from the Old Testament provide a framework for considering the uniqueness of a special Messenger who appears periodically in Bible history.***

Remember malak and aggelos when TRANSLATED, mean messenger. No where is it more critical that we TRANSLATE that word rather than replace it with a transliteration of the the English equivalent of the Greek version.

Dotted through the history of the earliest Bible ages, particularly the patriarchal age and period of the conquest is the appearance of THE malak of Jehovah. He stands apart from our normal perception of “angel”.

The first appearance of the “malak of Jehovah” is to Hagar, the Egyptian handmaid to Abram and Sarai. (See text) But this is just the beginning of many other appearances:

- Genesis 18:1-33—To Abraham
- Genesis 22:1, 10-18—To Abraham
- Genesis 31:11, 13, 16—To Jacob (The prophet notes that this same one wrestled with Jacob— Hos.12:4-5)
- Exodus 3:2ff—To Moses
- Joshua 5:13-6:2—To Joshua
- Judges 6:11-27—To Gideon
- Judges 13:21-22—To Manoah and his wife
- Zechariah 3:1-5—To Joshua, the high priest
- Malachi 3:1—“The messenger of the covenant”, a reference to Messiah—Jesus.

Most all conservative Bible scholars are convinced that the “messenger of Jehovah” in the O.T. Is the pre-incarnate Word/Jesus, not just an ordinary angel in the sense we typically think.

**Paul affirms that the ROCK in the wilderness was Christ!**

**1st Corinthians 10:1-4**

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