

Jesus' Superiority over Angels

Hebrews 1—2

*After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
⁴ having become as much superior to **angels** as the **name** he has inherited is more excellent than **theirs**. (1:3b-4)*

Jesus	Angels
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you” (1:5a) “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son” (1:5b) when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says... (1:6a) But of the Son he says... (1:8a)	Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” (1:7) Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve (1:14a) And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” (1:6)

*⁵ For to which of the **angels** did God ever say...
¹³ And to which of the **angels** has he ever said... (1:5a, 13a)*

Jesus	OT King of Israel References
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you” (1:5a) “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son” (1:5b) God, your God, has anointed you (1:9b) “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” (1:13b) But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.” (1:8) ⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere ... ⁷ “You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.” (2:5-8)	¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ... ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs... saying, ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (Psa. 2:1-8) ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet (Psa. 8:5-6) the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David ... ‘The LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son ... ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” (2 Sam. 7:11-14, 16)

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¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, *God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*
² *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things (1:1-2)*

Jesus is Better than Angels	Who Gave Moses the Law on Mount Sinai?
¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (Hebrews 2:1-4)	² And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me ... ⁵¹ You stiff-necked people ... As your fathers did, so do you ... they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” (Acts 7:2, 51, 53) ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. (Galatians 3:18-19)