

Revelation Series

Lesson #059

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Revelation 3:1, “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.” ’ ”

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1. It is addressed to the *“angel;”*
2. The angel is connected to the church in *Sardis;*
3. A character reference to the *Lord Jesus Christ;*
4. A summary *condemnation.*





ASIA

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Laodicea

BITHYNIA

SYRIA

SCYTHIA

CYPRUS

ROMA







**Lucifer's
Fall
Isa. 14;
Ezek. 28**

**Trial
of the
Fallen
Angels**

**Angelic Observation
Appeal Trial of Satan**

**Satan cast
into Lake of Fire**

ANGELIC REBELLION



**Eternity
Past**

Gentiles

Jews

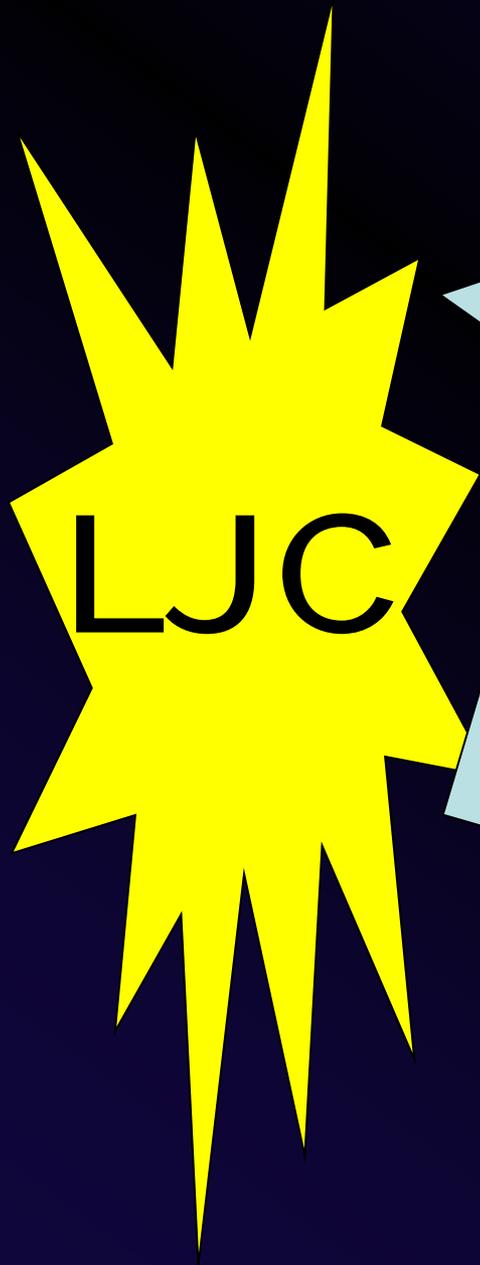
Church

Trib. Millennium

**Eternity
Future**

LAKE OF FIRE





Angelic
Witnesses

John

- **Word study:** “angel, messenger.”
Human messenger is a rare use; used only of John the Baptist as the messenger preceding the Messiah.

Matthew 11:10, “For this is *he* of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ ”

- **Angelic Conflict:** Angels learn from us.

1 Corinthians 4:9, “For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”

1 Peter 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”

1 Timothy 5:21, “I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.”

- **Angelic Operations:** Angels are used to administer divine judgment and blessing.