

The 9 Choirs of Angels

Type Their Angelic Duties

1st Triad Contemplate and Adore God Directory

Seraphim	Name means the burning ones, and they are Attendants at the Throne of God. They praise God singing, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts!"
Thrones	Represent the steadfastness of the love of God. The contemplate God's power and Judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the others when revealed.
Cherubim	Name means the Fullness of Wisdom, and they contemplate God's providence. Assigned to protect special places.

2nd Triad Fulfill God's Plan in the Universe

Dominations	Lord over the lower choirs and humanity. They take illumination from the higher hierarchies and govern the universe.
Virtues	Run the operation of movement in the universe. They are often associated with planets, element, seasons, and nature.
Powers	Assist in governing the natural order. They are warrior angels tasked with fighting the war against the demonic choirs.

3rd Triad Interact & Serve Humanity Closely

Principalities	Princess of the lowest triad assigned to core and guard communities, Kingdoms, states and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power.
Archangels	Leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plan for man. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael are the only 3 names we know.
Angels	Angels are closest to the material world and humanity. The lowest choir is were we get the majority of our personal angels.

There are 7 Archangels (Tobias 12:15)

We know the names of 3 of them from Scripture:

- **Michael** (Daniel, Epistle of St. Jude, Apocalypse of St. John), whose name means "Who is like God" and whose Feast is September 29;
- **Gabriel** (Daniel and Luke), whose name means "Strength of God" and whose Feast is March 24; and
- **Raphael** (Tobias), whose name means "Medicine of God" and whose Feast is October 24.

The apocryphal Book of Enoch lists the other 4 as:

- **Uriel**
- **Raguel**
- **Sariel**
- **Jeramiel**

Arch Angels



Hierarchy of Angels

EXPLANATION AND HIERARCHY OF THE
9 CHOIRS OF ANGELS

1ST TRIAD - CONTEMPLATE AND ADORE GOD DIRECTLY

SERAPHIM

ISAIAH 6:1-7
6 WINGS - 2 COVER FEET, 2 COVER FACE, AND 2 FOR FLIGHT

Name means the burning ones, and they are Attendants at the Throne of God. They praise God singing, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts!"

CHERUBIM

EXD 25:18-21, EZK 10:14, REV 4:6
4 FACES AND 4 WINGS - 2 COVER FEET AND 2 FOR FLIGHT

Name means the Fullness of Wisdom, and they Contemplate God's providence. Assigned to protect special places.

THRONES

EZK 10:17, COL 1:16, DAN 7:9
FLAMING, ROTATING RINGS COVERED WITH EYES

Represent the steadfastness of the love of God. They contemplate God's power and judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the others when revealed.

2ND TRIAD - FULFILL GOD'S PLAN IN THE UNIVERSE

DOMINIONS

EPH 1:21, COL 1:16

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VIRTUES

EPH 1:21

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POWERS

EPH 3:10, EPH 6:12

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3RD TRIAD - INTERACT & SERVE HUMANITY CLOSELY

PRINCIPALITIES

EPH 3:10, EPH 1:21

Princes of the lowest triad assigned to care and guard communities, kingdoms, states, and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power.

ARCHANGELS

JUDE 9, 1 THESS 4:16, TOB

Leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plans for man. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael are the only 3 names we know.

ANGELS

LUK 22:43, MAT 18:10, HEB 13:2

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