

LIFE Groups: Advent 2025

Week 3 - Glory to God in the Highest

Not A Choir; An Army Above Bethlehem!

Luke's Gospel records the visit of a gathering of angels to shepherds in the fields on the outskirts of Bethlehem, but these are not a choir! They are the "host of Heaven", an angelic army! What was the meaning of this visit?

1 - "Check-in" with your Group if you are meeting -

What is God teaching you in this season of Advent?

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video on Advent 3, "An Army Above Bethlehem?!"

- We think of the angels described in Luke 2 as a choir - how does it change the scene to know they were an army?
- Read on to explore some of the descriptions of Michael and angels in the Hebrew Bible...

Read Luke 2:8-18 - *The angelic army appears over Bethlehem*

Read Zechariah 14:1-5 - *This scene had been prophesied 400 years earlier and is likely what the shepherds thought they were seeing! When the angel (likely **Michael**, the Captain of the Host of Heaven depicted in the image to the right) tells them they bring a message of peace, it was quite a surprise.*

Read Daniel 12:1-4 - *This vision of Daniel introduces the role and nature of **Michael**, the angel who will arise in victory at the End of Time. He tells Daniel to seal up the vision until it is unsealed in the time of John...*

Read Revelation 12:1-10 - The First Advent; Jesus take on Satan!

*This metaphorical passage is John's vision of the supernatural drama played out in the narrative of Jesus' birth as God's answer for evil. Note the role of **Michael** as leader of the angelic army!*

Next read Revelation 19:6-16 - The Second Advent Victory yet-to-come!

This is the future vision when Zechariah 14 is fulfilled and the Heavenly host again sings God's praises. They advance to defeat God's enemies exalting Jesus; the baby from the manger that is now the King of Kings! The angel army announce both Jesus' first AND second Advent!

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