Angels and Zechariah

Zechariah 1:9; 2:3; 4:5, 6

God's messages to and through the prophets generally came by the direct moving of the Spirit upon the mind of the man of God. But here in the book of Zechariah, the Heavenly Father makes use of Angels ($\mathring{\alpha}\gamma\gamma\in\lambda$ OL) who talk back and forth to the prophet.

In our study of the Word of God we discover that Angels play a large part in directing the panorama of the plan of God. Before seeing the ministry of Angels in the life of Zechariah, let's check a few New Testament examples.

- ANGELS HAD A GREAT PART IN THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
 - An Angel foretold to Mary the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-37)
 - 2. An Angel foretold to Joseph the birth of the Savior (Matt. 1:20, 21)
 - 3. Angels announced to shepherds the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-15)
 - 4. An Angel directed the child's flight to Egypt (Matt. 2:13, 20)
 - 5. Angels ministered to Jesus at His temptation (Matt. 4:11)
 - 6. An Angel rolled away the stone at His tomb (Matt. 28:2)
 - 7. His resurrection announced by an Angel (Matt. 28:5-7)
 - 8. Two Angels presented Him to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-14)

Angels and Zechariah (Continued)

II. ANGELS WERE VERY ACTIVE IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- 1. An Angel dictated the book (Rev. 1:1-2; 22:16)
- 2. Each of the seven churches had an angel (Rev. 1:20; 2:1)
- 3. An Angel was interested in the sealed book (Rev.5:2)
- 4. 100 Million Angels sang praise to the Lamb (Rev. 5:11)
- 5. An Angel sealed the elect (Rev.7:1-4)
- 6. Angels fell down on their faces before God (Rev. 7:11)
- 7. An Angel is directing prayers of saints (Rev. 8:3-5)
- 8. Seven Angels sounded seven trumpets (8:6, 7)
- 9. An Angel had the open book, announcing the end (Rev. 10: 1, 2, 6)
- 10. A flying angel proclaimed the Gospel to the nations (Rev. 14:6)

These are just a few of the 27 different references to the activities of Angels in the book of Revelation.

III. ANGELS AIDED IN WRITING OF THIS BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

Zechariah 1:9 "And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, 'I will show you what these are'."

Zechariah 2:3 "And behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him,"

Zechariah 4:5, 6 "So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, 'Do you not know what these are'? (Reference to the two olive trees) And I said 'No my Lord'." Vs.6 "Then he answered and said to me, 'This is the Word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS'".