



# WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

*It is the Instruction Manual from God.*

## Lesson 26 - How Else did God Communicate with O.T. People?

- *Keep in mind that before people had (or wanted) access to the Bible, God used other ways.*



### THROUGH THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

- *"The Angel of the Lord" is usually Jesus appearing in the Old Testament. (Before He was born.) The "A" is capitalized in the text.*
- *The word "Theophany" is "a visual appearance of God".*
- *The word "Christophany" is "a visual appearance of Christ".*
- *Since Colossians 1:5 says, "Christ is the image of the invisible God", possibly, most visible God-appearances were Jesus.*

1. The Greek word for "angel" means "a messenger who delivers a message for God".  
Who did an "**Angel**" deliver a message to in the following verses?
  - a. Genesis 22:11 \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 21:17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Genesis 31:11 \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 3:2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Judges 6:11-12 \_\_\_\_\_ Judges 13:3,13 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Since these people had no Bible to read for guidance, God had to guide them Himself.  
What was so urgent that required God's direct & visible involvement in each below?
  - a. Genesis 22:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 3:2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Look at Exodus 23:20. Fill in the missing words.  
God said, "Behold I send an \_\_\_\_\_ before you to keep you in the \_\_\_\_\_, and to bring you into the \_\_\_\_\_ which I have \_\_\_\_\_."

#### Think about this.

- *Sometimes, God needed to talk to His people; man needs to be reminded that God has a plan.*
  - *They could not read about God's plans in the Bible like we can.*
4. Sometimes, God sent His "angels" to deliver the message, the plan or the comfort.  
Who did God send His "**angels**" to in the following verses?
    - a. Matthew 1:20 \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 1:26-28 \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Luke 2:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 28:2 \_\_\_\_\_
    - *Notice that "angel" is NOT capitalized here; this would not be God Himself.*
    - *Some angels had special assignments or specific names; they were entrusted with God's message.*
  5. Why was it so important that God get a message to the person in Luke 1:26-28?  
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  6. What Bible did these New Testament people have? (Luke 24:44)  
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    - *You might say, "They had a pretty good collection of the Bible manuscripts; what is their problem"? Hold it! If the people did not go to synagogue & hear it, or recite it at home, they would not know God's plans & warnings.*
    - **GOD DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO TALK TO MANKIND BEFORE EVERYONE HAD A BIBLE.**