

Anthropology

A Study on Man

Origins

- ◆ Evolution
- ◆ Theistic Evolution
- ◆ Creationism

Evolution: Principles

1. Planets and stars resulted from a big-bang explosion of compressed, rotating protons and neutrons.
2. Life began completely by chance when a single cell appeared from nonliving matter.
3. Having begun by chance, all other living organisms have developed from that first and subsequent simpler forms of life which gradually increased in complexity, thus producing man.

Evolution: Process

◆ $M + NS \times T = \text{Evolution}$

Evolution: Problems

- ◆ Mutations
- ◆ Natural Selection
- ◆ Time

Theistic Evolution

- ◆ adds a “supernatural being” in the mix as the invisible force that started the long process of evolution

Creationism

- ◆ Principle characteristic: the Bible is its sole basis
- ◆ Isa 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Creationism: Key Components

- ◆ Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- ◆ Gen 1:21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves,... and God saw that it was good.
- ◆ Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- ◆ Gen 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

This Specialness means

- ◆ your body matters
- ◆ you are a living being
- ◆ you were fitted perfectly for life and fellowship with God
- ◆ you are an accountable being to your Creator

Dichotomy or Trichotomy

- ◆ Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ◆ 1Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 1Cor 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Believer's Counter

- ◆ Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- ◆ Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- ◆ 1Jn 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
- ◆ Zech 4:6 Then he 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."

Satan's Fate

- ◆ Col 2:14,15 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.
- ◆ Jn 12:31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
- ◆ Jn 16:11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- ◆ Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

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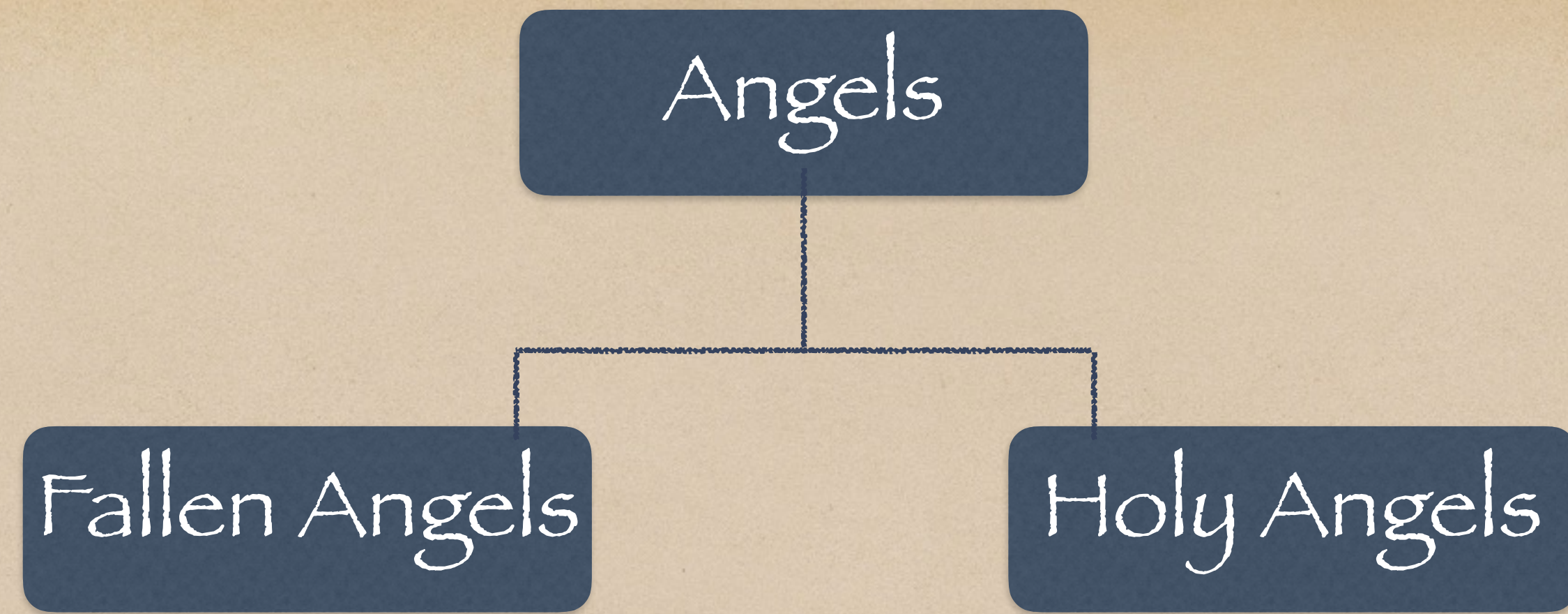
- ◆ Mt 25:41 Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels
- ◆ Rev 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

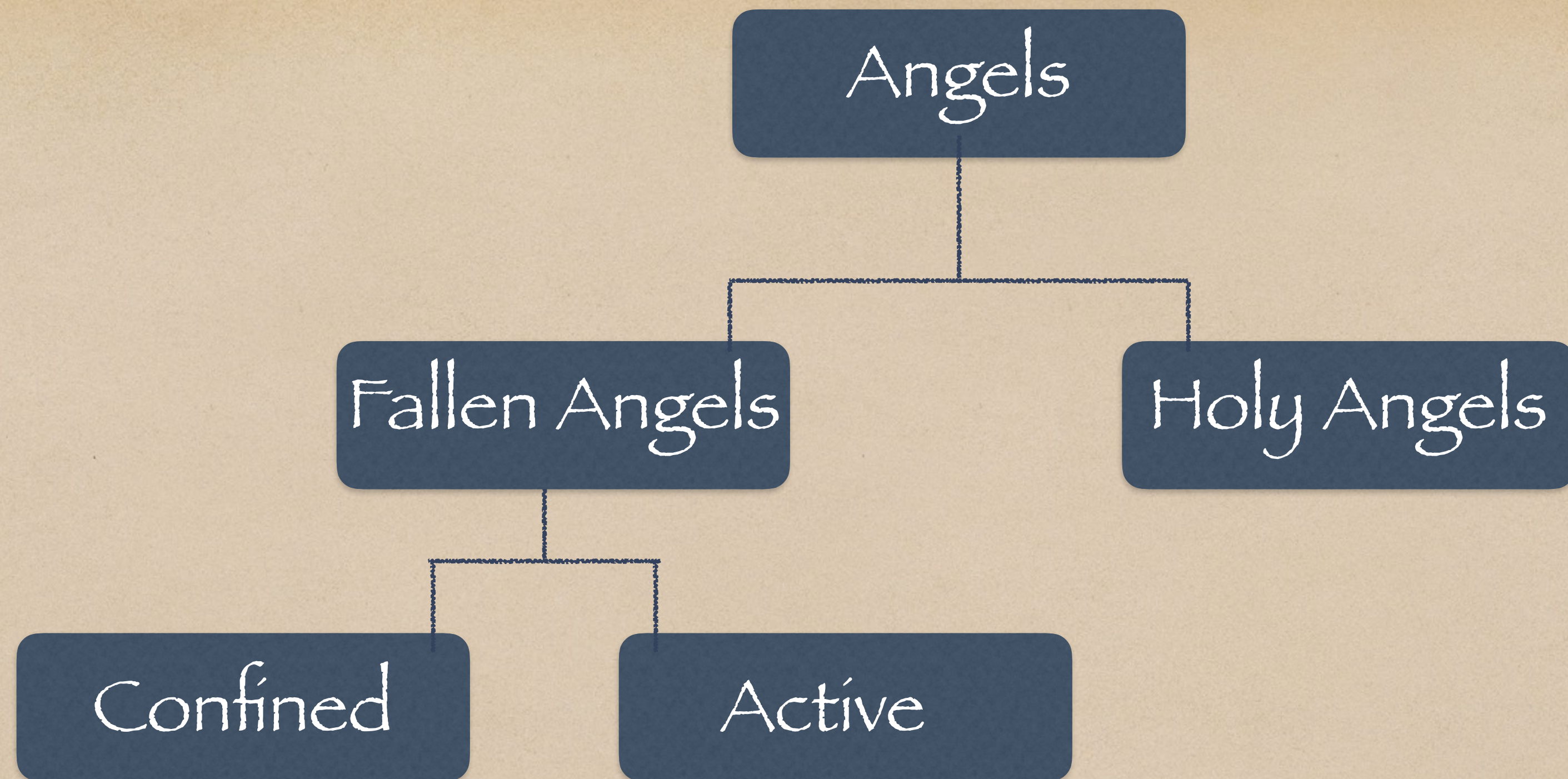


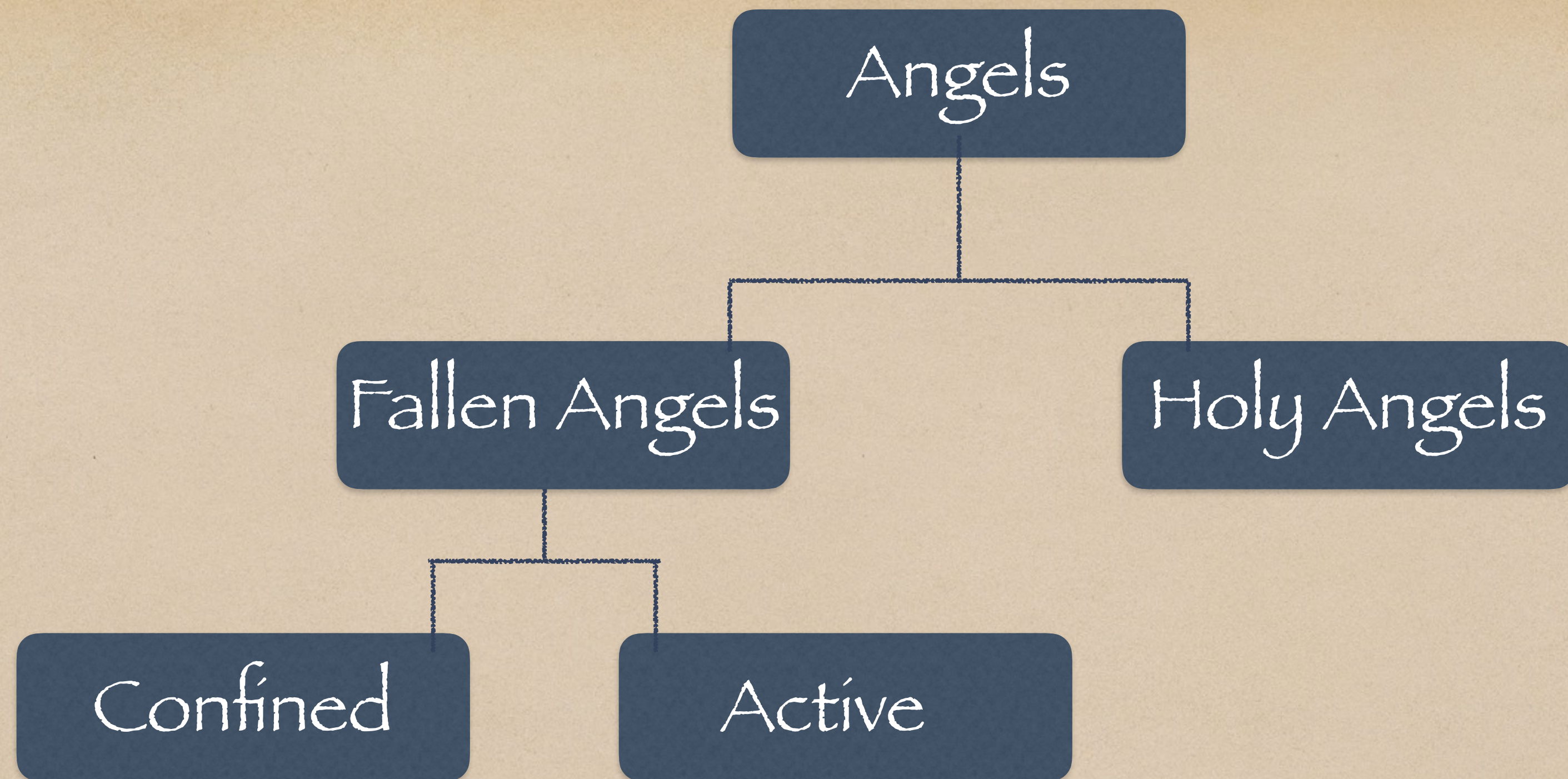
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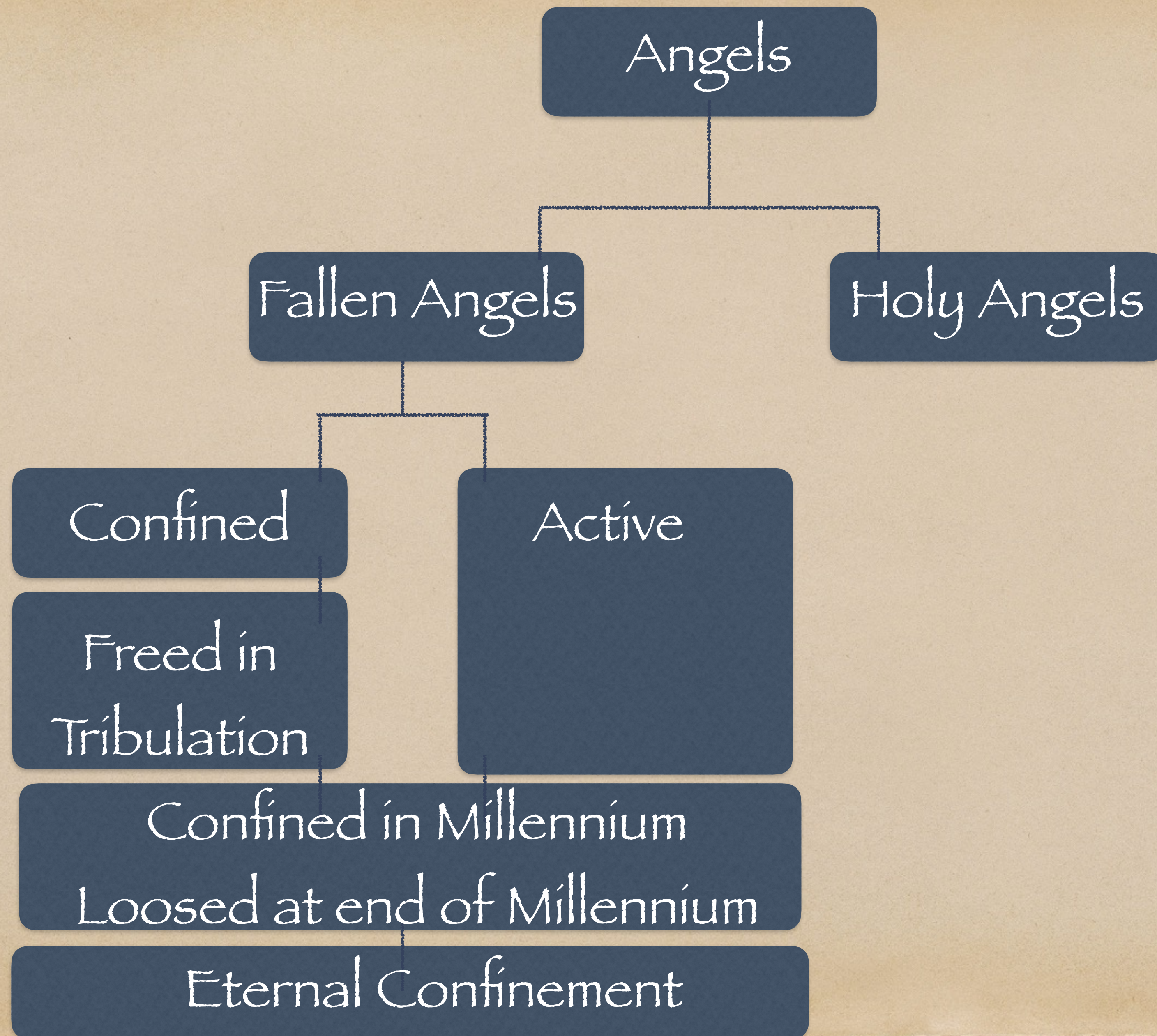
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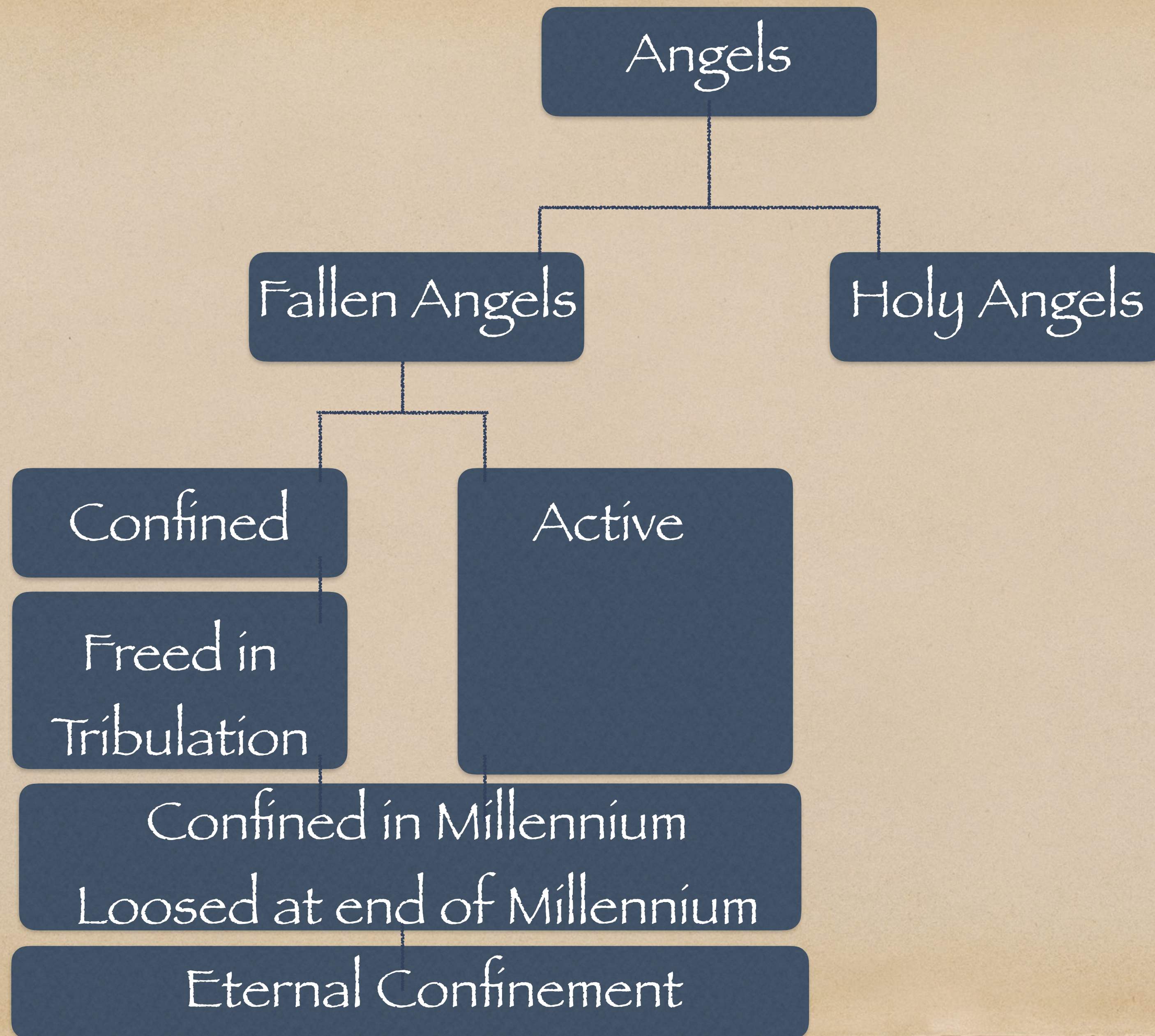
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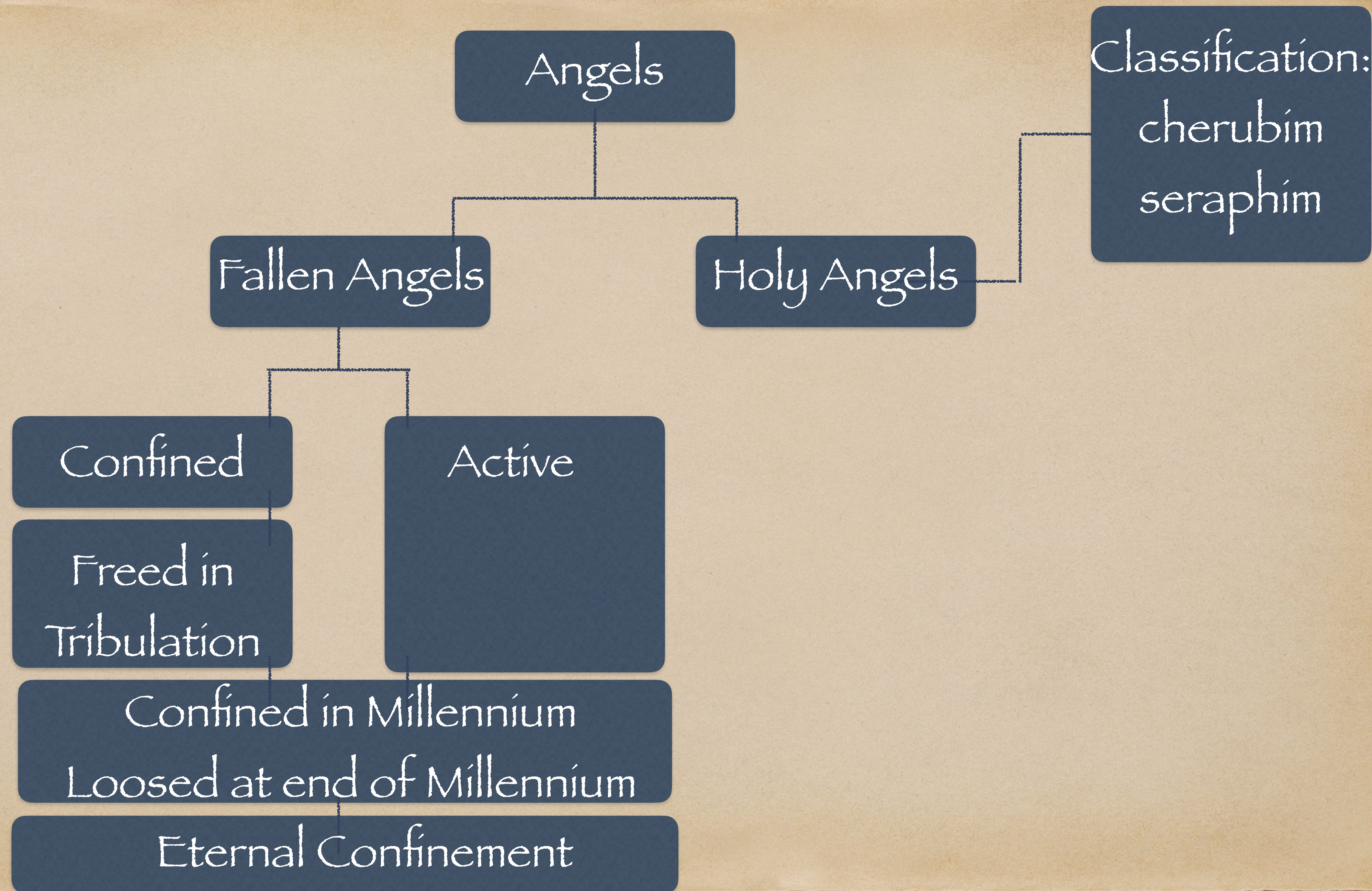


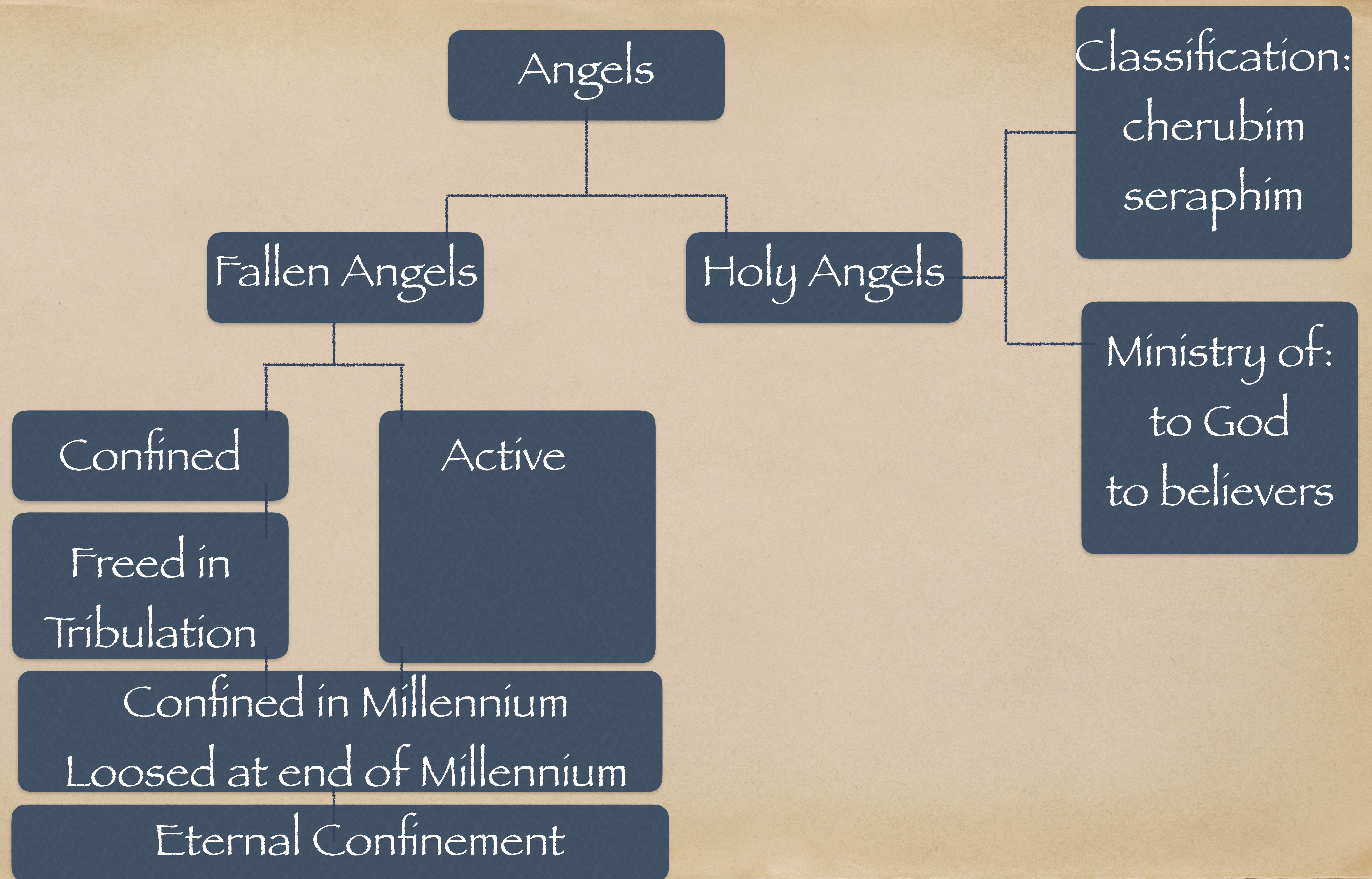






Angels





Ministry to God

- ◆ Rev 5:8-13 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

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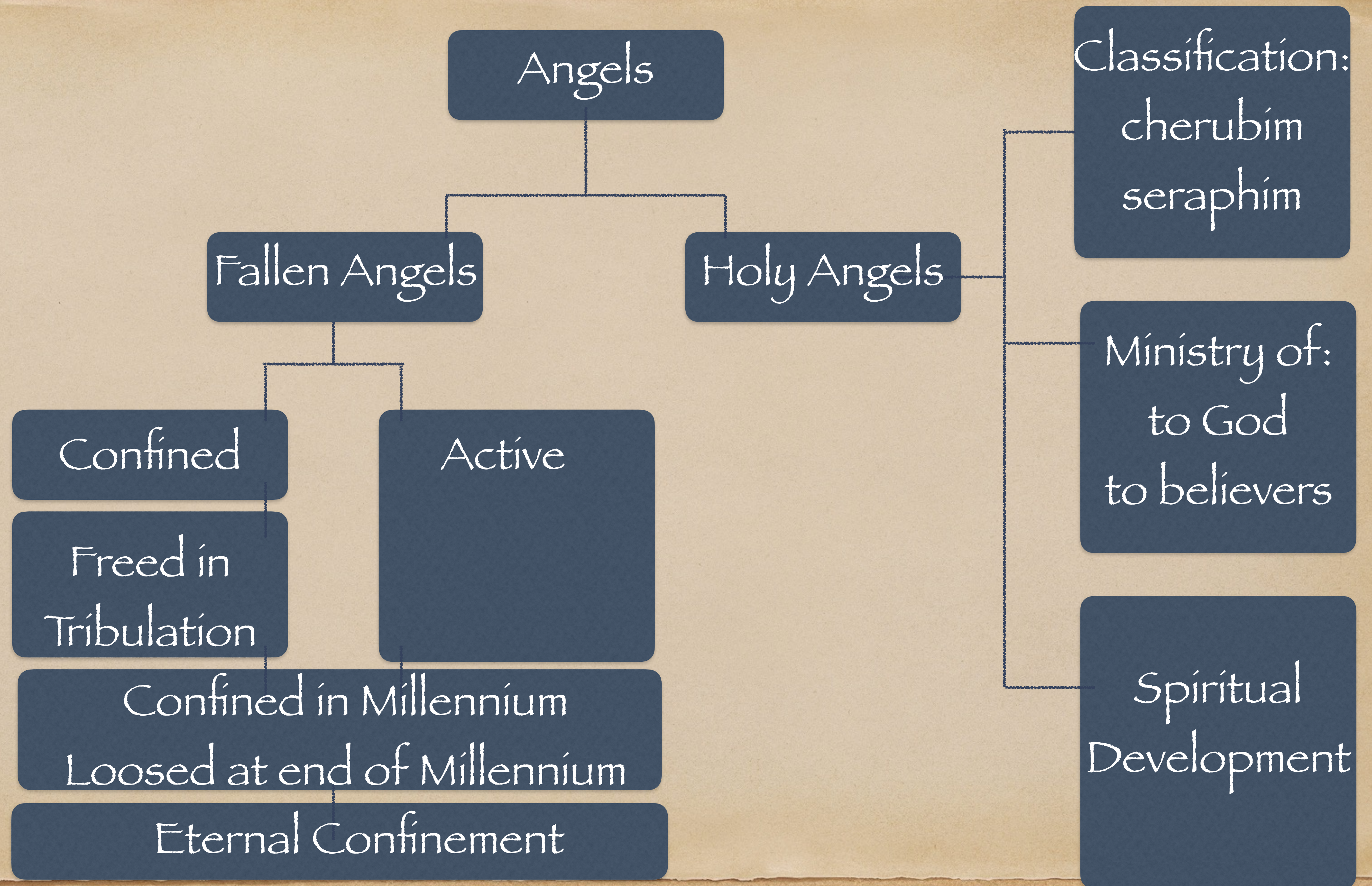
- ◆ Ps 103:20,21 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
- ◆ Lk 2:8-14

Ministry to Believers

- ◆ Agents in answered prayer - Acts 12:1-17
- ◆ Protecting -
 - ◆ Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
 - ◆ Mt 18:10 See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Ministry to Believers

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- ◆ Providing -
 - ◆ Lk 22:43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
 - ◆ Mt 4:11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.
 - ◆ 1Kgs 19:5-7 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."



Spiritual Development

- 1Pet 1:10-12 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Spiritual Development

- Col 1:19-20 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Forever

- ◆ His position of bringing many “sons to glory.”

Manifest man to God

- ◆ 1Pet 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps
- ◆ Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus
- ◆ Eph 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless
- ◆ Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy

Be Merciful and Faithful High Priest

- ◆ Heb 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- ◆ 1Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus
- ◆ Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- ◆ 1Pet 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ

Once for all

- ◆ Heb 7:27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself
- ◆ 1Pet 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit
- ◆ Heb 10:12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT
DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Destroy the works of the devil

- ◆ Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil
- ◆ 1Jn 3:8 The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Become our Federal Head

- ♦ Rom 5:15-19 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Deliver us from fear of death

- ◆ Heb 2:14,15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Sit on David's Throne

- ◆ Lk 1:30-33 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."
- ◆ Acts 2:30,31 And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.
- ◆ Acts 1:11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Oneness

- ◆ Eph 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Jesus speaks to the Father

- ◆ Jn 17:1-3 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- ◆ Lk 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Functional Order in the Trinity

- ◆ Regarding Salvation:
 - ◆ Father planned
 - ◆ Son procured
 - ◆ H.S. promotes and proclaims

