

## The role of angels in the Old Testament

### Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to describe the role of angels in the Old Testament, based on the Czech translation of the Bible. For this purpose, we searched the contexts containing the expressions the angel of the Lord, the angel of God and angel. The Bible Kralická was chosen as the base translation.

The basic roles of the angel of the Lord in the Old Testament are: to announce the birth of the son, God's will or instructions; to save life; to lead and protect the Israel nation; to execute punishment. In the apocalyptic books he appears as an interpretation angel. In all these roles he acts as a God's servant which stands on the side of the God.

### Keywords:

Old Testament, role of angels, the angel of the Lord, the angel of God, messenger