

**Damning The
Damned; Saving
The Saved**

2 Peter 2:4-9

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a

flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment

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Their condemnation from long ago
is not idle, and their destruction is
not asleep.

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Who Are The Angels In Question?

View #1

The "sons" of God who had sexual relations with the "daughters of men" in Genesis 6:1-4.

View #2

The angels who joined Satan in his heavenly rebellion BEFORE man was created.

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committed them to chains of
gloomy darkness **to be kept until**
the judgment

Hebrews 2:16

For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

These angels have a reserved seat for the final judgment, and they have to face the judgment of God without a mediator. God gave us a God-man, the only Mediator between us and Him, but He has made no such provision for fallen angels. They are reserved in hell, in chains and darkness, for judgment.

- R. C. Sproul

Jude 1:12-13

shepherds feeding themselves;
waterless clouds, swept along by winds;
fruitless trees in late autumn, twice
dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea,
casting up the foam of their own shame;
wandering stars, for whom the gloom of
utter darkness **has been reserved
forever.**

These majestic but flawed beings still await their final, inevitable punishment. Built into the way God runs the universe is the principle that punishment does not immediately follow rebellion. There will be no exceptions to the adverse verdict on the rebellious angels.

– R. C. Lucas and Christopher Green

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world, but preserved Noah, a
herald of righteousness, with
seven others, when he brought a
flood upon the **world** of the
ungodly

The universality of the judgment in Noah's day functions well as a preview of the universal judgment at the end of the age. No one will be spared, or, more precisely, none of the ungodly will escape.

- Thomas Schreiner

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John 17:12

While I was with them, I kept them
in your name, which you have given
me. I have **guarded** them

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world, but preserved Noah, a
herald of righteousness, with
seven others, when he brought a
flood upon the world of the
ungodly

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world

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and Gomorrah **to ashes** he
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greatly **distressed** by the sensual
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Remorse, regret, sorrow, and the pain provoked by sin will only increase and intensify the longer we are Christians. Maturity in the faith does not lead to less sorrow over sin, but more.

– Sam Storms

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Psalm 34:15-16

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

We may leave the "how" with the LORD and be content to rejoice in the fact that He will, in some way or other, bring His own people through all the dangers, trials, and temptations for this mortal life to His own right hand in glory.

– Charles Spurgeon