



Doppelgangers

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¹⁵ And they said unto her, You are mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they: **It is his angel** [angelos ἄγγελος].

Ma'asiym (Acts of the Apostles) 12:15

LET me see if I have this right. Kepha is standing outside of the house of Yochanon-Marqus, banging on the door in the cold, dark, night, saying something to the effect of: "Let me in!" while Miryam and the others are preoccupied in a debate as to whether it is Kepha or his representative angel. I don't know how many times I scoured over that passage without ever *seeing* it. The quip about the angel. Who talks like that, by the way? I have been to numerous in-home Bible studies in my day, and I can't recall

anyone claiming Bob or Douglas' angel is waiting around on the front porch the moment the doorbell rings.



Not to make a mountain out of a molehill or anything, but is that a thing? Is my guardian angel supposed to rattle the knob to let someone know I'm held up in traffic and won't be long, or are we simply dealing with a Biblical-era phenomena? Oh, and the other elephant in the room. The supposed angel standing at Miryam's door was Kepha's doppelganger, is

that *also* a thing? If so, then I have just shown you several depictions of the angel breaking Kepha out of the joint, and not one of them put the two-and-two together. I'm thinking this deserves another one of my home-brewed investigations.

By the way, I do not intend the following report to be a history of angels, nor the day-to-day employment and duties of angels in heaven above and the corresponding earth below. Presently, I am only interested in the MOS of *some* angels. Doppelganger angels. I want to know if Ma'asiym is a one off. There is always the know-it-all smarty pants in the room who insists the Hebrew word for angel is **mal'akh** [מַלְאָךְ] and that it means 'messenger' in English, which is to say, not the spiritual creature we nearly always take them as. Well, my interest lies with the spiritual creatures whom we refer to as angels, the same angels whom the Hebrews described with the *mal'akh* [מַלְאָךְ] designation rather than the human messenger moniker.

There is a Greek counterpart, by the way. **Angelos** [ἄγγελος] means precisely what it sounds like. Angel. And if you were paying attention, I included the word in the Ma'asiym 12:15 passage. Supposing you are insistent that Kepha's doppelganger was a human messenger and not a heavenly ruach, because there is one in every crowd, then we are still pressed to figure out why Biblical messengers were body doubles and was this a requirement of the first century postal service? Regarding the angel, I will give you yet another example in Scripture in hopes of settling the debate.

¹⁴ Are not **all angels ministering ruachoth** (*spirits*) sent to serve those who will inherit *yeshu'ah* (salvation)?

Ivriym (Hebrews) 1:14

Seems rather rock solid of a case if you want my opinion on it. What you have just read is the worldview of the first century Hebrews. Angels are ministering ruachoth sent to serve those who will inherit *yeshu'ah*, and sometimes they even knock on the door during a Bible study.



By the way, I checked. It took some additional sleuth work, and I am happy to report Kepha's doppelganger wasn't simply a one off. In the game of peek-a-boo, you will have to look beyond Roman Canon, though when you do, appearances by the *said* lookalike ruach continues.

And Marcellus turned to sleep for a short space, and awoke and said unto Kepha: O Kepha, thou apostle of Mashiach, let us go boldly unto that which lieth before us. For just now when I turned myself to sleep for a little, I beheld thee sitting in a high place and before thee a great multitude, and a woman exceeding foul, in sight like an Ethiopian, not an Egyptian, but altogether black and filthy, clothed in rags, and with an iron collar about her neck and chains upon her hands and feet, dancing.

And when thou saw me, thou said to me with a loud voice: Marcellus the whole **power of Shim'on** [*Magus*] and of his Elohiym is this woman which dances; do thou behead her.

And I said to thee: **Brother Kepha**, I am a senator of a high race, and I have never defiled my hands, neither killed so much as a sparrow at any time. And thou hearing it did