

Angels mentioned by Name in Qu'ran & Authentic Sources

Jibreel (جبريل)

(Giving Revelation to Prophet)

Surah Baqrah, 98: *Whoever is an enemy to Allâh, His Angels, His Messengers, **Jibrîl (Gabriel)** and Mikâ'îl (Michael), then verily, Allâh is an enemy to the disbelievers."*

Surah An-Nahl, 102: *Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم **Ruh-ul-Qudus [Jibril (Gabriel)]**) has brought it (the Qur'an) down from your Lord with truth, that it may make firm and strengthen (the Faith of) those who believe, and as a guidance and glad tidings to those who have submitted (to Allah as Muslims).*

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah said: The majority of scholars said that this refers to Jibreel (peace be upon him), and that Allaah called him "al-Rooh al-Ameen", "Rooh al-Qudus" and Jibreel." ("Daqa'iq al-Tafseer", part 1, p. 310)

Bukhari 1636: *Narrated Anas bin Malik that Abu Dhar said: Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "The roof of my house was made open while I was at Makkah (on the night of Mi'raj) and **Jibril** descended. He opened up my chest and washed it with the water of Zamzam. The he brought the golden tray full of Wisdom and Belief and poured it in my chest and then closed it. The he took hold of my hand and ascended to the nearest heaven. Jibril told the gatekeeper of the nearest heaven to open the gate. The gatekeeper asked, "Who is it?" **Jibril** replied, "I am **Jibril**."*

Haarut & Maarut (هَارُوتَ وَمَارُوتَ)

(Taught Magic as a trial)

Surah Baqrah, 102: *They followed what the Shayatin (devils) gave out (falsely of the magic) in the lifetime of Sulaiman (Solomon). Sulaiman did not disbelieve, but the Shayatin (devils) disbelieved, teaching men magic and such things that came down at Babylon to the **two angels, Harut and Marut**, but neither of these two (angels) taught anyone (such things) till they had said, "We are only for trial, so disbelieve not (by learning this magic from us)." And from these (angels) people learn that by which they cause separation between man and his wife, but they could not thus harm anyone except by Allah's Leave. And they learn that which harms them and profits them not. And indeed they knew that the buyers of it (magic) would have no share in the Hereafter. And how bad indeed was that for which they sold their own selves, if they but knew.*

Mika'eel (ميكائيل)

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Sahih At-Targhib wat-Tarhib, 3664: Anas bin Malik narrated that the Messenger of Allah said to Jibril: "Why is it that I never see **Mika'il** smiling?" Jibril replied: "**Mika'il** has not smiled since Hell was Created."

There is a weak hadith reported by At-Tabarane which mentions Mika'eel is in charge of the plants & rain. This was also stated by Ibn Katheer in al-Bidayah wan-Nihayah

Malik (مالك)

(Gate keeper of Hell)

Surah Az-Zukruf, 77: *And they will cry: "O **Malik** (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us." He will say: "Verily, you shall abide forever."*

Bukhari, 3266: *Narrated Yali: That he heard the Prophet (peace be upon him) on the pulpit reciting:- "They will cry: "O **Malik!**" (43.77) (Malik is the gate-keeper (angel) of the (Hell) Fire.)*

Israfil (إِسْرَافِيلُ)

(Blowing the trumpet)

Sahih Muslim, 770: *'Abd al-Rahman b. 'Auf reported: I asked 'A'isha, the mother of the believers, (to tell me) the words with which the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) commenced the prayer when he got up at night. She said: When he got up at night he would commence his prayer with these words: O Allah, Lord of Gabriel, and Michael, and **Israfil**, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who knowest the unseen and the seen; Thou decidest amongst Thy servants concerning their differences. Guide me with Thy permission in the divergent views (which the people) hold about Truth, for it is Thou Who guidest whom Thou wilt to the Straight Path.*

al-Tirmidhi 3243 : *Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri reported: Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "How can I feel at ease when the Angel of the Trumpet, (**Israfil**) has put his lips to the Trumpet and is waiting for the order to blow it". He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) perceived as if this had shocked his Companions, so he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) told them to seek comfort through reciting: 'Hasbunallah wa ni'mal-Wakil [Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)]'."*

Munkar & Nakir (منكر و نكير)

(Questioning the deceased in Grave)

Sunan al-Tirmidhi 1071: *Abu Huraira "When the deceased is buried in his grave, **two black and blue angels come to him. One of them is called Munkar and the other is called Nakir. They will both say: What do you say about this man? He will say what he said before: He is the servant of Allah and His messenger, I bear witness there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is His servant and His messenger. They will both say: We knew you would say this! Then his grave is expanded by seventy cubits on each side, it is illuminated for him, and it is said to him: Sleep! He will say: May I return to my family to tell them? They will both say: Sleep like a bridegroom, whom none awakens but the most beloved of his family, until Allah resurrects him from his place of rest. If he was a hypocrite, he will say to the angels: I heard people saying something, so I said the same as them, for I do not know! They will both say: We knew you would say that! It will be said to the earth to constrict him, so it will constrict him by squeezing his ribs together. He will continue being punished until Allah resurrects him from that place of his."***

Other common names not proved from Qu'ran or Authentic Hadiths

Azra'il (Angel of Death) - Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen said: "The Angel of Death" is well known by the name Azra'il, but this is not correct, rather this was narrated from Jewish sources. So we should not believe in this name, and we should call the one who is appointed over death "the Angel of Death," as Allah called him in the verse (interpretation of the meaning):

Ridwaan (Keeper of Paradise) - Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) said: With regard to Ridwaan, he is appointed in charge of Paradise. This name of his is not proven as soundly and clearly as the name of Maalik [i.e., the keeper of Hell], but he is well-known among the scholars by this name.



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