

Presenting the **SPLIT ROCK - ANGEL COIN**



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The legendary angel coin has been around since the inception of coinage. For hundreds of years, silver and gold coins featuring angels have been treasured by many. Perhaps the most famous angel coin story begins in 1792 during France's "Reign of Terror", where the king's coin designer Augustin Dupré was to be executed by guillotine. As he knelt beneath the blade, he took his own angel coin he designed out of his pocket said a quick prayer and rubbed it for "good luck." At that exact moment, lightning struck nearby, and the guards scattered in fear, saving his life.

Historically, angel coins have been sought after by kings and queens to give as gifts to famous champions in battle, as well as local heroes. They were also greatly valued by seafaring captains and crews. In current times, fighter pilots, rescue personnel, police, and firefighters carry them to recall God's power and protection in the midst of the dangerous situations they encounter on a daily basis. Several years ago, I visited our local fire department to thank the people that resuscitated me after I experienced a sudden death heart attack in 2011. I gave each person one a 1 oz Isle of Man silver angel coin as a gift. The captain of the group thanked me and then pulled from his wallet his personal firefighter's challenge coin which had an image of Michael the Archangel on the back side. He told me he kept it with him always.

Some years ago, I carried a bronze angel coin token the size of a 50-cent piece. I kept it in my pocket with my loose change. It always sparked interest and would often give me a chance to talk about the miraculous things that had happened in my life. Ultimately it inspired me to design and create this coin. It was of utmost importance to me that the front side be reflective of what we believe to be the Rock in Horeb, which represents Christ Jesus. It is the Lord Who sends His angels to assist us, and we need to recognize that. ***This coin is not a "good luck charm," but rather a reminder to trust that God is always watching over us!***

This Split Rock -Angel Coin is made of a special material known as nickel silver and was produced by the Osborne Coinage Company. Although being a custom coin containing no precious metal, it is scratch and tarnish-resistant, and exceptionally durable. Because it is also bright silver in color, it has the look and feel of a silver dollar. It can be carried in your pocket with other coins and will blend in well with them. We hope you will enjoy carrying it, and that you will be able to share with others the wonderful works of God in your own lives.

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About The Split Rock:

The massive Split Rock represented on the front of this coin is an actual rock still standing in the barren desert of northwest Saudi Arabia today. We discovered this rock on April 2nd, 1992 while searching for an access route over the back of the Lawz mountain range, now believed by many, including us, to contain the Biblical Mt. Sinai and Mt. Horeb. Standing high atop a boulder hill hundreds of feet high, it perfectly fits the characteristics of a very special rock struck by Moses at God's command, which brought forth life saving water for the Israelites in a monumental miracle on two separate occasions. *"He clave the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as out of the great depths. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers."* (**Psalm 78:15-16 KJV**) Furthermore, it is in the precise location it should be with relation to Mt. Sinai in the Biblical narrative. *"Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."* (**Exodus 17:6 KJV**)

The Bible, while recounting all God did to provide for the Israelites in delivering them from captivity in Egypt, clearly connects the Rock at Horeb with Jesus Christ: *"...for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ..."* (**1 Cor. 10:4 KJV**) Just as the Rock in Horeb was split in two, torn asunder to release the life-saving water to a thirsty nation under Moses, Jesus was smitten, shed His perfect blood, and died on a cross to bear the sins of the whole world, so that we could have redemption in Him and be saved. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* (**John 3:16 KJV**) And His promise is to fill us with living water! *"He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water!"* (**John 7:38 KJV**)

Jesus Christ is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and the only Savior. But He is also Commander in Chief of the Armies of Heaven, the angelic warriors of the living God! The prophet Elisha and his servant were surrounded by a vast regiment of enemy soldiers. His servant had lost hope as he thought they were terribly outnumbered. But Elisha prayed for the eyes of his servant to be opened, and the fiery angel army of God was revealed to him! *"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."* (**2 Kings 6:16-17 KJV**)

It is the Lord Himself Who sends the angels to watch over us and help us in times of need. And it's all because of His great love for us! **Believe in Him, and the angels He commands to stand guard over you!**

About Angels:

The image represented on the back of this coin is that of a great warrior angel, sent to fight and overcome the enemies of God. The Bible says that angels are God's messengers; holy soldiers; praising and worshipping God. They have orders from God to protect and defend according to His Word. Mentioned all throughout the Bible, they are sent by God to deliver messages, minister to the lonely and afflicted, provide protection, and fight battles on our behalf. Angels sent from our heavenly Father always remind us not to be afraid, which is very comforting in times of need. And in the very stressful and uncertain times we are living in today, it is vital that we remember God's promises of deliverance and provision no matter what situation we find ourselves in. I personally believe I have experienced numerous angelic encounters over the years.

I learned about angels at an early age. My mom was a strong believer in the Biblical guardian angel. When a wonderful odor wafted through our house, she would pull me close and say, "Jim, do you smell that? An angel must be near!" Often, she told me I must have worn out legions of angels because of all the dangerous situations I'd gotten myself into that I was suddenly and inexplicably rescued from. And looking back over the years to even greater deliverances than Mom knew about, I am absolutely certain that angels were dispatched by God to help! The Bible literally says, *"For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."* (**Psalm 91:11 KJV**)

Angels have immense supernatural strength. Just one angel sent by God against the King of Assyria slew his entire army of 185,000 soldiers in one night! By himself! *"And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."* (**2 Kings 19:35 KJV**) John saw an angel come down and completely overpower the devil himself and throw him into the bottomless pit! *"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold ! the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."* (**Revelation 20:1-3 KJV**) If just one angel God sends can do these amazing things, surely we can rely on His promise to send them to minister to us!

We are even reminded to show hospitality to strangers, because sometimes that's how angels will show up in our day-to-day life! *"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares!"* (**Hebrews 13:2 KJV**) Indeed, angels are real! And they are sent to us as God's beloved children! *"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"* (**Hebrews 1:14 KJV**)