



WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ANGEL OF DEATH?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

There is a lack of absolute evidence on this subject hence one cannot speak with absolute certainty.

Imam Qurtubi states whilst discussing Sura 32 verse 11:

قُلْ يَتَوَفَّاكُم مَّلَكُ الْمَوْتِ الَّذِي وُكِّلَ بِكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ تُرْجَعُونَ

Say, “The Angel of Death will take your Souls, that (Angel) which has been made responsible for you. Then towards your Rabb you will return.” (Qur’an 32:11)

{ مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ } واسمه عزرائيل ومعناه عبد الله؛ كما تقدم في «البقرة». وتصرفه كله بأمر الله تعالى وبخلقه واختراعه. وروي في الحديث: " أن البهائم كلها يتوفى الله أرواحها دون ملك الموت " كأنه يعدم حياتها؛ ذكره ابن عطية.

“(Angel of Death) his name is ‘Izra’il whose meaning is Servant of Allah, like it has preceded in Sura al-Baqara”

He further quotes a hadith “Indeed all creatures will have their Souls taken by Allah except the Angel of Death” – it is as though he is not alive – Ibn Utayya has mentioned this.

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ وَعِلْمُهُ أَحْكَمُ وَأَتْمُّ