

# Who is Michael The Archangel?

We will be examining the following verses in this study in defining "Who is Michael The Archangel?" There is only one verse using "Michael the archangel" and that is found in Jude 9 where we find Michael and Satan disputing over the resurrection of Moses.

## Jude 9

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil He disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Michael won this dispute and resurrected Moses. Hence we find Moses and Elijah come down bodily and talk with Christ on the mount when Christ was transfigured before them.

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with Him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and He was transfigured before them. 3) And His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4) And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

We will discover that when the Scriptures refer to "Michael," it's in reference to the conflict between Christ and Satan, with Christ always being the Victor.

The only other verse using "archangel" is found in 1Thessalonians 4:16 again referring to a resurrection, this time of the righteous. We will be visiting this verse again further on in this study.

## 1Thessalonians 4:16

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

There are two verses just using "Michael." Daniel 12:1 refers to the final battle just before the seven last plagues are poured out. Michael again is victorious and His people are delivered. Daniel 12:2 refers to the resurrection at Christ's coming.

## Daniel 12:1

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

## Revelation 12:7

Revelation 12:7 refers to the beginning warfare between Michael and Satan. Again we find Michael as the Victor.

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8) And prevailed not; neither was their place

found any more in heaven. 9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

We find another verse where "Michael" is referred to as your "prince."

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

### Daniel 10:13

Daniel refers to Michael as "one of the chief princes." In the following verse we will find several identifying characteristics of "Michael," those being, Michael, one, chief, and princes.

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Let's look at Strong's definitions of those words.

**Michael:** 4317. Miyka'el, me-kaw-ale'; from 4310 and (the prefix derivative from) 3588 and 410; **who (is) like God?**; Mikael, the name of an archangel and of nine Israelites:—Michael.

**410.** 'el, ale; shortened from 352; strength; as adjective, **mighty; especially the Almighty** (but used also of any deity):—God (god), x goodly, x great, idol, might(-y one), power, strong. Compare names in "-el."

**One:** 259. 'echad, ekh-awd'; a numeral from 258; properly, **united**, i.e. **one**; or (as an ordinal) **first**:—a, alike, alone, altogether, and, any(-thing), apiece, a certain, (dai-)ly, each (one), + eleven, every, few, first, + highway, a man, once, one, only, other, some, together,

**Chief:** 7223. ri'shown, ree-shone'; or riishon, ree-shone'; from 7221; **first, in place, time or rank** (as adjective or noun):—ancestor, (that were) before(-time), beginning, eldest, first, fore(-father) (-most), former (thing), of old time, past.

**Princes:** 8269. sar, sar; from 8323; **a head person** (of any rank or class):—captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor, keeper, lord, ((-task-))master, prince(-ipal), ruler, steward.

Let's now take what we learned from the Strong's definitions as it relates to "Michael the archangel." Michael, who is like God, and who is mighty as the Almighty, and who is united or one with God and is first in time, place and rank, being a head person or captain, can certainly apply to Christ. But there is more to examine.

Michael is "one of the chief princes." A prince is a son of a king. Jesus is the Son of God, a prince who is like God the Father, who is the King of the universe. Christ stated, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Christ also stated, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Young's Literal Translation translates, "one of the chief princes," as "first of the chief heads." Notice the difference.

Daniel 10:13 'And the head of the kingdom of Persia is standing over-against me twenty and one days, and lo, Michael, first of the chief heads, hath come in to help me, and I have remained there near the kings of Persia;

Paul identifies Christ as "the head of all principality and power."

Colossians 2:9 For in Him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10) And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:

What are the principalities and powers of which Christ is the head? They are the rulers of the darkness of this world, Satan and his angels.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

It was through the cross that Christ triumphed over them by revealing their murderous characters.

Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Let's take a look at the Greek definitions for archangel.

**Archangel:** G743. archaggelos, ar-khang'-el-os; from 757 and 32; **a chief angel:** — archangel.

757. archo, ar'-kho; a primary verb; **to be first (in political rank or power):** — reign (rule) over.

32. aggelos, ang'-el-os; from aggello (probably derived from 71; compare 34) **(to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel";** by implication, a pastor: — angel, messenger.

Below is a verse defining Christ as "the Messenger of the covenant."

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger [John the Baptist], and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord [Christ], whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Is Christ ever referred to as an angel? Yes He was. Bear in mind, we are not suggesting that Christ was a created being as were the angels of God, but as an "angel" meaning a messenger.

#### **God, (The Angel of The Lord) Tempted Abraham:**

Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2) And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:11 And the Angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12) And He said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

#### **God, (The Angel of God) Spoke to Jacob:**

Genesis 31:11 And the Angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.... 13) I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou

vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

#### **God, (The Angel of the Lord) Spoke to Moses:**

Exodus 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 4) And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. 5) And He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. 6) Moreover He said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name? what shall I say unto them? 14) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 15) And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

We are told that Jesus is verily God with us.

Matthew 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Therefore, Jesus, Emmanuel – God with us, is the angel who spoke to Moses in the burning bush. Notice that in speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus claimed that sacred name as His own and was threatened with stoning for it.

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57) Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 59) Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

#### **The Lord, (The Angel of The Lord) Spoke to Gideon:**

Judges 6:11 And there came an Angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12) And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13) And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us?

### **God, (The Angel of The Lord, A Man of God) Speaks to Manoah and His Wife:**

Judges 13:3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. ...

Judges 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A Man of God came unto me, and His countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked Him not whence He was, neither told He me His name: ... 21) But the Angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that He was an Angel of the LORD. 22) And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

### **Captain of the Lord's host:**

One rendering of the word, "prince," is **captain**. Below is a passage that refers to Christ as the "Captain of the Lord's host." Joshua was told to "loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy."

Joshua 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a Man over against him with His sword drawn in His hand: and Joshua went unto Him, and said unto Him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14) And He said, Nay; but as Captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto Him, What saith my lord unto His servant? 15) And the Captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

Joshua worshipped the Captain. If it were just an angel, he would have been rebuked for worshipping, as was John when he worshipped an angel.

Revelation 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9) Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

### **The Son of God is the Prince of Peace:**

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The Prince of Peace is also called the Prince of princes in Daniel as well as, the Great Prince, and Michael your Prince which is none other than Messiah the Prince of the covenant, the Son of God.

Daniel 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your Prince.

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and

threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the Prince of the covenant.

The Prince of the covenant is also called the "Messenger of the covenant."

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, [my angel] and He shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

### **Michael the Archangel:**

Archangel is found only twice in Scripture, only once is He called Michael.

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

We find the same words "the Lord rebuke you" found in a battle between the Lord and Satan disputing over the judgment of Joshua the high priest.

Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to resist Him. 2) And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

The other verse that speaks of the "archangel" is found in 1Thessalonians and is connected with the resurrection.

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

The Lord Himself has the voice of the Archangel.

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ... 28) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, 29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Jesus Himself stated four times in one chapter that He would be the One who would resurrect at the last day.

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:40 And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

As a matter of fact, He also stated that He was the resurrection and the life.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Remember that in Jude 9, Satan was contending with Michael the Archangel over the resurrection of Moses, and again in Daniel 12 we find Michael the great Prince associated with a resurrection.

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the Great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

It's interesting to note that we find four places in Scripture where Michael and Satan are in battle with each other.

**1) War in Heaven:**

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

**2) Contention over the resurrection of Moses:**

Jude 9 Yet Michael the Archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

**3) Contention over the judgment of Joshua the high priest:**

Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to resist Him. 2) And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

**4) Contention over the prophesied decree of Cyrus:**

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia [Satan] withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

**Review:**

We see then that the following are all one and the same—Jesus Christ.

Michael the Archangel Jude 9

Michael One of the chief princes Daniel 10:13

Michael the Great Prince Daniel 12:1

Michael your Prince Daniel 10:21

The Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6

Prince of princes Daniel 8:25

Messiah the Prince Daniel 9:25

Prince of the covenant Daniel 11:22

Messenger of the covenant Malachi 3:1