~MICHAEL 1 (309) (Mi'cha-el) [Who Is Like God?]

- The only holy angel other than Gabriel named in the Bible, and the only one called, archangel.
- But when Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses body, he did not dare to bring a judgment against him in abusive terms, but said; May Yehowah rebuke you. (Jude 1:9)
- The first occurrence of the name is in the tenth chapter of Daniel, where Michael is described as, one of the foremost princes, he came to the aid of a lesser angel who was opposed by the prince of the royal realm of Persia. Michael was called, the prince of Daniel's people, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of Daniel's people.
- But the prince of the royal realm of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days, and, look! Michael, one of the foremost princes, came to help me, and I, for my part, remained there beside the kings of Persia. (Daniel 10:13)
- So he went on to say; Do you really know why I have come to you? And now I shall go back to fight with the prince of Persia. When I am going forth, look! Also the prince of Greece is coming. (Daniel 10:20)
- However, I shall tell you the things noted down in the writing of truth, and there is no one holding strongly with me in these things but Michael, the prince of you people. (Daniel 10:21)
- And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (Daniel 12:1)
- This points to Michael as the angel who led the Israelites through the wilderness.
- Here I am sending an angel ahead of you to keep you on the road

and to bring you into the place that I have prepared. (Exodus 23:20)

- Watch yourself because of him and obey his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is within him. (Exodus 23:21)
- For my angel will go ahead of you and will indeed bring you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I shall certainly efface them. (Exodus 23:23)
- And now, come, lead the people to where I have spoken to you of. Look! My angel will go ahead of you, and on the day of my bringing punishment I shall certainly bring punishment upon them for their sin. (Exodus 32:34)
- And I will send an angel ahead of you and drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, and the Hittites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. (Exodus 33:2)
- Lending support to this conclusion is the fact that Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses body.
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- Scriptural evidence indicates that the name Michael applied to God's Son before he left heaven to become Jesus Christ and also after his return. Michael is the only one said to be the archangel, meaning chief angel, or principal angel.
- The term occurs in the Bible only in the singular. This seems to imply that there is but one whom God has designated chief, or head, of the angelic host.
- Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

- The voice of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ is described as being that of an archangel, suggesting that he is, in fact, himself the archangel. This text depicts him as descending from heaven with a commanding call.
- It is only logical, therefore, that the voice expressing this commanding call be described by a word that would not diminish or detract from the great authority that Christ Jesus now has as King of kings and Lord of lords.
- And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. (Matthew 28:18)
- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. (Revelation 17:14)
- If the designation archangel applied, not to Jesus Christ, but to other angels, then the reference to an archangel's voice would not be appropriate. In that case it would be describing a voice of lesser authority than that of the Son of God.
- There are also other correspondencies establishing that Michael is actually the Son of God. Daniel, after making the first reference to Michael.
- But the prince of the royal realm of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days, and, look! Michael, one of the foremost princes, came to help me, and I, for my part, remained there beside the kings of Persia. (Daniel 10:13)
- Recorded a prophecy reaching down to the time of the end.
- And in the time of the end the king of the south will engage with him in a pushing, and against him the king of the north will storm with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will certainly enter into the lands and flood over and pass through. (Daniel 11:40)
- And then stated; And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of Daniel's people.
- And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who

is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (Daniel 12:1)

- Michael's standing up was to be associated with a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time.
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- In Daniel's prophecy, standing up frequently refers to the action of a king, either taking up his royal power or acting effectively in his capacity as king.
- And now what is truth I shall tell to you; Look! There will yet be three kings standing up for Persia, and the fourth one will amass greater riches than all others. And as soon as he has become strong in his riches, he will rouse up everything against the kingdom of Greece. (Daniel 11:2)
- And a mighty king will certainly stand up and rule with extensive dominion and do according to his will. (Daniel 11:3)
- And when he will have stood up, his kingdom will be broken and be divided toward the four winds of the heavens, but not to his posterity and not according to his dominion with which he had ruled, because his kingdom will be uprooted, even for others than these. (Daniel 11:4)
- And one from the sprout of her roots will certainly stand up in his position, and he will come to the military force and come against the fortress of the king of the north and will certainly act against them and prevail. (Daniel 11:7)
- And the one coming against him will do according to his will, and there will be no one standing before him. And he will stand in the land of the Decoration, and there will be extermination in his

hand. (Daniel 11:16)

- And there must stand up in his position one who is causing an exactor to pass through the splendid kingdom, and in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger nor in warfare. (Daniel 11:20)
- And there must stand up in his position one who is to be despised, and they will certainly not set upon him the dignity of the kingdom, and he will actually come in during a freedom from care and take hold of the kingdom by means of smoothness.

 (Daniel 11:21)
- This supports the conclusion that Michael is Jesus Christ, since Jesus is Yehowah's appointed King, commissioned to destroy all the nations at Har–Magedon.
- And the seventh angel blew his trumpet. And loud voices occurred in heaven, saying; The kingdom of the world did become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will rule as king forever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)
- They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)
- Look! I am coming as a thief. Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments, that he may not walk naked and people look upon his shamefulness. (Revelation 16:15)
- And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon. (Revelation 16:16)
- The book of;
- And war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled (Revelation 12:7)
- And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! (Revelation 12:10)

- On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time. (Revelation 12:12)
- Specifically mentions Michael in connection with the establishment of God's Kingdom and links this event with trouble for the earth. And war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled.
- And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down. On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea. Jesus Christ is later depicted as leading the heavenly armies in war against the nations of the earth.
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)
- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)
- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)

- This would mean a period of distress for them, which would logically be included in the time of distress that is associated with Michael's standing up.
- And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (Daniel 12:1)
- Since the Son of God is to fight the nations, it is only reasonable that he was the one who with his angels earlier battled against the superhuman dragon, Satan the Devil, and his angels.
- In his pre-human existence Jesus was called the Word.
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (John 1:1)
- He also had the personal name Michael. By retaining the name Jesus after his resurrection.
- He said; Who are you, Lord? He said; I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 9:5)
- The Word shows that he is identical with the Son of God on earth. His resuming his heavenly name Michael and his title, or name The Word of God.
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)
- Ties him in with his pre-human existence. The very name Michael, asking as it does, Who Is Like God? Points to the fact that Yehowah God is without like, or equal, and that Michael his archangel is his great Champion or Vindicator.