

**The true
Identity of
Michael
the Archangel ?**

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Who is **Michael the Archangel**.

These pages will explain who he is, his origin and his offices as set forth in the Bible.

Michael is mentioned by name five times in scripture.

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

Dan 10:21 *But I [Gabriel] will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me against these, but **Michael your prince**.*

Dan 12:1 *And at that time shall **Michael stand up**, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people;*

Jud 1:9 *But **Michael the Archangel**, when contending with the Devil and arguing with him about the body of Moses, did not dare to pronounce judgement on him in abusive terms, but simply said, "The LORD rebuke you."*

Rev 12:7,8 *And war broke out in Heaven, **Michael and his angels engaging in battle with the Dragon**. The Dragon fought and so did his angels; but they were defeated, and there was no longer any room found for them in Heaven.*

Apart from the brief mention in the book of Revelation **Michael** appears in the Old Testament but **disappears completely in the New Testament !**

To begin this enquiry we need to know that there are three places in the Universe.

1. The place (?) God is, in His very substance—His essence which the Bible tells us is a place (?) that even the Heavens cannot contain.

This place (?) is where **physical dimensions** and **time** do not exist.

2 Chron 2:5 *And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods. But who is able to build him a house, **seeing heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain him ?** who am I then, that I should build him a house*

2. The Heavens where He appears with the Angels where the book of Revelation depicts Him sat on His throne.

Rev 4:9 *And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, and lives until the Ages of the Ages, **10 the twenty-four Elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives until the Ages of the Ages, and they cast their wreaths down in front of the throne, 11 saying, "It is fitting, O our LORD and GOD, That we***

should ascribe unto you the glory and the honor and the power; For Thou didst create all things, And because it was Thy will they came into existence, and were created."

This Heaven appears to have the quality of spatial dimensions and the sense of time.

Rev 8:1 *And when he opens the seventh seal, there came silence in the heaven about half-an-hour*

3. The physical part of Universe including the Earth where we reside. Our Earth has three spatial dimensions and the sense of time passing.

Ps 115:16 *The heavens--the heavens are LORD'S, And the earth He hath given to sons of men.*

In scripture God appears to man on various occasions and He has a special name with which He is called **"The Angel of the LORD"**

God walked and **spoke directly** to Adam in the garden of Eden.

Gen 3:8 *And they heard the voice of the LORD GOD walking in the garden toward the cool of the day; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD GOD amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD GOD called unto the man, and said unto him: 'Where art thou?'*

In the history of Abraham the LORD appears several times under the guise of **"the Angel of the LORD"** that is in human form.

Gen 17:1,3,22 *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am God Almighty...And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him... And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.*

The LORD, **"the Angel of the LORD"** appeared to Abraham with **two other Angels** just before the destruction of Sodom.

Gen 18:1,2,16 *And the LORD appeared unto him by the oaks of Mamre... and he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him... And the (two) men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.*

Gen 19:1,24 *And the two angels came to Sodom at even...Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;*

Notice the LORD **on earth** rained fire and brimstone from **the LORD out of heaven. God in two places at the same time—Omnipresent.**

When God tested Abraham the LORD appeared again as **"the Angel of the LORD"**

Gen 22:9 *And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the Angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 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.*

Take note that the Angel says that you have not withheld you're only son from **“me”** that is God Himself.

Gen 22:15 *And the Angel of the LORD called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:*

Again the **“Angel of the LORD”** swears by **Himself** as there is none higher than God, confirms that He is God.

This **“Angel of the LORD”** appears throughout Genesis to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When Jacob wrestles with the Angel in the guise of a man the scripture says:

Gen 32:24 *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day... 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for thou hast striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for, said he, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

This man—Angel is called **“God”** by Jacob, is repeated again in Gen 35:9

And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 13 And God went up from him in the place where he spake with him. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el. (house of God)

Jacob when blessing his son Joseph and looking back on his own life says

Gen 48:15 *And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which hath fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 the Angel which hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.*

Now this same Angel appears to Moses in the burning bush Exod 3:2-6

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and Lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, " I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. " When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, " Moses, Moses ! " And he said, " Here am I. " Then he said, " Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. " And he said, " I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. " And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Notice that The Angel of the LORD speaking from the bush says,

‘ I am God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ’.

Now Moses was afraid to look at God, so Moses understood that **this Angel is not one of the created angels** but the God of Bethel.

This same Angel, **who is God - Elohim**, is the same Angel that led the Israelites out of Egypt.

Exod 23:20 *" Behold, I send an Angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. Give heed to Him and hearken to His voice, do not rebel against Him, for He will not pardon your transgression; for My name is in Him.*

In the scriptures we have amazing statements about Moses' face shining because he has been speaking to God, the same God whom the patriarchs had encountered. It was **“The Word of the LORD.”**

We need to clearly understand that **“The Angel of the LORD,”** is a veiled physical manifestation of **EI-Shaddai - God Almighty.**

The full Glory of God's being cannot be seen by man and the man remain alive, so God has to be veiled in some way.

Now Moses wished to see this full glory and he was not able to do so.

Exod 33:18-23 *Moses said, " I pray thee, show me thy glory." And he said, " I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name, The LORD (יהוה); and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But, " he said,*

" you cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live. "

And the LORD said, " Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand upon the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

We can see that there was a physical manifestation of God, who was a veiled person to Moses, for the full Glory of God was not revealed.

Ex 33:11 *Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend...30 And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 35 The people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

In the New Testament it tells us that no one has seen God at anytime.

John 1:18 *No man hath seen God (Father) at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

This refers only to the Father who remains in the first Heaven. **The Angel of the LORD** inhabits the Second Heaven. Unity of God is not disturbed.

Let us look at another very interesting account concerning **the Angel of the LORD**.

In the book of Judges 13:2 **the Angel of the LORD** appears again .

And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah... And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have no children; but you shall conceive and bear a son.... Then the woman came and told her husband, " A man of God came to me, and his countenance was like the countenance of THE ANGEL OF GOD, very terrible; I did not ask him whence he was, and he did not tell me his name;... [The angel appeared in the form of a man] Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said," O, LORD, I pray thee, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again to us..

" And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman ran in haste and told her husband, " Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me. " And Manoah arose and went after his wife, and came to the man and said to him, " Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am."...

Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "Pray, let us detain you, and prepare a kid for you. " And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, " If you detain me, I will not eat of your food; but if you make ready a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD.

" (For Manoah did not know that he was THE ANGEL OF THE LORD)

And Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honour you ?

" And the Angel of the LORD said to him, " Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful ? [Isa 9.6] " So Manoah took the kid with the cereal offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD, to him who works wonders. And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, The Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar while Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground. The Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife.

Then Manoah knew that he was THE ANGEL OF THE LORD. And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God."

We can now perceive that Manoah knows that to see **The Angel of the LORD** is to see **God—Elohim**. This is no ordinary Angel !.

There was another incident recorded as Joshua was on the threshold of the promised land and this is in Joshua 5.13 -15,

When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man stood before him with his drawn sword in his hand; and Joshua went to him and said to him, " Are you for us, or for our adversaries ? "And he said, " No; but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come. " And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped, and said to him, "What does my LORD bid his servant ? "And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, " Put off your shoes from your feet; for the place where you stand is holy. " And Joshua did so.

This man is called the "**commander**" or "**Prince**" of the LORD's Army and it is this term, "**commander of the LORD's Army**" that helps to identify who this personage is.

Moses was told at the burning bush to take off his shoes because the ground was Holy when he had an encounter with God and so in the same manner Joshua is told to remove his shoes because the ground is Holy.

The fact the ground is Holy, makes it clear it is a manifestation of the **Angel of the LORD, God—Elohim**.

This term the commander of the LORD's Army tells us that this being, revealed as a man, is the **Archangel Michael**. Now to prove this, let me show you the references to Michael in the Old and New Testament.

Dan 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me [the angel Gabriel] one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, the first of the chief heads ', Youngs literal translation] or ' the first of the chief Princes ' came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

Dan 10:21 *But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me against these [princes], but*

Michael your prince. [Your people, the Jewish people]

Dan 12:1 *And at that time shall Michael stand up* [arise], *the great prince who has charge of your people and there shall be a time of trouble* [AD 70], *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.*

These three references in Daniel show that this is the Angel of his presence, the same as described in Exod 23.20

" Behold, I send an Angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him ".

And again **this Angel** is referred to in Isa 63.9,10:

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

This angel is **Michael the Archangel**, the one who is the guardian of the children of Israel.

It now becomes clearer because In Daniel 11.2 when the Persian Kings are said to begin to their individual Kingships, the phrase which is used to describe this rule is, **to arise** RSV or **to stand up** KJV.

" And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall stand up [arise] *in Persia; "*

This same expression **"stand up"** above is used in Daniel 12.1 were Michael is said to **arise, to stand up**, i.e. begin to rule and take on his Kingship.

" And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who has charge of your people "

This links directly with Rev 12.7 where to invest [set up] the Kingdom of God, the Heavens first have to be cleansed of **Satan** by **Michael** [Christ].

Re 12:7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels;*

When the scripture in **Daniel** was written **The Messiah** had not come so he is referred to by the name **Michael** which means ' **Who is like God** '.

In 1 Thess 4.16 when **the LORD Jesus** calls from the grave the dead back to life, he says it with **the voice of the Archangel**:

For the LORD himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first;

Again in John 5.25 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself; and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.*

Finally it is the **Angel of His Presence, Michael**, who Satan opposes when Moses dies, because **this Angel** is in charge of Daniel's people.

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

The **only Archangel** mentioned in scripture is the one called **Michael**. **Scripture knows of no other !**

In conclusion we have clear identification that **Michael the Archangel** is this Angel who is this **Elohim** who guards Israel and is the one who appears in the burning bush. He is **the same Angel** that appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Glory of the LORD

If we move forward to the time of the Prophets Zechariah and Ezekiel, **the Word of the LORD** [**the Angel of the LORD**] appears again.

Zec 7:8 *And the Word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 Thus hath the LORD of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother:*

Zec 8:18 *And the Word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts:*

Ezekiel sees a vision about the departure of the LORD from Israel.

"...the Word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there." Ezek 1:3

The Word of God appears **as a man** and is clothed in brilliance and has a name which is

‘ The Glory of the LORD ’

*And above the firmament over their heads there was the **likeness of a throne**, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a **likeness as it were of a human form**. And upward from what had the **appearance of his loins** I saw as it were gleaming bronze, like the appearance of fire enclosed round about; and downward from what had **the appearance of his loins** I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. Such was the appearance of the likeness of **THE GLORY OF THE LORD**. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.* Ezek 1:26-28

This appearance of **the Glory of the LORD** is in **human form** yet a glorious being. The following passage states clearly that after **the Word of the LORD** had spoken to Ezekiel, then Ezekiel goes to the people of Israel and tells them that it is **THE LORD** who has spoken directly to the prophet.

*And he said to me, " Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you. " And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, " Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; ... to this very day. The people are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, "**Thus says the LORD GOD** " Ezek 2:1-4*

Notice the "**I send**", this is the God of Israel speaking. The book of Ezekiel is in these days very neglected, but it describes how the "**Shechinah**"—" **the Glory of God** " that dwelt in the Holy of Holies, departed in stages. First to the threshold of the temple, then above the city of Jerusalem and finally the Mount of Olives and then left the land of Israel.

*Now the **Glory of the God of Israel** had gone up from the cherubim on which it rested, to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side.* Ezek 9:3

*And the **Glory of the LORD** went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.* Ezek 11:23

This vision of the departure of the Shechinah, **the Glory of the LORD** was only seen by Ezekiel in vision but not by the people.

For the people of Israel, this vision was translated into the invading armies of their conquerors.

We identify the Word of the LORD—the Angel of the LORD—the Glory of the LORD as one being, the God of Bethel—El-Shaddai—the Almighty God.

This vision of the glory of Shechinah disappearing, which Ezekiel saw was **not seen** by the people as **Shechinah hovering** [a glorious light shining] over Jerusalem but as a consequence of this vision, as I said before, the people later on **only saw** the invading armies destroying Jerusalem.

We can now turn to the last book of the Old Testament and we have a clear identification of who is the Angel of the covenant. Mal 3:1,2

Behold, I will send my messenger [John the Baptist] and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD [Jesus Christ], whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger [Angel] of the covenant [Jesus Christ], whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth ? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.

Is this the correct interpretation ? Mark 1:2 has the answer.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Mal 3:1

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD , make his paths straight. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And THE GLORY OF THE LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. Isa 40:3

John did baptise in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He prepared the Jewish people for the ministry of Jesus by calling them to repentance and warning them of the wrath about to come in AD 70 if they continued to be disobedient.

Finally we can say that the identification of The Angel of the Covenant is complete—He is the Word of the LORD—He is the God of Bethel—Michael the Archangel.

This is again confirmed by the apostle John who cites the prophet Isaiah when speaking of Glory of Christ. John 12:36-41

.... When Jesus had said this, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him Isaiah said this because he [Isaiah] saw his glory [Jesus] and spoke of him.

Now this scripture is found in the Old Testament in Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for....

“ my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts ! ”

Jesus Christ is identified by apostle John through the prophet Isaiah as the LORD of Hosts.

The Word of God, the Angel of the covenant, the Angel....who revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and all the Prophets, he became flesh, has become one of us but **without sin**.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Now **Jesus Christ** [the LORD] is the Angel who went before them as a cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

Ex 13:21 *And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:*

Ex 14:19 *And the Angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:*

The greatest event in the history of the world, the ultimate reality was

He who was manifest in the flesh, was God, Elohim, the Creator of the Universe.

If we now turn to the last book of the Bible the Apocalypse, the Revelation, we find the Deity of Christ clearly stated. When John fell down before the glorious Angel who was revealing the visions to him, he warns John only to worship God.

Next the Angel identifies the rider of the horse, Jesus, as the Word of God.

There is only

One Word of God - the God of Bethel,

whom Jacob worshipped. Gen 48.15

And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which hath fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 the angel which hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my

name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

*Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, " You must not do that ! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God....He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God..... On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*******
Rev 19:10-16

There are two Old Testament verses that state unequivocally that

The LORD is the only God that exists. **He is the First and the Last Deity.**

Thus says the LORD , the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

" I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god ". Isa 44:6

" Harken to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called ! I am He, I am the first, and I am the last ". Isa 48:12

If we now turn to the Apocalypse:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants what must soon take place; and he made it known by sending his angel [God's angel] to his servant John...

Behold, he [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, [as in Exodus] and every eye will see him, every one [the Jews of that Generation] who pierced him [Jesus]; and all tribes of the land [of Israel] will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

" I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the LORD GOD, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. Rev 1:7-8

This shows that the one who is to **soon come again in AD 70** to bring judgement on Israel is Jesus Christ who is called the LORD GOD, Alpha and Omega.

In the last chapter of the book of Revelation 22:6 John says

And he [the angel] said to me, " These words are trustworthy and true. And the LORD, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel [God's angel] to show his servants what must soon take place. And behold, I am [the LORD GOD] coming soon [it is Jesus that comes soon] "

I John am he who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; but he said to me, " You must not do that ! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book.

Worship God." And he said to me, " Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near" [AD 70].

This example of an angel of Revelation is different than the Angel of the LORD who wrestled with Jacob. He is the God of Bethel.

" Behold, I am [the LORD GOD] coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega [God Almighty is designated as the Alpha and the Omega], the first and the last [Jehovah Isa 44:6], the beginning and the end. "....

In verse 16 it is Jesus Christ who is speaking

" I Jesus [same person as the LORD GOD, who is speaking] have sent my angel [In verse 6 it is the LORD GOD who sends his angel, there is only one angel] to you with this testimony for the churches.

I am [Jesus] the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star. " He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am [Jesus] coming soon." Amen. Come, LORD Jesus ! The grace of the LORD Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Jesus is designated in the Revelation as the ‘ **First and the Last** ’

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. Rev 2:8

From this scripture we can see that it is

the LORD GOD who comes, Jesus Christ who comes, The LORD GOD and Jesus are both named the Alpha and Omega.

Jesus sends his angel and the LORD GOD sends his angel.

But there is only one angel. Can any words be more plain than these ? There is only one **Alpha and Omega**, only one **First and Last**, that is the nature of the meaning of the words used.

Now back to **Michael** the archangel whom we know as **the LORD Jesus Christ**. At the very beginning there was no man, no Earth, no heavens and no angels, when God created the Universe.

The very first event in the Creation was God bringing himself into His own Creation as the Archangel Michael.

The Word of God in the appearance of the Archangel Michael was begotten by the Father before all things.

This given in Proverbs 8:22 JPS

Pro 8:22 *The LORD made me as the beginning of His way, the first of His*

works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; 26 While as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world. 27 When He established the heavens, I was there; when He set a circle upon the face of the deep...

This begetting of **Michael** [Only Begotten Son] at the beginning, was God's entrance into the finite spiritual dimension of the second Heaven. **Michael** is not a creation in the normal sense but God's own person coming into that world.

Michael (Christ) now as the Word of God brings into existence the rest of creation angels and humans. These angels and men are **not begotten** but created.

Col 1:15 *who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; 17 and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.*

Rev 3:14 *And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:*

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing that exists came into being.*

The fact that Michael, whose name means "**who is like God**", is God Himself becoming part of His own creation. We know of course that in time God would become man in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

The fact that Michael is the begotten Son of God was unknown to the Angels when they were first created. The angels accepted, as Adam, did that God alone was the source of their existence.

After the Resurrection the Angels then found out exactly who Jesus was the Eternal God manifest in the flesh so they now worship Him as God.

Heb 1:6 *But speaking of the time when He once more brings His Firstborn into the world, He says,*

"AND LET ALL GOD'S ANGELS WORSHIP HIM." Weymouth

Remember at first the apostles did not know who exactly Jesus was, but in the due process of time it was revealed to them that he was the LORD from Heaven.

Lucifer became insanely jealous of Michael's authority as the chief Angel, who had God's special favour. Lucifer wanted to be like God and so he disobeyed and sinned and drew other angels to his camp.

His mind set is given in Isaiah 14

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, Lucifer, son of the morning ! Thou art cut down to the ground, that didst prostrate the nations! 13 And thou that didst say in thy heart, I will ascend into the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit upon the mount of assembly, in the recesses of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High:

Lucifer's enemies are **God the Father** and **God in the person of Michael the chief Angel**.

The book of Daniel is a prophetic book about Israel from the time of **Nebuchadnezzar to AD 70**.

There are various prophecies about the rise and fall of the gentile kingdoms [Dan chapters 2,7,8, 11 & 12] and the birth and death of the Messiah [Isa chapter 53, Dan chapter 9] and finally to the desolation of Jerusalem in AD 70. [Dan chapter 9, 12].

Dan 11 & 12 gives a continuous detailed history from **the Persian Empire, to Greek Empire, Seleucid and Ptolemaic kingdoms, to Maccabees then King Herod** and then to the overthrow of Jerusalem called **the Great Tribulation**.

All this history **written in advance** as Prophecy before these Kingdoms existed.

We will turn to Daniel chapter 2 where Nebuchadnezzar receives dream about a Statue made up of various metals. Now what you will read is not what is usually written about Daniel chapter 2. So bear in mind that Jesus said,

' They put not new wine into old skins, because the skins burst, and the wine does run out, and the skins are destroyed, but they put new wine into new skins, and both are preserved . Mat 9:17.

That was the problem with the mind set of the Pharisees.

Dan 2:1 *And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams... 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.... 31 Thou, O king, saw, and behold a great image... stood before thee... 32 As for this image, his head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33 his*

Popular view
Babylon
Medes & Persians
The Greeks
The Romans



legs of iron, his feet part of iron, and part of clay.

34 *Thou saw till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. 36 This is the dream; and*

we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 *Thou, O king, art king of kings... thou art the head of gold.* [Nebuchadnezzar]

39 *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee;*

	Babylon	Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar “ <i>you are the head of Gold</i> ”
	Medes	The Medes are the next empire to satisfy the words of scripture. See Note 1
	Persians & Medes	The Medes were absorbed by the Persians after Cyrus defeated Astyages. See Note 2
	The Greeks	Alexander with swiftness and power defeated the Persians. Alexander died suddenly and his empire was divided into 4 areas. See Note 3
	Seleucids and Ptolemies	These two kingdoms arranged inter-marriage between them to be unified but failed. So the feet and toes of Iron and clay do not mix.

and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

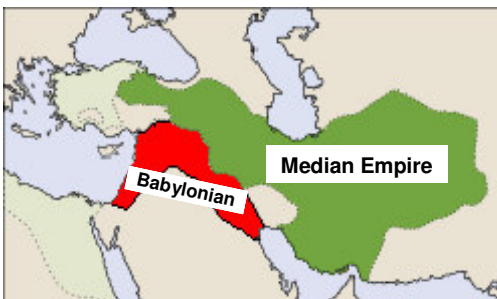
40 *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things... 41 And whereas thou saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with **the seed of men**; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron doth not mingle with clay.*

44 *And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

The popular interpretation of this vision is the metals represent:

(1) Babylon, (2) Media & Persia, (3) Greece, (4) Rome.

This is incorrect because when Christ appeared to the nation of Israel in the first century, Rome did not become a great power until the 4th century after Christ. This popular interpretation has been held for centuries and it is very difficult for people who have believed this to change their views



[You cannot put new wine in old wine skins].

The fact is that Rome only reached its zenith in power after the first century and second century had expired.

The stone only strikes the feet of the image when the 4th empire is crumbling. Namely the Greek empire had

fallen apart before the advent of Christ.

Note 1. Isa 13:1 *The burden of which Babylon, Isaiah the son of Amoz did see... 9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their*

light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine... 13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it... 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

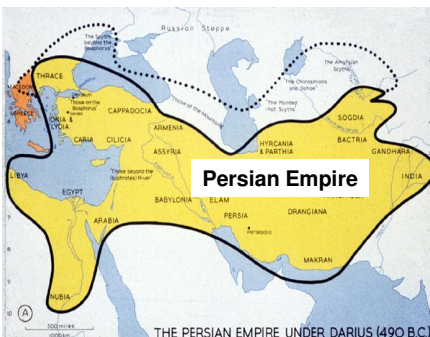
Notice the very apocalyptic tone of the Prophecy the overthrow of Babylon is likened to stars being obscured and the orbit of the earth shaken out of its path. This kind of language is called hyperbole [It means overstatement for emphasis].

Jer 51:11 Make sharp the arrows; hold firm the shields: the LORD hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his device is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

Jer 51:28 Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes, the governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the land of his dominion. 29 And the land trembles and is in pain: for the purposes of the LORD against Babylon do stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.

By the 6th century BC, the Medes together with the Babylonians defeated the Neo-Assyrian Empire, the Medes were able to establish their own empire, the largest of its day, lasting for about sixty years, from the sack of Nineveh in 612 BC until 549 BC. At this time, the Persians were still tributary to the Median Empire ruled by Astyages. Later on Cyrus the Great established the Achaemenid Empire by defeating his overlord and grandfather, Astyages, king of Media.

So the Medes are raised up as the next great empire to oppose Babylon this was about 550 BC. You can see the extent of the Median Empire from the map. In area it was greater than the Babylonian Empire. It was Darius the Mede who inherited the Kingdom of Babylon when the last king Belshazzar son of Nabonidus was slain.



Dan 5:30 In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

So Daniel impresses on us the fact of **a Median kingdom.**

Note 2 In 550 BC Cyrus rallied the Persians together, and defeated the forces of Astyages. Then Persia assumed control over the rest of Media and Cyrus led the united Medes and Persians to still more conquest. He took Lydia in Asia Minor, and carried his arms eastward into central Asia.

The Persians formed the most powerful empire under Cyrus. Cyrus is the King of whom Isaiah the prophet speaks.

Isa 45:1 *Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings;*

It was Cyrus who permitted the Jews in exile to return to their homeland.

2 Chron 36:22 *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout*



all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in

Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

Note 3 The Greek world empire was created in 336 B.C. by Alexander the Great. He succeeded in just 13 years to subjugate the entire earlier kingdom of the Medes and Persians, along with further territory.

Alexander's empire consequently reached from India in the east to Egypt and Greece in the west. **The Stone** [advent of Jesus Christ] cut out from the mountain comes after the demise of the Greek Empire.

Dan 2:44 *And in the days of those kings [Seleucids and Ptolemies] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

This now brings me back to **Michael the Archangel**.

The book of Daniel in chapter 11 uses the expression

“ the time of the end ”

The narrative—the prophecy—history written in advance, begins at the rise of the Persian Empire after Media was absorbed by Persia. It became the Medo-Persian Empire under Cyrus the Great.

Dan 11:1 *And as for me, in the first year of **Darius the Mede**, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him. 2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet **three kings in Persia**; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against **the realm of Greece**. 3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.*

These verses show the empires who are involved in Daniel chapter 11, **Media—Persia—Greece**.

The prophecy is contiguous and stretches from **the Persian Empire** through to **the Greek Empire**, then to **the division of Greek Empire** and its split through the death of **Alexander the Great**.

The Greek Empire was divided into four parts with finally the dominating empires of **the Ptolemies** [Egypt] and **the Seleucids** [Syria].

Daniel after reign of **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** prophesies the rise of the **Maccabees** leading to **King Herod the Great** [Dan 11.36] and the **Destruction of Jerusalem**.

There is no break in the time sequence of the events, as the Futurist would have us believe, that there is a 2000 year gap !!

Towards the end of this vision, from Herod to AD 70, this period is called by Daniel “**the time of the End**”.

This booklet is not about explaining the Prophecies of Daniel but it is about the **rôle of Michael in the plan of salvation**.

Just prior to this vision, Daniel chapter 10 describes **a heavenly war** between **the Spirit Princes of Persia and Greece** and **the Archangel Michael the Guardian Angel of Israel**.

Dan 10:12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou did set thine heart to understand, and, to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and I am come for thy words' sake. 13 But the **Prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, **Michael, the first of the chief princes**, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall **thy people in the latter days**: for the vision is yet for many days...*

20 Then said he, Know thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the Prince of Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the Prince of Greece shall come. 21 But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing

of truth: and there is none that holds with me against these, but Michael your prince.

God tells His servants the prophets [Amos 3.7] what He plans to do by divine revelation but on the other hand He tells Satan none of His purposes.

This war in Heaven was to remove Satan out of Heaven before Michael became the man Jesus Christ, so Satan would have no idea of who Jesus was. The enemy of Satan in the angelic realm is of course Michael.

Rev 12:1 *And a great sign was seen in heaven; a woman* [Jerusalem above Isa 54]¹ *arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child* [Christ]: *and she crieth out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered.* [this just prior to the birth of Jesus Christ]

3 And there was seen another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. 4 And his tail draws the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth [land]: *and the dragon stood before the woman which was about to be delivered, that when she was delivered he might devour her child.*

5 She gave birth to a son--a male child, destined before long to rule all nations with an iron scepter. But her child was caught up to God and His throne [the ascension],

6 and the woman [with her spiritual children the first Christians] *fled into the Desert* [left Jerusalem for Pella], *there to be cared for, for 1,260 days,* [during the war against Jerusalem by the Romans that lasted three and half years] *in a place which God had prepared for her.*

7 And there was war in heaven [referring back to Dragon waiting to attack the woman], *Michael* [the pre-incarnate CHRIST] *and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; 8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. 10 And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accuses them before our God day and night.*

This casting out of Satan prior to the birth of Jesus Christ is alluded to in the gospel of Luke. Luke 10:18

1. The Woman is the heavenly Jerusalem who is to produce spiritual children. She was barren until the firstborn Son Jesus came into the world.

*And he said unto them, I beheld **Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.***

Because he was thrown out of Heaven before the Incarnation Satan did not know who Christ was. He knew that the babe born was called the Son of God but he did not know it was Michael his enemy. The Holy Angels knew that Michael had left Heaven and that is why the Angel Gabriel was used instead of Michael to announce the birth of Jesus. Michael after the birth of the Christ is not mentioned in the New Testament in an active role. The references that are there refer to Him in the Old Testament before the Incarnation.

Only God knew who Michael was—His only begotten Son.

Remember the Apostles did not know who Jesus really was, but after the Resurrection it was revealed that He was **the Eternal God made flesh**. Finally the Angels realised that Michael—Christ was the Eternal God of Creation and that is why in Hebrew it says,

Heb 1:5 *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, you are my Son, This day have I begotten you? and again, I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son? 6 And when he again brings in the firstborn into the world he says, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

The Angels always understood that Michael was their **Chief Angel—the Archangel** because scripture only knows of **one Archangel**.

The Angels are created beings just as Adam was created but **Michael—Jesus Christ was the Only Begotten Son**. There was a time when the Angels did not exist, they are finite beings like ourselves but the Son has always existed with the Father. I speak of this eternal time with the Father as before our concept of time existed.

The Son first entered in to Angelic Creation which the Bible speaks of as **the Firstborn of all Creation**.

Col 1:15 *Christ is the visible representation of the invisible God, the Firstborn and LORD of all Creation. 16 For in Him was created the universe of things in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, thrones, dominions, principedoms, powers--all were created, and exist through and for Him. 17 And HE IS before all things and in and through Him the universe is a harmonious whole. 18 Moreover He is the Head of His Body, the Church. He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, in order that He Himself may in all things occupy the foremost place.* Weymouth

He is the means by which everything including The Angels and Lucifer came into existence, as Michael—Jesus Christ is the WORD of GOD the Creator of all things.

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing that exists came into being.*

Rev 3.14 ‘*the true and faithful witness, the Beginning and LORD of God's Creation.*’

God has entered His own Creation twice, once as Michael the Archangel and then as the man Jesus Christ.

There is no contradiction between God being God and His revealing Himself in His own Creation.

If you can **only grasp the person of Jesus Christ** and recognize that He is the LORD **from Heaven** will really understand the Christian religion and realize what Almighty God has done at the crucifixion of His Only **Begotten Son.**

To summarize, **the identity of Michael** is given from the reasoning of Bishop Horsley he says,

“We read of another personage superior to Gabriel, who is named Michael. This personage is superior to Gabriel, for he comes to help him in the greatest difficulties; and Gabriel, the servant of the Most High God, declares that this Michael is the only supporter he has. This is well to be noted: Gabriel, one of God's ministering spirits, sent forth, as such spirits are used to minister for the elect people of God, has no supporter in this business but Michael.”

“This great personage has been long distinguished in our calendars by the title of ‘Michael the Archangel.’ It has been a long time a fashion in the church to speak very frequently and familiarly of archangels, as if they were an order of beings with which we are perfectly well acquainted.”

“Some say there are seven of them. Upon what solid ground this assertion stands I know not: but this I know, that the word ‘Archangel’ is not to be found in any passage of the Old Testament. In the New Testament, the word occurs twice, and only twice. One of the two passages is in the 1st Epistle to the Thessalonians, where the Apostle, among the circumstances of the pomp of our LORD's descent from heaven to the final judgment, mentions the ‘voice of the Archangel.’”

“The other passage is in the Epistle of Jude, where the title of Archangel is coupled with the name of Michael,—‘Michael the Archangel.’

This passage is so remarkably obscure, that I shall not attempt to draw any conclusion from it but this, which manifestly follows, be the particular sense of the passage what it may: since this is one of the two texts in which alone the word ‘Archangel’ is found in the whole Bible,—since in this one text only the title of Archangel is coupled with any name,—and since the name with which it is here coupled is Michael,—it follows undeniably that the Archangel

Michael is the only Archangel of whom we know any thing from holy writ. It cannot be proved from holy writ,—and if not from holy writ, it cannot be proved at all,—that any Archangel exists but the one Archangel Michael; and this one Archangel Michael is unquestionably the Michael of the book of Daniel.”

“ I must observe, by the way, with respect to the import of the title of Archangel, that the word, by its etymology, clearly implies a superiority of rank and authority in the person to whom it is applied. It implies a command over angels; and this is all that the word of necessity implies.

But it follows not, by any sound rule of argument, that because no other superiority than that of rank and authority is implied in the title, no other belongs to the person distinguished by the title, and that he is in all other respects a mere angel. Since we admit various orders of intelligent beings, it is evident that a being highly above the angelic order may command angels.”

“ To ascertain, if we can, to what order of beings the Archangel Michael may belong, let us see how he is described by the Prophet Daniel, who never describes him by that title; and what action is attributed to him in the Book of Daniel, and in another Book in which he bears a very principal part.”

This is not left in doubt. Gabriel, speaking of him to Daniel, calls him, ‘Michael your prince,’ and ‘the great prince which stands for the children of thy people;’ that is, not for the nation of the Jews in particular, but for the children, the spiritual children, of that holy seed, the elect people of God.

“ A description which applies particularly to the Son of God, and to no one else. And in perfect consistence with this description of Michael in the Book of Daniel, is the action assigned him in the Apocalypse, in which we find him fighting with the Old Serpent, the deceiver of the world, and victorious in the combat.”

“ That combat who was to maintain ?—in that combat who was to be victorious, but the seed of the woman ? From all this it is evident, that Michael is a name for our LORD himself, in his particular character of the champion of his faithful people, against the violence of the apostate faction, and the wiles of the Devil.

In this point, I have the good fortune to have

a host of the learned on my side.”

The story of the true history of the world is this great battle of Sovereignty between God [Christ—Michael] and Lucifer.¹

1. See my Booklet “The Eternal Question—Why is there so much Evil and Suffering in the World”