



## The Archangel (War in Heaven)

Revelation 12:7-12, <sup>7</sup>“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup>but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup>So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup>And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

The scripture above is actually the second time we are told of a war happening in heaven. The scripture below tells of the first time.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NASB), <sup>12</sup>“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. <sup>14</sup>‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup>“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

This war in heaven ultimately ends up with Satan and his angel's final expulsion from heaven and onto the earth. Until this point in time Satan has had access to God and has acted as an accuser of men, which is also one of his titles, "**THE ACCUSER.**" We can find an account of this happening to Job.

Satan argues before God that He is protecting Job, 2000 years before Christ.

Job 1:6-12 (NASB), <sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup> Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." <sup>12</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Revelation 12:10-12 (NASB), <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. <sup>12</sup> For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time."

Satan's repeated access to heaven now becomes closed, and he and his demons are cast back onto the earth.



## Two Parties to War

# Satan

and his Kingdom



He is called the “Prince of the Powers of the Air” (Eph. 2:2), and the “god of this world” (II Cor. 4:4). There is a difference between being the “god of this world,” as in this “world system” and being the “God of this Earth.” Look at I Cor. 10:26 “For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.”

Satan will seek to take over and be the god of the world's systems, such as business, society, politics, and religion. He is the ruler of the “*Powers of Darkness*” of the spirit world (Eph. 6: 11-12). So mighty is he that man cannot successfully resist him without divine help. Satan is the King of the underworld and has a Kingdom. Jesus mentioned it when He said:

Matthew 12:26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

The Apostle Paul tells us:

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

From this we can tell that Satan's Kingdom consists of Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness and Wicked Spirits in Heavenly Places. Once Satan is kicked out of heaven he also knows he has only a short time and his reign on the earth will be over. In chapter 13 he then pictured as the **BEAST OUT OF THE SEA**.

## The Angel

# Michael



The first time we are introduced to Michael is in the book of Daniel. In the book of Daniel, Michael is called “one of the Chief Princes,” “Your Prince,” “Great Prince which stands for thy people” (Daniel 10:13, 10:21, 12:1). Michael is the one who is chosen from among the “Chief Princes” that stand before God, to

be the protector of Daniel's people, the Jews. Michael's appearance here is confirmation that this part of the Book of Revelation is Jewish, and a continuation or supplement to the Book of Daniel.

*Special Note:* Other angels mentioned in the Scriptures are **GABRIEL** and **LUCIFER**. However, other names have been given such as Uriel, Sealtiel, Jhudiel, and Barachiel. In the Book of Enoch, (reference "The Book of Parables" sec. 40.9 pg.59) Enoch tells of four angels he says are "Angels of the Most High." They are **MICHAEL** (the merciful and longsuffering), **RAPHAEL** (in charge of all diseases and all the wounds of the sons of men), the **GABRIEL** (in charge of all the powers) and the fourth is **PHANUEL** (in charge of repentance and hope of those who will inherit eternal life). It is important to note that these names do not appear in the Bible. Some claim that there are seven archangels, but this claim is not supported in Scripture. There may be confusion about the mention of the seven angels that stand about the throne of God found in Rev. 8:2. There are also references to seven angels being involved with several of the judgments in the Book of Revelation.

It is The Archangel Michael who will be involved with the resurrection of the dead, because he is associated with the "**RESSURECTION**" mentioned in Dan. 12:1-2. It is Michael who is at the burial spot of Moses to resurrect his body (Jude 9) when he has to contend with Satan over the body of Moses.

Jude 9 (NASB), But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

It is also the voice of the Archangel Michael that will be heard when the "Dead in Christ" shall rise (1 Thess. 4:16).

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NASB), For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

At the point when Satan is finally cast out of heaven there will be great rejoicing in heaven, but there is still coming the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Woe" for the inhabitants of the earth. Satan, who is the "Dragon," will be filled with great wrath because he knows that he has but a short time left.

Michael shall cast Satan out of heaven head first and straight for the earth. Satan will then start a campaign of unbelievable persecution of the Jews (the Sun-Clothed Woman) as mentioned by Daniel c9 and foretold by the angel Gabriel. This is known as the time of the "**GREAT TRIBULATION**," the last three and a half years.

Daniel 9:24 (NASB), “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city,

Daniel 10:14 (NASB), Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet *future*.”