

Who is Michael?

In Hebrew, *Mika'el* literally means "**He who is like God.**" The name "Michael" as a heavenly being appears in the Bible only in apocalyptic passages: Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9 and, Revelation 12:7.

In Daniel 10:13, 21, Michael is described as "one of the chief princes." In Daniel 12:1, He is described as "Israel's particular protector." His identity is not stated here but when comparisons are made in the scriptures, it clearly shows that Christ is the one who bears this name.

Jude 1:9 declares that Michael is the Archangel. This word signifies "head, or chief angel." There can only be one archangel and therefore, it is improper to use the word in the plural as some do. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16, the "voice of the archangel" is associated with the resurrection of the saints at the coming of Jesus. Also, in John 5:28,29, Jesus himself declares that the dead will come forth from their graves when they hear the voice of the Son of man.

Putting these scriptures together, they prove that the dead are called from their graves by the voice of the Son of God, that the voice they hear is the voice of the Archangel, proving that the Archangel is the Son of God and that, the Archangel is called Michael—from this it follows that Michael is the Son of God. In the last verse of Daniel 10, He is called "your prince" and in Daniel 12:1, He is called "the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people," expressions which can appropriately be applied only to Christ and no other being. In fact, this name "Michael" occurs in instances where Christ is in direct conflict with Satan.