

Da.10:12-14,20-21; Rv.12:7-17

**Israel's
Great
Defender**

MICHAEL

THE ARCHANGEL

“Who is like God”

MICHAEL: ISRAEL'S PROTECTOR

¹²Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. ²¹But 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.

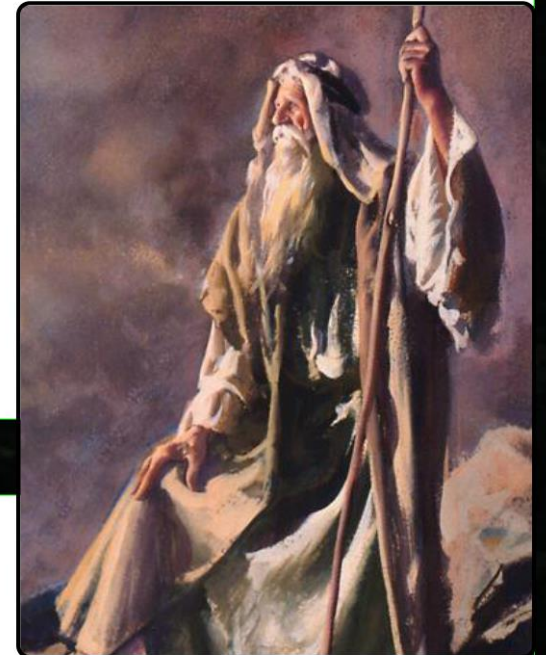
DANIEL 10:12-14,21

MICHAEL: BODY OF MOSES DISPUTE

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. (Jude 9)

Michael had the responsibility of putting the body of Moses in a “safe place” after his death presumably to await his role in the tribulation as one of the 2 witness-heralds of Rv.11. When Moses died the Lord buried him. We have no information where Moses' body was buried.

⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.
(Du.34:5-6)



Since angels have so much more power and knowledge of truth than we do, we should have a healthy respect and not be presumptuous toward them.

MICHAEL: WAR IN HEAVEN

Revelation 12:7-17

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- Michael Throws Satan to the Earth (v.7-9)

This Is Not The Original Fall Of Satan. This is still future

- After Satan's original rebellion he was still allowed access into the presence of God (Jb.1:6; 2:1).
- Rv.12:14 directly connects with Daniel 7:25 concerning the time frame.

Revelation 12:14 says, "time, and times, and half a time"
Daniel 7:25 says, "time and times and the dividing of time"

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**Second Half of
Daniel's 70th Week**

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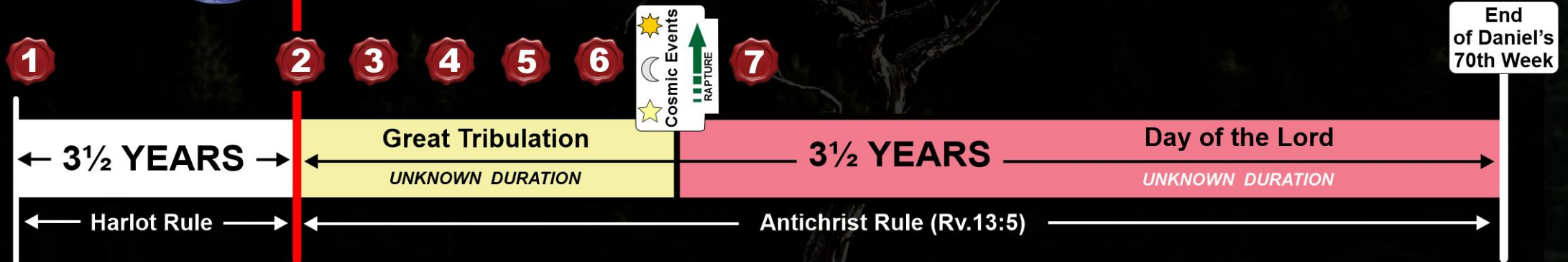
WAR IN HEAVEN

Initiates The Great Tribulation

Satan Cast
to the Earth
by Michael
(Da.12:1;
Rv.12:7-9)



Abomination
of Desolation
(Mt.24:15)



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MICHAEL'S MINISTRY CEASES LEADING TO TRIBULATION

- ✿ **The Greek term anistēmi [G450] in Daniel 12:1 of the Septuagint (LXX) means, “to pass by,” which corresponds with the ceasing of restraint in 2 Thessalonians 2:6–7.**
- ✿ **Revelation 12:7–17 supports viewing Michael as the Restrainer because it links the cessation of Michael’s war against the dragon with the unprecedented persecution of God’s people. This is consistent with Paul (2Th.2:6-7) and Daniel (Da.11:45-12:1).**
- ✿ **Michael's ministry ceases and causes the eschatological temple to be desolate by Antichrist, then followed by the time of tribulation against God's people.**

Five Judgments of Lucifer

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1. Rebellion & Fall
(Isa. 14 & Ezek. 28)
 2. Defeat at the Cross
(Col. 2:15)
 3. Cast down to the earth
(Rev. 12:9)
 4. Bound for 1,000 years
(Rev. 20:1-3)
 5. Cast into lake of fire
(Rev. 20:10)

MICHAEL: THE RESTRAINER

⁵Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? ⁶And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. ⁸And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-8

MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL — RESTRAINER

This restrainer prevents a premature manifestation of the man of sin. It seems likely that Satan would love to have his man come forward, but the restrainer is holding him back. This is done to keep him from revealing himself before the appointed time as determined by God.

COMPARE SCRIPTURE
WITH SCRIPTURE

Da. 10:21

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in the scripture of truth: and there is
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Hebrew 2388, *chazaq*, “restrain”

2Th. 2:6

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he might be revealed in his time.**

Greek 2722, *katecho*, “restrain”

THE RESTRAINER — 2 THESSALONIANS 2:5-8

Prior to and during the church age the “mystery of lawlessness” (2Th.2:7) is very active. This “mystery” is Satan’s strategy to discredit God’s character and plans. However, God has provided a means of restraining Satan to limit how far he can go. Daniel and Jesus referred to the same unparalleled period of time (Da.12:1; Mt.24:21; Je.30:7; Jl.1:2; 2:2; Mk.13:19). This period is just prior to the midpoint of Daniel’s 70th Week. Though there has been many suggestions concerning who is the one that restrains, the only answer using Scripture to help interpret Scripture is that Michael the Archangel continues to protect Israel, including the “mystery of lawlessness.” Paul reminds them that he had already taught them about this restrainer (v.5-6). Either he taught them using Scripture, or we must devise from our imagination what he talked about. The following approach assumes Scripture provides the answer.



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War in Heaven

- Confrontation between God’s angels under the leadership of Michael, and Satan’s angels (Rv.12:7-9).
- This “war” precipitates the revealing of the Man of Sin” (Rv.12:7-9).
- Michael throws Satan to the Earth (Rv.12:7-9).
- The restraining includes the “Mystery of lawlessness”. This is Satan’s plan to discredit God’s character and plans.
- “At that time” (Da.12:1, time of the end) Michael will “stand up” (H5975 *amad*, means to “stand still” or to “stand aside”).
- Michael will stand aside and no longer restrain Satan (Da.12:1; 2Th.2:4-7).

Abomination of Desolation
(Da.7:27; Mt.24:15)

Michael’s Role as Protector of Israel

- Michael the Archangel restrains evil in the Old Testament (Da.10:12-14, 21; 12:1). His normal ministry is protecting Israel (Da.10:13,21).
- Michael denied Satan the physical body of Moses (Jd.1:9).
- Jude 1:14 quotes the book of Enoch which advocates Michael as superior in might.
- Satan delegated one of his demon (prince of Persia) to restrain Gabriel. Gabriel called upon Michael to defeat this demon (Da.10:13,20).

