



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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The Rising of Angels and Men

Two different groups have been enlisted to champion the cause of Christ on this planet. They are angels and people. God's plan cannot be fulfilled without the aggressive participation of both groups. Angels and men will rise together, and move in step, to overcome the devil and prepare the earth for Christ's return. Although the names of the end-time human champions have not yet been given, the name of one angel has. Daniel records his visions and tells us about the rising of Michael at the end of the age. ***"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will rise." Da. 12:1*** Michael is not inactive but he must wait for the hour of his rising and so must we.

Angels are already complete in gifting and power so they must be restrained. They are not allowed to destroy or defeat the devil and his demons yet.

We humans, on the other hand, are a work in progress. We are not complete. We are weak but gaining in gifting and power. Our problem is not one of restraint from destroying the devil, we still need much more authority and power. Revelation gives us some details.

"And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." Re. 12:7-12

Many preachers perpetuate the erroneous teaching that this war took place thousands of years ago in the dawn of creation and Satan was cast down back then. That teaching takes these verses out of context. The book of Job tells us that Satan can travel back and forth from earth to heaven accusing the brothers. Right now Michael cannot even attack the devil. In Moses' time, Satan wanted Moses' dead body to bring it to decay in keeping with the Adamic curse. Michael would not tell Satan where the body of Moses was. Even though Michael did not give-up this information, he was restrained from attacking the devil. For now, Satan has diplomatic immunity and Michael can only say, "The Lord rebuke you." Jude 9.

Both Daniel and John tell us about the rising of Michael. It happens at the end of the age, halfway through the great tribulation. Finally, according to God's timetable, Michael's restraints are lifted and he can do what he has wanted to do for thousands of years; he can overcome the devil in a toe-to-toe fight.

When Michael rises, the church rises because at that time we will also overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony and we will not be afraid to die. Finally, the full authority of Christ comes to His people (Rev. 12:10). Angels and people step forward together.

When Michael throws the devil and his angels down to the earth, the devil discovers that he can no longer ascend to the throne room to accuse God's people. Satan loses his diplomatic immunity and his celestial flight ability. He is confined to the earth. Heaven rejoices but the earth faces a new challenge because Satan knows that his time is short and like a wounded lion in the bush, he is mad. Those who think that the war between Michael and the devil happened 6 thousand years ago should carefully study Revelation 12 again. Read my book, "Unexpected Fire" for a more complete explanation.

Michael is called the Prince of God's chosen people. He has been commissioned to protect Israel.

When his rising comes, we see more than a rising in the church; we see a partnership with Israel as well. Michael plays a major role in Israel's national defense, for the future. Read Daniel 10:13,21 & Daniel 12:1-4. Here, Michael is called one of the chief princes, the one who protects Israel.

Michael is not only a prince, he is also called an archangel. He is one of the 7 angels around Christ in God's throne room (Rev. 5). As a prince, Michael rules a principality. He has angels under his command. Michael and his angels fought the devil and his angels. As Michael rises get ready for revival. Get ready to witness a never-before-seen, amazing equipping and empowering of the Church and Israel.

Increased anointing has already begun for some who move in obedience but this outpouring is in its infant stage.

Do not be afraid, even though Michael has not yet risen, we are not defenseless. The Lord gives us what we need. He protects us against principalities of darkness and rulers of wickedness. We have power to stand against the devil. One day we will overcome him completely. That day has not yet come but here is God's provision.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand ... with truth ... righteousness ... the preparation of the gospel of peace ... the shield of faith ... the helmet of salvation ... the sword of the spirit which is the word of God ... and ... with all prayer."* Ep. 6:10-18 NKJ**

Just as Michael rules a principality of angels, dark lords rule over evil principalities. These contain hoards of demons who are consumed by their wicked plans. What is fantastic is that wearing the armor of God gives you all the power you need to stand against forces of this magnitude. Be careful to have no gaps in your armor for the devil will take advantage of you if he can. Wear the full uniform and deflect all the darts that come against you.

As the end of the age approaches, Michael and other angels will suddenly rise and so will those who wear the armor of God. Then you will do more than stand against the wiles of the devil. You will overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony and you will not be afraid to die. The time of Michael's rising is at hand. The time of Israel's rising is at hand and the time of your rising is at hand, as well. **AΩ**



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