

Christ, Satan, and Michael

Commentary for May 1, 2026 — A Question About Three Individuals

QUESTION: The Bible says that Satan is a Cherubim [cherub] and an *elohim* (a "god"). So, with more reason the Bible calls the only archangel Michael (Jesus) a God either. And if you can, read John 1:1 in the original Greek you will realize the difference.

In Malachi 3:1–3 the Bible said that God will send an angel of the covenant, who is that angel? If that is not Michael (Jesus) who is it? Daniel 12:1 talks about a great prince and will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time, and also talks about resurrection made by Michael, that means that Jesus and Michael can both raise people from dead?

And when we go to Apocalypse [the Book of Revelation] Michael destroys Satan, fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 so that means that Michael (Jesus) is the seed that will destroy Satan. If that is not true, then the Bible is lying. Whatever the problem is, the truth will show up.

ANSWER: I see no identification of Michael with Jesus. However, I certainly agree with you about the truth being known — eventually. I believe that God shall accomplish His will as stated in 1 Timothy 2:3–6 (CLV). Note that God our Savior and Christ the Mediator are two different individuals:

"... for this is ideal and welcome in the sight of OUR SAVIOR, GOD, Who wills that ALL mankind be saved and come into a realization of the truth.

For there is [1] ONE GOD, and [2] ONE MEDIATOR of God and mankind, a Man, Christ Jesus, Who is giving Himself a correspondent RANSOM for all ..."

God is the Savior who gave Christ the authority to be the Mediator and Savior by offering Himself to be a "**RANSOM**" for all human beings, for all to learn about their salvation through grace. Let me address your points.

Satan Is Not a Cherub

The cherub in Ezekiel chapter 28 is not Satan. The individual referenced is an anointed cherub, but it is a different spirit being other than Satan. There were others in Eden besides Satan. You are correct, Satan is an *elohim*, which means "powerful one," because apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that Satan is "**the god of this eon.**"

In the Garden of Eden along with God, there was Adam, Eve, and the animals. There was also Satan (speaking as the serpent) and cherubs. The Garden was busy (Ezekiel 28:12–14).

A cherub is not a serpent. A cherub does not look like a serpent. A Cherub is never described with serpentine or dragon-like characteristics. A cherub appears in four instances in the

Books of Ezekiel and Revelation: as a man, a lion, an ox, or an eagle. At times they combine to function as a "vehicle."

Satan is labeled as the dragon, the serpent, the devil, and Satan in Revelation 12:9 and 20:2. Satan has a reptilian aspect to him by virtue of his serpent and dragon shape, form, and description. These are not merely symbols. They are accurate descriptions of reality. This is a different description from a cherub in Ezekiel and Revelation.

Michael Is Not Christ

Michael is NOT Jesus Christ. Christ is not an angel nor an archangel. This is certain because **NO ANGEL CAN BE CALLED A SON OF GOD** — ever. Read Hebrews 1:4–5, 13. However, Jesus is God's "**ONLY begotten Son**" (John 1:14, 18, 3:16–18; 1 John 4:9).

Christ will return "**with the voice of an archangel**" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), but only His voice is like an archangel. It does not mean Christ IS an archangel. Jesus also returns "**with the trump of God,**" but no one thinks Christ is a trumpet! There is a powerful supernatural being called "**the Angel of the Lord**" who represented YHWH in Old Testament theophanies. It had the authority to use the name "**YHWH**" representing YHWH in his pronouncements.

In the ASK website search engine, type the words "*Angel of the Lord*" and read the resulting material, especially chapter 2 titled "[The Law Was Given by Angels](#)" from Dr. Martin's online book [The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#), online,

Malachi and Daniel

Malachi 3:1–3 refers to someone different from the Messiah. It is not the archangel Michael. Christ said that John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy (Matthew 11:10–11). Michael does indeed stand up for Israel in Daniel 12:1. However, Michael standing for the living people of God is a different event than the resurrection of Daniel 12:2–3. They happen at the same time, but the events are different. Daniel 11:40–12:1 is a single narrative of related events. The events of Daniel 12:2–3 talk about age-lasting times and events, different from the time of the antichrist. Daniel 12:1 deals with the living while Daniel 12:2 deals with the dead.

Michael defends the living people of Israel in Daniel 12:1. In Daniel 12:2–3 some are resurrected to glory, and others are raised from the dead to receive judgment, which will be a large amount of education. Nowhere does the text say Michael causes the resurrection to occur, nor should that be implied from the text. Furthermore, beings resurrected to glory cannot be harmed by the antichrist, the nations, Satan, evil angels, spirits, or anyone else.

Michael, an archangel (Jude 1:9), did not destroy Satan. Soon after Christ was born, Michael defeated and cast Satan and Satan's angels down to earth during the war in heaven (Revelation 12:7). A different angel later chains and imprisons Satan (Revelation 20:2–3, 7).

Yes, Satan will be reconciled to God (1 Corinthians 15:27–28; Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:20; and Philippians 2:9–11). I hope this information is helpful.

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