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Episode 39 - Revelation 12: War In Heaven

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Revelation 12:7-12 is discussed. Who is Michael, and how does he relate to spiritual Israel?

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This is Scott Stanley, DTG Ministries. We are exploring the deep things of God in the book of Revelation. I am enjoying this. I enjoy the truths that God can bring out, which bring the Old Testament to life through the book of Revelation. I should say it brings Revelation to life through the Old Testament. We see in Revelation chapter 12, verse 7, where there was war.

Rev 12:7 There came to be war in the heavens: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

The thing about this verse, we're talking about Michael, and we're talking about the dragon. The dragon we see in verse 9 is *the old one, the serpent. We call it the Devil and Satan*. Some time ago, I began to realize how Satan, in the Old Testament, just simply means adversity.

It really is not a proper name. It means adversity. It has been transliterated, and by means of the apostasy that the churches are in, we have invented a doctrine of Satan and the devil that puts the devil outside of ourselves... That it's an individual outside of us, instead of realizing that it's a characteristic humanity that God has personified. He can talk about the Devil and Satan, the serpent, and he is talking about within the human agent, the adversity that they carry.

Michael, on the other hand, is a character depicted in the Bible who is real, and he is an individual, unlike Satan. Satan is in all of us. Michael is a person. I want to just share a few verses about Michael. Number 1 is really when you look at Michael, he's in the New Testament here in Revelation 12:7, but he is in Jude verse 9 also. You could say Jude 1, verse 9, but there's only one chapter, so I just say Jude 9. It says,

Jud 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil...

Which is what you see, we're reading this in Revelation 12. I'm not saying that this verse is about Revelation 12, but you're seeing Michael contending with the devil.

Jud 1:9 Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, did not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Now, what is significant about this is taking this to 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. Michael is not mentioned, but the archangel is. So we know Michael is the archangel. "Archangel" means "head messenger." So, looking at 1 Thessalonians 4:16,

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead who are in Christ will rise first:

There are two resurrections. The second resurrection will be that of the wicked. Why is this significant? Because it's the voice of the archangel that raises the dead (with the voice of the archangel). Well, turn to the Gospel of John chapter 5, starting at verse 26.

Jhn 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Jhn 5:27 And has given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Jhn 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Jhn 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Whose voice do they hear? Jesus. Paul says, *"It will be the voice of the archangel that raises the dead."* Now listen, common sense will tell you, if Christ or if Jesus is Messiah, he is the messenger of God. We know this word "messenger" throughout the Bible has been translated as "angel." It doesn't mean some guy with blonde hair and blue eyes and wings. It's simply talking about a messenger. You see this in Malachi chapter 3.

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger (that's the word 'angel'), and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant (the angel of the covenant) ...

If in the first part of this verse he's talking about John the Baptist being a messenger, well, here, Christ is the messenger. The head messenger is Christ, but that is what archangel means, the head messenger. It should be pretty obvious to anyone with an open heart that Michael is a name referring to the Son of God in the Old Testament. It's found in Daniel chapter 10, but it's brought to us by Jude. It's in Revelation as God gave this prophecy about his Son. Here we see in Revelation 12, Michael and his angels, his messengers, fought against the dragon and his messengers, or Satan and his messengers.

So if I can look at Satan and say, "Well, that's inward. That's something happening within the human agent, the adversity that takes place..." but Michael is an actual person. So, therefore, when you see Michael and his messengers, that has to be happening within the human agent too, even though we know we're talking about Jesus Christ, but we're talking about information about Jesus Christ that fights against the adversity of spiritual Israel.

Jacob, by this time in Revelation, has received the truth, and they are having to deal with their understanding of the God of Israel and Satan, their adversity. Satan is the author of your iniquity. You're seeing an inward battle with the second woman. The first woman is clothed with the sun. The dragon is there too, showing it's a different woman, it's a different person.

So in Jacob, who receives the truth about the Son of God and becomes Israel, they're having to contend with the spiritual battle happening within their own hearts, like you see in Jude. Michael is contending with Satan. Well, here it's happening again. All it simply means is the truth about the Son of God is being challenged in their heart by their own iniquity. It is a spiritual battle. If you'll notice in Revelation chapter 12, verse 6,

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of the Divine One, the Father, that they (Zion, the first woman clothed with the sun) should nourish her until she comes to a complete understanding of how God perceives the fullness of man.

That is a spiritual battle that these people, spiritual Israel, are dealing with, to understand that the God of the Old Testament, the God of Israel, was none other than this fellow whom they call Messiah. This is all proven in the Elijah message. When you look at the giving of the covenants, Jeremiah 31:31, and you look at the guy who gave the first covenant, the Ten Commandments, that is the same person who gave the second covenant. The guy who gives the second covenant is going to have to give his life for that covenant to have meaning.

The guy who gave the second covenant then had to be Jesus Christ. He gave the first covenant. Psalm 68:8, it was the God of Israel who came down on Sinai. It is the God of Israel who had to lay down his life.

It is the God of Israel mentioned in Psalm 40:6, *"a body you have prepared me, sacrifice and offering you would not, a body you have prepared me."* The God of Israel replaced animal sacrifices by giving his own life to redeem humanity from all iniquity, and this is the battle for spiritual Israel at the end of the world, dealing with Michael. Why does Michael have to come up? Why do we have to say Michael? Why not just say Jesus?

Paul says Jesus. Remember in Ephesians 3:9 where *God created all things through Jesus Christ?* He takes that person, Jesus, back to creation. What about in Philippians 2? *Let this mind be in you, which was also in who? Christ Jesus, who was in the form of God.*

See, what we need to understand is that Michael is a reference to the Son of God before he became the Christ and before he became a man. It's a reference to him. Why? It's because the name Michael is actually a question. It begins with the word "who."

Who is like God? When I think of Michael, I think of the Son of God, and I would put that emphasis on the word "who." Who is like God? See, Paul already told us, *"Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery (or something to be grasped) to be equal with God."* He didn't seek equality, but he emptied himself and became a man.

This is the Son of God in the Old Testament, so why Michael? I'm going to read a verse, and I want you to think this through. Maybe this is something you've never heard before. In Hebrews chapter 5, starting at verse 5,

Heb 5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that said unto him, You're my Son, today I have begotten you (at the baptism, Psalm 2).

Heb 5:6 As he said also in another place, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:1).

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh (Christ), when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears (just look at the Garden of Gethsemane) unto him that was able to save him from death ...

King James put from death, it's out of death. The Son of God was not saved from death. He had to die. But he was saved out of death. He was raised from the dead. Look at it again. Just let this sink in.

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayer and supplication with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him out of death, and God heard him. (How do you know? Because he raised him from the dead.) God heard him in that he feared God.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son (now the way this actually reads, *though being a Son*, but we'll just read it the way the King James has put it). Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

He learned obedience to God. See, in my Christian life, I was led to believe that he was always obedient just automatically. He couldn't do anything but be obedient. But that isn't what this says. It says he learned obedience through the things that he suffered.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Now this is talking about Christ in the flesh. When we're talking about Michael, we're talking about the Son of God before he became a man. Who is like God?

Why say it that way? Again, the big word in Hebrews 5:9, he "authored" ... what does author mean? He authored salvation. That means it hadn't happened yet. Eternal salvation was authored by Christ when he was in his flesh. What does that mean? It means that before he became a man, eternal salvation was not something that people had or could have.

He says this in Hebrews chapter 11. After going through Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, you see all these heroes of the Old Testament. Look at the last two verses.

Heb 11:39 And these all (all of these people), having obtained a good report through faith, did not receive the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Nobody in the Old Testament was made complete. That doesn't mean nobody could go to heaven. It just means they weren't complete. What does it mean about Michael? He was not complete either. This does not fit in any way, shape, or form into the Trinity. This is actually anti-trinity.

This is the truth that we're reading from the scripture. This is not being passed to us through Catholicism or the Baptist church or the church of Christ or any number of them. This is from the scripture. I want you to see in Psalm 24,

Psa 24:1 The earth is Jehovah's, ...

And remember, the heavens, earth, and sea... three levels of thinking. The heavens, how God perceives. The earth is how you perceive. The sea is how the world perceives.

Psa 24:1 The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness of it; the world, and they that dwell in it.

Psa 24:2 Because he founded that world upon the sea, and established it upon the floods (of iniquity coming from people).

You and I, all of our lives, have only been told from the sea, from the people who surround us, their understanding, which is seawater, saltwater. If I looked at salt as your experience, you're salty, you have a lot of experience. Well, you're drinking salt water.

This is what they experience when they read the Bible, when they listen to the TV evangelists, when they go to mass, when they go get baptized, when they do the stuff they do, it's salt water. Now look at this. God founded it upon salt water. Verse 3.

Psa 24:3 Who is going to ascend out of it? Who's going to ascend into Zion and stand in God's holy place?

Compare this with 1 Corinthians 1:20.

1Co 1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? has not the Divine One made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of the Divine One, in God's wisdom, the world by their wisdom did not know God, and it pleased the Divine One, by the foolishness of preaching to save these people that believe (and I'm just going to say by faith).

See, faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17). How shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10, you have to have a preacher. Faith is hearing the word of God explained.

In the wisdom of God, the world by their wisdom did not know God, and it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that will hear it (1Co 1:21). Hebrews chapter 5, verse 8.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect (as a man, in the flesh), he became the author of eternal salvation unto all that will obey him;

You obey him through the preaching of his ministry. Two warnings about the apostasy. They deny Father and Son, 1 John 2:18, and they deny that Christ came in the flesh without an understanding of God. We're seeing right now that he authored eternal salvation himself in the flesh. So when I look at Revelation 12, let me read verse 6 again.

Rev 12:6 And the woman (which is now spiritual Israel) fled into the wilderness (a place where she has not been before. She doesn't know this place. These are Jews who have accepted Messiah), where she has a place prepared by our Father that Zion, the first woman, should nourish her until she comes to a complete understanding of how God sees the fullness of man.

Rev 12:7 There came to be war in the heavens (of spiritual Israel in their understanding of how God sees it). Michael has to be brought in. (You've got to take them to the God of Israel and help them to understand that he was not yet perfected, and he wasn't until he became a man.) Michael and the messengers that are with him (which would be Zion) fought against their own iniquity, and their iniquity fought with their messengers.

Rev 12:8 But they could not prevail against the truth. Neither was their place found anymore in the way they perceived God's understanding.

Rev 12:9 And that great dragon was cast out. It's the old one, the serpent, we call it the Devil, we call it *the* Satan, or the adversity. This deceives the whole world. Why? Because the whole world has it. And his messengers were cast out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in the heavens, Now is come salvation, and ability, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: because the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of an understanding of the cross, the blood of the Lamb, and because of the concept found in their testimonies; and they did not love their lives unto the death.

They found the death of Jesus Christ on that cross. They found what it means, *"Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit. I feel forsaken. I still thirst for truth. I am finished doing this myself. Into your hands, I commend my spirit."* So,

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell in the heavens (you're going to dwell in God's understanding). Woe to you, the inhabitants of the earth and sea! because the devil (the author of iniquity) has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows he has but a short time.

I think everybody listening to this podcast knows you have but a short time. I worship God. I praise God. I don't want to deceive a soul. I want to encourage you. I want you to overcome the devil, the adversity that's within your own heart, the author of your iniquity. By understanding the cross, God has shown you the problem with humanity and how to fix it. That information is called the Holy Spirit... that is the power of the gospel, the power that you find in Jesus Christ, the ability in being redeemed from all iniquity and being saved.

Now has come salvation. Can you cast down the author of iniquity? Now has come salvation. Hallelujah!

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we worship you. We praise you. You are Yah, the only true and living God. We need you. You're our Father. We need you in our lives. May you be glorified in Jesus' name. Amen.