Our Lord Jesus Christ & Michael the archangel are two persons.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only-begotten son of יהוה God. Jesus introduced himself & Jesus was introduced by other bible writers in different names and titles.(John 1:1,Colosians 1:15,16, Rev1:18, 2:1, 2:8,12,18, 3:1,7,14).

But our lord Jesus is never called as an angel.

As per Hebrew 1:5,6 to which one of the angels did he ever say: "You are my son; I, today I have become your father" ? And again "I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son"? But when he again brings his firstborn into the inhabited earth he says: "And let all God's angels do obeisance to him". Hebrew 1:13. says, but with reference to which one of the angels has he ever said "sit at my right hand, until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet".

According to the above verses, our Lord Jesus Christ is not an angel.

Michael is a holy angel. (Insight on the scriptures, page 393). The following watchtower and related bible verses prove that Michael is an angel.

*** w84 12/15 pp. 26-29 "Michael the Great Prince"—Who Is He? *** "Michael the Great Prince"—Who Is He? The name "Michael" means "Who Is Like God?" thus indicating that this foremost prince upholds

Jehovah's sovereignty. Since Michael is also a champion of God's people, we have reason to identify him with the **unnamed angel** that God sent ahead of the Israelites hundreds of years before: "Here I am

sending **an angel** ahead of you to keep you on the road and to bring you into the place that I have

prepared. Watch yourself because of him and obey his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for

he will not pardon your transgression; because my name is within him."— Exodus 23:20, 21.

It is logical to conclude that **this was the angel** that delivered so many important communications to God's people. (Acts 7:30, 35; Judges 2:1-3) He had full authority from God to act in His name, just as kings in ancient times entrusted their seal rings to reliable subjects, empowering them to act in their name.—Exodus 3:2, 3; 4:10.

We next read of Michael in the Christian Greek Scriptures. The book of Jude tells us: "But when

Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses' body, he did not

dare to bring a judgment against him in abusive terms, but said: "May Jehovah rebuke you."" (Jude 9) This incident helps to show the closeness of Michael to God's ancient people. Therefore, it supports the argument that **he was the angel** that went ahead of the Israelites to protect them.

The title "Archangel" itself indicates that he is also an angel. The archangel is the chief of the angels. When Paul wrote his inspired letter to Hebrews, the idea "Jesus is the Archangel" was not surely in his mind. יהוה God never allow Paul to differentiate angels & Jesus Christ with these types of controversial statements if Michael and Jesus are one person.

Can we ever think that first century Christians believe that Michael the archangel is our lord Jesus Christ after reading the Hebrew 1st chapter.

So it is very clear in all aspects that our lord Jesus is greater than angels including Michael the archangel.

Accordingly, Michael is an angel. But our lord Jesus Christ is not an angel. They are two individuals.

Dear Brothers,

According to Jude 9, Michael the archangel did not dare to give a judgment against satan. Because this faithful angel (Michael) knows that the judgment belongs to Jehovah God. The bible shows clearly that he is not afraid of satan. So he said "May יהוה rebuke you". He hasn't power and authority to give judgments. But John 5:22 our lord Jesus Christ says, for the father judges no one at all, but he has committed ***all the judging*** to the son.

So our lord Jesus has the power and authority to give judgments and he has power and authority to execute his decision on the judgment day.

Matthew 23:13-36 states how did Jesus give a judgment against Scribes and Pharisees. Matthew23:33 Jesus says "how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna". Our lord Jesus has authority and power to give a judgment against them. He was not required to entrust the judgment to his father יהוה God. Because Jesus was given power and authority for all the judging by יהוה God.

According to Matthew 8:29,the demons also accepted that Jesus can torment them even before the appointed time. Because demons knew that Jesus has power and authority to torment them even before the appointed time. So they entreated Jesus to torment them at the appointed time". This was the only way to protect themselves from Jesus.

As per Luke 8:31 the demons admitted that our Lord Jesus has authority and power to put them in the abyss. (Our lord Jesus will execute his decision on the judgment day).

Matthew 9:6 indicates that our lord Jesus has authority to forgive sins without any judgment or trial. So it is very clear that Jesus Christ was given the power and authority for judging, the both human and demons and if he wish he can forgive sins without any trial. But Michael the archangel was not given power and authority for judgments by הוה God.

These information prove the difference between Jesus Christ and Michael the archangel.

[*When did Almighty God יהוה give the commitment of "All the judging" to Jesus Christ?

Colossians1:20 says, through him to reconcile again to himself all other things, no matter whether the things upon the earth or the things in the heaven.

According to Ephesians 3:9-11, Our lord Jesus is the person who connected with God's eternal purpose. This sacred secret has been hidden in God from the indefinite past or before founding the wicked world.

1Peter 1:20, Jesus was foreknown before the founding of the wicked world.

According to Ephesians1:3,4 and Luke 22:29, Jehoah God has made a covenant with Jesus for a kingdom before the founding of the wicked world.

According to Matthew 25:34, the God's kingdom was prepared for (Jesus and) his anointed brothers from the founding of the wicked world.

According to Genesis 3:15, the first prophecy was told by יהוה God and he prophesied about the promised seed (Our lord Jesus Christ) who will restore God's will in the universe again. This decision was also made by Almighty God יהוה before founding the wicked world.

So everything were decided about the God's kingdom before the founding of the wicked world. So that it is reasonable to think

that Jesus was given power and authority for "all the judging" before the founding of the wicked world (John 5:22).*]

According to Psalms 110:1,Jesus was asked to sit at the right hand of יהוה God until **God place Jesus' enemies as a stool** for his feet. The prophesy Itself says that this work will be done by God. So according to Hebrew 10:13 Jesus was waiting until his enemies be placed as a stool for his feet.

But if Michael is Jesus Christ , he himself fought for his kingdom. He has to take a part of the battle. He is not waiting till God place his enemies as a stool for his feet. So it is sure that Michael and Jesus Christ are two individuals.

According to Revelation 12:7-9 God Jehovah made arrangements to hurl down satan to the earth through Michael the archangel. Now satan is on the earth (Revelation 12:13). From this moment, our lord Jesus was given the authority (Rev 12:10). Jehovah God fulfilled his promise, mentioned at Psalms 110:1.

Please remember Revelation 12:7 starts mentioning about Michael, up to verse 9 the battle is led by Michael. But next verse (Rev 12:10) is nothing about Michael, but states about power and kingdom of God and the **authority of his Christ**. If Michael is Jesus Christ, it is appropriate to mention "authority of Michael" rather than "authority of Jesus Christ". The bible shows clearly that Michael the archangel & Jesus Christ are two individuals. Now it is interesting to read Hebrew 1:13. It says, but with reference to which one of the angels has he ever said "sit at my right hand, until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet". The term "Which one of the angels" is applied to all angels and their heads including the archangel. So Michael the archangel is not Jesus Christ.

When Paul wrote his inspired letter to Hebrews, the idea "Jesus is the Archangel" was not surely in his mind. He never differentiate Angels & Jesus Christ with these types of controversial statements if they believe same.

Michael is a holy angel. One of the faithful angels of our God יהוה. There are some other angels like Michael in God's army. Because Daniel 10:13 says, that Michael is **one of the foremost princes**. So it is sure that there are some **other foremost princes like Michael** in God's army.

If Michael is our lord Jesus, there are some other princes like Jesus. But according to the holy scriptures (Isaiah 9:6,7) there is no one like our lord Jesus. There is no one has Power, Authority, Origin or Greatness like him in the angelic host. He is a unique person. (1Thimothy 6:16, 1Peter 1:20, Hebrew 1:2,3, Ephesians 3:10,11, John1:1-4) So our lord Jesus Christ is one person and Michael is another person.

The Holy scriptures mention about Cherubs, Seraphs and Angels. Probably , Michael may the Chief of the angels. If so there are chief angels for Cherubs and Seraphs too. Remember Michael was introduced as One of the foremost princes (Daniel 10:13).Other foremost princes may lead the other angelic units (Cherubs and Seraphs).

Please remember our God יהוה is also introduced as **armies** (1Samuel 17:45). Our Lord Jesus Christ is also coming with heavenly **armies** (Rev 19:14). It is true, some bible verses say heavenly army instead of armies. Please remember all the angelic units could be considered as one army under יהוה God or his appointed king Jesus Christ.

But if there is only one unit in the heaven, then it can't be called as armies. According to 1Peter 3:22 - not only angels but also authorities and powers were made subject to our lord Jesus.

These information indicate that there are number of angelic units in the heaven. Our Jesus Christ is the appointed King for all angelic units and being the King he commands the heavenly armies.

Our lord has lot of responsibilities than Michael the archangel. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the son of loving father, Almighty God יהוה and Michael is the Archangel of angels of our God's army.

Dear brothers,

If we find about the nature and personality of Jesus Christ and Michael, there is a big difference. Our lord Jesus was patient and ready to forgive our sins. Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus said the importance of forgiveness. Matthew 26:41 shows his patience with these kind words. "The spirit of course is eager. But the flesh is weak." Please consider the incident at Luke 9:54,55. Here Jesus did not want to punish Samaritans. But he forgave them even they did not receive him.

But Michael has a different character. Exodus 23:20,21 יהוה God says," do not behave rebelliously against him, for **he will not pardon your transgression**". He seems like not ready to show patience and forgiveness. Simply Because they are two individuals.

Dear Brothers,

Now let's think about the information mentioned in Insight on the scriptures.

1Thessalonians 4:16.It says, Jesus Christ descends from heaven with an archangels voice and with God's trumpet. I agree that the word "Archangel's voice" does not diminish or detract the great authority that Jesus Christ now has as King of kings. Because according to Rev. 19:14 the heavenly armies are following our lord Jesus Christ. Now Cherubs, Seraphs and angels (Including their superiors) are working on Jesus' command (1Peter3:22, Ephesians1:21,). So here the King's voice (Jesus Christ's voice) is compared and illustrated with the Archangel's voice. Because Jesus himself leads the angels like an archangel (Matthew 24:3,31).

There is no record in the bible indicating Jehovah God himself fought against a nation. God always used an angel or angels to accomplish his desire. But at this moment, Jesus himself leads the fight against satan.

The king has taken the responsibility of the archangel by commanding the heavenly armies by himself.

Please Consider the term "with an archangel's voice. Is it a dishonor or disrespect to our lord Jesus. No, it is not. For an example please read John 14:7. It says, if you men had known me, you would have known my father also; from this moment on you know him and have seen him. Here Jesus compares himself with Almighty God Jehovah, his father. As per John 14:28 we know that the father, יהוה God is greater than Jesus.

Is this comparison a disrespect to יהוה God? The both comparisons explain the duty and responsibility of Jesus Christ. He is neither the Archangel nor the Almighty God.

Please remember our lord will come with God's trumpet. This statement does not indicate that Jesus is the God. Jesus will come with archangel's voice. This statement does not indicate that Jesus is the archangel. Our lord Jesus Christ and Michael the archangel are two individuals.

According to the Insight on scriptures book, the common factor between Michael and Jesus Christ is the **time of distress**. Both stand up in a time of distress (Daniel 12:1, Rev 11:15, Rev 19:11-16 and Rev 16:14-16). But when we compare these three prophesies and Daniel 12, there are no other similarity among them.

¹Jesus Christ is a King. But Michael is not introduced as a King.

²According to Matthew 25:32 the King, our lord Jesus Christ will separate people one from another & he will give a judgment for them. But there is nothing mentioned about judgment which is done by Michael in Daniels' prophecy.

³The Daniels' prophecy (Daniel 12:1-13) does not say anything that Michael may do other than standing up for Daniel's people. He will use his power to protect Daniel's people.

⁴According to Revelation 19:15, Jesus may strike the nations with sharp long sword and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. But Daniel 12:1-12 does not say about any fight that Michael may do against nations.

⁵Michael will use his power for Daniel's people as he stand up for them(Daniel 12:1). But he does not fight against the whole

nations of the world. But our lord Jesus will fight against the whole wicked world(Rev 19:11-16).

So it seems that Michael the great prince has been given a responsibility in that distressed time. But the responsibility of our King, our lord Jesus Christ is different and more serious than Michael's. But one thing is sure. Jesus the King of the kings and Michael the great prince will work actively in the distressed time.

My Dear Brothers,

Please take your decision prayerfully.

Yours Loving Brother,

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