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Michael vs Lucifer

(Chart 7)

1

Before the creation of the world, Lucifer was the highest created angel in Heaven's court. One day, he became envious of Michael (Jesus) who was the other covering cherub. His jealousy eventually produced open rebellion against God. Because of lies and malicious deeds, Lucifer and his followers (1/3 of the angels) were driven out of Heaven.

2

About four thousand years later, John was on the isle of Patmos. He was shown the beginning and the ending of the deadly controversy between Michael (Jesus) and Lucifer. He saw the devil, in the form of a great red dragon stand before the woman to kill her male child, Jesus, the moment He was born.

The Lamb of God

Lucifer was able to bring about the death of Jesus. But, the devil did not know that the resurrection of Jesus sealed his fate. Even more, the death of Jesus made salvation available to everyone who puts faith in Jesus as the Lamb of God.

3

On resurrection Sunday, Jesus ascended to Heaven. On the basis of His atonement for sin, He obtained a permanent restraining order from the Father barring the devil and his angels from Heaven's court. (Prior to this time, the prince of this world could appear in Heaven's court. Job 1) There was war in heaven. Michael (Jesus) and his angels cast the great red dragon and his angels into the earth.

In John's day, the world was believed to be flat. The bottomless pit or abyss, was a hole that punctured the "flat plate" of the earth. John saw the great red dragon cast into the bottomless pit. Later, he also saw the devil released from the abyss. The devil and his angels will be set free at the fifth trumpet to leave the realm of the invisible to become visible before mankind. When the devil physically appears on earth, he will masquerade as the Lamb of God. For this reason, the devil is described in Revelation 13 as a beast looking like "The Lamb." (Rev 13:11)

Paul saw: "The man of sin" (2 Thess 2)
Daniel saw: "The stern-faced king" (Dan 8 &11)
Isaiah saw: "The man who made nations tremble" (Isa 14)
Ezekiel saw: "The man who thought he was God." (Eze 28)
John saw: "A "lamblike beast" from the Abyss as the 8th king" (Rev 13 & 17)

John saw the dragon, masquerading as "The Lamb" come up out of the earth. He deceived the inhabitants of earth with miracles and signs "proving" himself to be God. (Rev 13)