

Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

Part 1 – The Truth about Michael, the War & Redemption

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Series Theme Text: Revelation 12:7-12

The “struggle” between _____ and _____ that exists in our world today is a struggle that predates human history. This struggle did not originate with us but began in _____ when a _____ being, the highest of the angels, corrupted himself, **chose** to deny God’s government and turn against God. As a result of this, war broke out in Heaven and the entire universe became involved in this great controversy, a _____ conflict, between good and evil. But this conflict did not take God by _____; He had a plan – the Plan of _____. This plan included God’s entire creation – angels, other created worlds and _____. This plan would solve the conflict and _____ such a problem from ever recurring. **But** before we begin looking at this plan and how it unfolds in human history, let us go back to the war in Heaven and (re)discover the most important person in the “conflict” - _____!

Scripture Passages for our Study today:

1. Titus 1:2	7. Daniel 10:13, 21
2. 2 Timothy 1:9	8. Daniel 12:1&2
3. 1 Peter 1:12	9. Jude 9
4. 1 Corinthians 4:9	10. Joshua 5:13-15; Exodus 3:5
5. 1 Corinthians 2:7, 8	11. Revelation 19:10; 22:8,9
6. Revelation 12:7-12	12. Revelation 19:11-16

Supplemental Texts: 1 Tim. 3:16; Hosea 4:6; Isaiah 33:14&15; John 5:28 & 29; 1 Thess. 4:16

Additional Notes:

1. **Michael** (mi'-ka-el) = Who is like unto God?
2. **Lucifer** equivalent to *lūci-* (stem of *lūx*) light + *-fer* (ferre meaning to carry or bring) = light bearer
3. **Archangel** (*arché* i.e. chief or magistrate + *aggelos*, i.e. angel) = chief (of) the angels, commander-in-chief
4. **Spectacle** in the Greek - θέατρον **thēatrōn**, *teh'-at-ron*; a place for public show (“theatre”)

The plan of redemption is not merely about us, it is about God and His **character**. We were amazingly created to play the part in this plan for which we were **designed**, that of bearing His character and reflecting His love in this ongoing trial. We were chosen by God to “help” Him demonstrate to the on-looking universe what He is really like as a selfless God of love!

Christ won the battle in Heaven and He will win the final one on Earth!

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