

Soldiers for the Lord

1. Jesus

Jesus is seen by Nebuchadnezzar in the fiery furnace protecting Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednego, Dan. 3:24-25. Jesus is also described by Daniel in the same way John describes Him in Revelation, compare Dan. 10:5-6 with Rev. 1:13-15.

Daniel records that Jesus came to him and revealed He was held up in getting to Daniel by the evil prince (archangel) of Persia. Michael, the prince (a chief archangel) of Israel, see Dan. 10:21; 12:1, came to help Jesus in the battle, see Dan. 10:13, 21.

What was at stake was the transition of power from Persia to the Greeks, an empire that we now know would set the stage in the Middle East with a common market language that would enable the universal communication of the Gospel.

2. Michael

We see Michael contending and disputing with Satan over Moses' body, Jude v. 9. We saw where Michael assisted Jesus in Persia, Dan. 10:13, 21, but we also see a battle between Michael and Satan in Rev. 12:7-10. It is likely that it was Michael that defended Jerusalem against Senecharib's army, 2 Kings 19:34-36, by killing 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night.

3. You and Me

Peter admonishes us to arm ourselves with a certain frame of mind that will be our strength, 1 Peter 4:1-2. John says our strength is in both the cleansing blood of Jesus, the word of our testimony, and the absence of the fear of death. Jude admonishes us to build up ourselves in 1:20-23.