

Who is Michael the Archangel?

Why is it important to answer the question, “Who Michael the Archangel is?”

We would like to suggest three reasons why it is important to establish that the answer to that question is that Jesus is Michael the Archangel.

- 1) Establishing that Jesus is Michael the Archangel proves the Trinity to be wrong since God would never be described as an angel. A Trinitarian God could never have been a perfect man to provide the Ransom.
- 2) Establishing that Jesus is Michael the Archangel demonstrates that Jesus did in fact have a pre-human existence and did not first come into existence when he was born of Mary. Hence God’s sacrifice of His Son was a genuine sacrifice of a Son He had loved for at least thousands of years.
- 3) Since signs of Jesus second presence are provided in Daniel 12, establishing that Jesus is Michael the Archangel provides powerful evidence that He returned 140 years ago in 1874.

It is amazing how many people will disagree with great determination and all of their energy, arguing that Jesus CANNOT possibly be Michael the Archangel. Brethren, with all that is at stake, we must be prepared to defend this important Biblical teaching.

Is Michael the Archangel really Jesus or is Michael just a mighty angel? Does the Bible answer this question?

We believe that a careful examination of scriptures will provide compelling evidence that Michael the Archangel is Jesus. It may not be immediately evident how some of the details we discuss relate to answering our question. However, it will soon become evident.

ARE ALL SPIRITS ANGELS?

Jesus created all the other spirits (including angels)

Col 1:16 (NKJ) “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Jesus was a spirit being in his pre-human existence. His job description was God’s chief spokesperson or messenger. He created the other inferior spirits. At His resurrection, He received a higher spirit nature, the Divine Nature. However, Jesus never gave up His prior job description as God's chief messenger.

Hebrews 1:14 (YLT98), “are they not all spirits of service--for ministration being sent forth because of those about to inherit salvation?”

So “angels” are called “spirits.” However some of these spirits are not called angels; particularly not the evil spirits. Let’s look at some other scriptures which discuss these evil spirits who are NOT called angels.

1 Peter 3:19 (YLT98), “in which also to the spirits in prison having gone he did preach,”

Acts 8:6-7 (NKJ) “And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed

Mark 1:23-27 (NKJV), “Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are– the Holy One of God!” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”

So the New Testament speaks about evil spirits and does not refer to them as angels. **Why not?** To answer that question, we need to understand the definition of the word “angel.”

WHAT IS AN ANGEL?

The word “angel” itself (Strong’s #32) is defined as, “a messenger; especially an “angel”; by implication, a pastor.”

The word “angel” is simply a job description meaning "messenger." Many of the spirits that Jesus created serve God in the role of a “messenger,” hence we call them angels. We find these spirits in the Bible performing various duties assigned to them by God. Hence these spirits are angels, that is, they are messengers performing tasks assigned by God.

Some evil spirits once were angels or messengers, performing job duties for God. However, they interacted with mankind without permission, choosing to follow Satan, rather than to follow God. We refer to them as “fallen angels.” This expression “fallen angel” is probably taken from...

2 Peter 2:4 (AV) “... God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

CAN THE WORD “ANGEL” APPLY TO HUMAN BEINGS?

As we have seen, the Greek and Hebrew words for angel simply have the meaning of “messenger.” We find examples where the Greek and Hebrew words for “angel” do refer to human beings:

Matt 11:10 (NKJV) “For this is he of whom it is written: “Behold, I send My **messenger** before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.” [Here Jesus is speaking of John]

Luke 7:24 (NKJV) “When the **messengers** of John had departed, He (Jesus) began to speak to the multitudes concerning John:”

James 2:25 (NKJV) “Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the **messengers** and sent them out another way?”

Gen 32:3 (KJV) “And Jacob sent **messengers** before him to Esau his brother”

We really don't know what the heavenly angels are, other than that they are invisible spirits. The Bible speaks of other orders of angels, like cherubims (Ezek 10:1-9) and seraphims (Isa 6:2, 6). These may be much higher and more glorious than your average angel or spirit. However, we really don't know. Even so, Jesus in His pre-human existence would have been far more glorious than any of them in that He created all of them.

Many say Jesus cannot be Michael because Jesus is not an angel. We have already seen that “angel” is a job description for “messenger.” Various scriptures cited show that the Greek and Hebrew words for angel broadly mean “messenger” and can apply to others besides these spirit beings that we often call “angels.” Jesus is God's ultimate and supreme messenger. That is why he is called the “Logos” or the Word of God, i.e. God's spokesperson or messenger.

IS JESUS CALLED AN ANGEL IN THE BIBLE?

Because many people make the mistake of thinking that the word “angel” describes only the spirit beings that we call angels, they think it impossible to apply the word “angel” to Jesus. However, we have already seen that the word “angel” really is a job description for the job of “messenger.” God can select any of His intelligent creation to be messengers, even human beings.

MALACHI

As it turns out, Jesus is very directly called a messenger in –

Malachi 3:1 (NKJV), “Behold, I send My messenger [John the Baptist], And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant [Jesus], In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.”

Mal 3:1 (Douay) says, “Behold I send my angel [John the Baptist], and he shall prepare the way before my face. And presently the Lord, whom you seek, and the angel of the testament [Jesus]...” This translation just helps to illustrate that “messenger” is the same Hebrew word as “angel.”

Here John the Baptist is the angel/messenger who prepares the way for Jesus, who in turn is described as the angel/messenger of the (New) Covenant. So here Jesus is described as an angel. Even since His ascension, He still retains His office as God's Chief Messenger, Chief Spokesperson, God's Logos and God's Word.

In Malachi 3:1, we can clearly see that the Hebrew word for angel is applied to Jesus. Yet, some subjectively argue that the word "angel" does not literally mean an "angel" in this case where it applies to Jesus. By their own logic, they should then have no problem applying the name "archangel" to Jesus if they agree that the same word for angel applies to Jesus in Malachi.

ANGEL BINDS SATAN

In Revelation 20:1, 2 we have a great angel coming down from heaven with a chain in his hand to bind Satan. This great angel is generally accepted to be Jesus who is the one responsible for binding Satan. Only Jesus is that powerful.

Jesus is the "seed of the woman" who crushes the serpent's head. Gen 3:15 shows that the seed (Jesus) crushes Satan's head. More broadly, it is The Christ, Head and Body who binds Satan (Rom 16:20). Jesus death' on the Cross guaranteed Him the authority to destroy Satan (Hebrews 2:14).

Hebrews 2:14 (RVIC) says, "...that through death he [Jesus] might bring to nought the one having the power of death, that is, the devil;" Is there an angel powerful enough to bind Satan? Of course not.

Yet these passages are talking about destroying Satan and some would argue that the binding of Satan is an unrelated process.

IS THE GREAT ANGEL WHO BINDS SATAN REALLY JESUS?

When we think broadly about the seed of the woman crushing the serpents head, it is not hard to imagine the initial binding of Satan, as the first step in that process of crushing him. Nevertheless, some argue that a great angel is assigned by Jesus the task of binding Satan.

JESUS IN REVELATION

It is further argued that this angel is not called "Jesus" in Revelation. However, let us keep in perspective that "Jesus" name only appears under the name "Jesus" in

in the first introductory verses and final windup verses of Revelation, where the language is more straightforward and less symbolic. Hence, in any other appearances of Jesus in Revelation, He is never called “Jesus.” If the name “Jesus” must be attached to the character referred to, we would have to conclude that Jesus never makes appearances throughout Revelation. Yet we do in fact see Jesus in Rev 14:14 descending from heaven in a cloud and elsewhere being described in varied symbolic language.

In Revelation, angels/messengers are often mentioned with clues to help us to interpret who they represent. Jesus may also be described as an angel in Revelation in at least two other verses in addition to Rev 20:1.

Rev 18:1 (NKJV), “After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.” (compare Psa 96:4; Matt 28:18)

Rev 10:1 (NKJV), “I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.” (compare Rev 1:15-16)

So we do think that we find Jesus in at least three places in Revelation where he is described as an angel.

JESUS AUTHORITY

The scriptures seem to show that the fallen angels recognize Jesus as the one with the power and authority to cast them into the abyss.

Luke 8:31 (NKJV), “And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.”

This seems to support the conclusion that the Rev 20 angel is Jesus, the one with the authority to bind Satan and cast him into the abyss or the bottomless pit.

THE ANGELS KEYS

Now, back to Rev 20:1, notice that the angel that binds Satan has a “key.” Who in Revelation is the one with the keys?

Rev 1:18 (AV) – “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

Rev 3:7 (AV) – “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;”

In Revelation, the one with the keys is Jesus and so this angel with the key to the bottomless pit is therefore Jesus. So if Jesus can be called an Angel in Revelation, why then would we have a problem calling him THE Archangel?

IS THERE ANY SPIRIT BEING POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BIND SATAN OTHER THAN JESUS?

In the Bible, there are only three angels prominent enough to be mentioned by name: Michael, Gabriel and Satan (or Lucifer). Satan must be the most powerful of the fallen angels, otherwise, another fallen angel could have overpowered Him and taken his job for himself as the God of this Present Evil World.

Daniel 10:13 (Young’s Literal Translation) says, “And the head of the kingdom of Persia is standing over-against me twenty and one days, and lo, Michael, first of the chief heads, hath come in to help me.”

Remember that in John 16:11, Jesus calls Satan the “prince of this world.”

Persia, being the ruling kingdom of the world at that time, its head would have been Satan. Satan was too powerful for Gabriel, who finally received help from Michael (Jesus in His pre-human existence). Other than Michael, what angel would be more powerful than Gabriel? Gabriel could not subdue Satan (the prince of Persia) by himself. Michael however could. Michael was more powerful than Satan. Hence, Michael was Jesus.

WHEN DID JESUS BECOME BETTER THAN THE ANGELS?

Matt 28:18 tells us that “all power” was given to Jesus in “heaven and earth.” Hebrews chapter 1 shows that Jesus was exalted above all the other angels. However, this does NOT prove that Jesus relinquished His role as God’s chief

messenger. The difficulty with many is having a narrow view of the Greek and Hebrew words translated “angel,” which actually means “messenger.”

Heb 1:4, “...having become as much better than the angels as he has inherited a more excellent name than they.” If He BECAME better than the angels, than that must mean that Jesus was not better than the angels prior to that time.

WHEN DID JESUS BECOME “BETTER THAN THE ANGELS?”

Eph 1:20-21 (NKJV), “20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

So Jesus became better than the angels when He ascended to heaven.

Notice how in Hebrews, the words [Strong’s #’s <1096> (5637)] “having become” apply to the time when he was exalted to heaven after His resurrection.

Heb 1:4 “having become <1096> (5637) so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

See how the same words are used later in Hebrews.

Heb 6:20 “where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become <1096> (5637) High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Heb 7:26 “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become <1096> (5637) higher than the heavens;”

So according to Hebrews 1:4, Jesus became greater than the angels when he ascended to heaven prior to Pentecost and NOT BEFORE then. In His pre-human existence Jesus was a spirit being like the other angels, not a divine being. Even then He was the greatest angel, however not greater, in the sense that He did not yet have the greater divine nature and office as earth’s future Judge, Priest and King.

Let me give you an example of how Jesus was the greatest angel in His pre-human existence. Among the greatest humans, it may be true that Samson was the strongest, Solomon the wisest and Einstein the most intelligent; however none of these were greater than human. In the same way, Jesus in His pre-human existence was the greatest angel, however not greater than the other angels or spirits, until He received the Divine Nature. Once Jesus received the divine nature, he became greater than the angels.

Many people argue that because Jesus is became greater than the angels, therefore He canNOT possibly be Michael the archangel. In other words, if Jesus is greater than the angels, he cannot be an angel, therefore he cannot be Michael the Archangel.

Brethren, this is really an argument about words that misses the whole point. For example, we can say that President Obama is greater than all the Democrats. Yet, just because he is greater in rank, does not mean he is no longer a Democrat. We can say that in his day, Solomon was greater than all the kings on earth. That would not therefore mean that Solomon was not a king. We can say that Samson was stronger than all the people on earth. That would not mean that Samson was no longer human.

Hence, Jesus can be greater than all the angles or messengers, without it having to mean that Jesus was no longer an angel or messenger. Yes, Jesus became greater than the spirits who we refer to as angels. However, even though Jesus became greater, He did not lose His job description as the chief messenger of God. Hence, after Jesus was exalted to the divine nature, the title Michael the Archangel, would still apply. Jesus today remains and always will be the chief messenger of God.

DID JESUS APPEAR TO MOSES AS AN ANGEL?

Paul tells us about Jesus in **Hebrews 3:3** that He, "...was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house."

So Jesus is the one that built Moses' house (the nation of Israel under the Law Covenant). As the builder of the house, Jesus was the main messenger appearing

to Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:2) and on Mount Sinia (Gal 3:19; Acts 7:53) as the Word or representative of Jehovah.

The point is that during the Jewish age, Jesus was the chief prince / messenger / angel speaking to Moses on behalf of God, at the burning bush and on Mount Sinai. If Michael is the chief prince of Israel, Michael must be Jesus, the chief prince. Otherwise, we would have to conclude that Michael was given more honor, responsibility and rank than Jesus. If Michael was the chief prince and Jesus was not, than how is Jesus superior to Michael? Therefore they must both be the same person.

IS JESUS CALLED THE ARCHANGEL?

We find the word archangel in 1 Thes 4:16 and Jude 9. It is from Strong's 743 meaning "a chief angel," Let's break the word up into its two parts. "Arch" is Strong's 757 meaning, "to be first (in political rank or power):– reign (rule) over" The other part, "angel" is from Strong's 32, meaning, "a messenger, especially an angel."

The Bible NEVER uses the word archangel in the plural. There is only one – Michael the archangel – the Head or chief messenger or Logos or Word of God.

So how does comparing 1 Thess 4:16 and Jude 9 help us to identify who Michael is? Well we know that Jesus descends from heaven with the "voice of Archangel" and that Michael is the "Archangel." So therefore, Michael must be Jesus. After all, I cannot have your voice, even if I can use your trumpet. So Jesus must be using his own voice, yes the voice of the archangel (meaning chief messenger – the Word of God – the Logos).

WHAT DOES THE NAME "MICHAEL" MEAN?

The name "Michael" in Daniel 12:1 comes from Strong's 4317 meaning, "who is like God." Brown Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon also agrees with this definition. Who else is like God but Jesus Himself?

When a name comes from God, the meaning attached to it is for a purpose.

In Hebrew, the name Abraham means, “father of many.” God spoke to Abraham in Genesis 17:5 (NKJV) saying, “No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.”

God named Solomon whose name means “peace.” And so as David was a king of war, Solomon was a king of peace.

So when the name comes from God, as in the case of Abraham, Solomon or Michael, we expect that the meaning of the name is for a purpose.

So again, the name “Michael” in Hebrew means “who is like God” and who else can be said to be like God, other than Jesus?

HOW DOES THE WORD “PRINCE” HELP US IDENTIFY WHO MICHAEL IS?

In Daniel 12:1 (NKJV), Michael is described as, “the great prince (Strong’s 8269) who stands watch over the sons of your people (Israel).”

Compare Isaiah 9:6 which calls Jesus the “prince of peace” (Strong’s 8269)

Jesus is also called the “prince” in the New Testament

Acts 3:15: “prince of life”

Acts 5:11: “prince and Savior”

Remember how in Daniel 12:1, Michael is described as, “the great prince <08269> who stands watch over the sons of your people (Israel).”

Compare with Matthew 2:6:

Matt 2:6: “out of thee [Bethlehem] shall come forth a governor, Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel.” (Micah 5:2 Governor/Ruler = Strongs 4910-6.)

In both cases Michael/Jesus is ruler over Israel. Does Israel have two spiritual rulers – Michael and Jesus? Of course not. Jesus is Michael.

In contrast, in Eph 2:2 Satan is the “prince of the power of the air.” Satan is the God of this World and Jesus was the prince of Israel – but now is king.

IS MICHAEL THE CHIEF PRINCE OR ONE OF MANY EQUAL PRINCES?

The argument that Michael is “one [of many] of the Chief Princes” in Daniel 10:13 is not correct.

Notice the more accurate rendering in Young’s Literal Translation –
Daniel 10:13 `And the head of the kingdom of Persia is standing over-against me twenty and one days, and lo, Michael, **first of the chief heads**, hath come in to help me, and I have remained there near the kings of Persia;”

Albert Barnes’ Commentary: “the first.” That is, the first in rank of the “princes,” or the angels. In other words, Michael, the archangel.””

John Gill’s Commentary: “...is no other than Christ the Son of God... who is “one,” or “the first of the chief Princes””

The word “first of,” sometimes translated “one of” is Strongs 259 meaning, “**a numeral from 258; properly, united, i.e. one; or (as an ordinal) first:**” This word is translated “first” four (4) times in the book of Daniel, i.e. Dan 11:1 which says, “...in the **first** year of Darius the Mede...” KJV. So we see that Daniel 10:13 is not indicating that there are several chief heads or princes.

The word translated “heads” or more often “princes” is Strongs 8269, the same Hebrew word as in Daniel 12:1 associated with Michael the Archangel who is the great prince.

The word “chief” as in “chief princes” is from Strongs 7223 and it means “first, in place, time or rank.”

So Michael is the first or number one prince. In other words, Michael is Jesus.

Dan 12:1 calls him the “GREAT prince” and Dan 10:21 calls him “Michael your prince.” Over Israel, God would have appointed His highest ranking prince. Right? Is there a prince that ranks higher than Jesus? Another spirit being would not have been given more responsibility and authority than Jesus.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THE REVELATION 12 BATTLE BETWEEN MICHAEL AND THE DRAGON?

Revelation 12 requires a complex explanation. Brother Russell explained Revelation 12 in Watchtower Reprint # 304 here:

<http://www.htdb.net/1881/r304.htm>

Here the woman fleeing into the Wilderness is the true church fleeing from papal persecution during the 1260 years (539=1799 A.D.) This was pictured in Elijah fleeing from Jezebel into the wilderness. The manchild is the corrupting influences of antichrist growing among the true church, which turns into Michael, the counterfeit of Jesus or the Papal authority. This counterfeit concept is found in 2 Thess 2 (NKJV)

2 Thess 2 (NKJV) “3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; [the counterfeit Michael / the Papacy]

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: [manchild growing] only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way [Dragon/Civil Rome in the way]

JUDE 9 – MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND THE LORD

Michael the Archangel and Satan disputed about the body of Moses. Perhaps Satan was interested in preserving Moses body like the Egyptian mummies of the Pharaoh’s. Satan could have used Moses body as an object of worship and a stumbling block for natural Israel to bring God’s wrath against them. With such a danger, we can understand why God did not permit the location of Moses body to be known to the Hebrews.

JUDE 9 (KJV) “But Michael the archangel [In Zech 3 = angel / LORD (Jesus)], when contending with the devil [Satan] he disputed about the body of Moses [by extension the faithful of Fleshly Israel], durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord [Jehovah] rebuke thee”

Though the debate between Michael the Archangel and Satan began with the literal “body of Moses” (Jude 9), it extended to national body of Moses, that is, the faithful of Natural Israel (Zech 3:2; Heb 3:5; 1 Cor 10:2; Luke 9:30).

Here are a couple of verses that we think support the idea of Israel being the body of Moses so to speak. 1Co 10:2 (NAS95) “and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea” and Heb 3:5 (NAS95) “Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;”

Satan argued about Israel having been replaced by the selection of the Church (represented by Joshua in Zech 3:1,3-5), and that God should not plan to restore unfaithful Israel after a period of disfavor (branch plucked out of fire. Zech 3:2).

This is a discourse in itself, so rather than get into more detail, we will simply say that we can provide notes on Zech 3 for any who request it.

BOTTOM LINE IS THAT MICHAEL IS JESUS

The bottom line is that Michael the Archangel is Jesus. This conclusion strengthens our faith in three areas in particular:

- 1) That Jesus is not part of a Triune God, but rather the first and most prominent of God’s creation. A Triune God could never have provide the Ransom of a perfect human man.
- 2) That Jesus did have a pre-human existence and did not first come into existence when he was born of Mary. Hence God’s sacrifice of His Son was a genuine sacrifice of a Son He had love for at least thousands of years.
- 3) That Jesus has returned and been present since 1874 as is supported by the evidences of Daniel 12.

SIGNS OF DANIEL 12 ALREADY FULFILLED!

Daniel 11 brings us up to the time of the end and Daniel 12 brings us 6 signs of the time of the end:

- 1) Increase in knowledge (i.e. technology, mobile phones, Internet, etc.)
- 2) Increase in travel (trains, cars, planes, space travel)
- 3) “children of your people delivered” (Israel is again a nation)
- 4) Great time of trouble (world wars, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, Mao, Hitler, Stalin, etc. murder over 100 million non-combatants last century)
- 5) Book of Daniel unsealed and explained (If not Volume 3, “Thy Kingdom Come,” then how is that fulfilled?)
- 6) The meat in due season of Luke 12:35-37 that is pointed to in Daniel 12:12 for those who are blessed and who wait and come to it at the end of 1335 days.

So if this does not prove that we have been in the time of the end and that Jesus (pictured here as Michael) has returned, then what does this all mean?

Once prophecy is fulfilled, it’s meaning becomes more evident. For example, in Jesus day, people looking at Daniel 9 (70 weeks) thought that Messiah would defeat the Romans and set up the earthly kingdom at that time. Once history played out, the purpose of the Messiah became clearer to Jesus’ disciples. Yet in spite of the miraculous evidences, the people rejected Jesus.

Based on Daniel 12:4, Sir Isaac Newton concluded that one day man would travel at 50 miles per hour. Who would have imagined then, how much greater a fulfillment of prophecy would take place. The miraculous evidences today are inescapable. We see dramatic changes on planet earth in the past two centuries, particularly Israel restored, the increase in knowledge & travel and for the first time in history, great trouble that impacts the whole world – not isolated geographically. Clearly God somehow has a hand in all this. Right? How else are these changes coming about? How then is it such a leap of faith to imagine that the invisible returned Jesus, God’s Chief Messenger in accomplishing this?

As is historically evident, this increase in knowledge spans every area, i.e. science, technology, medicine, agriculture, the Bible, etc. Regarding the Bible, Daniel says that at the time of the end the Wise would Understand (Dan 12:9-12). Daniel says this in regard to the 1290 and 1335 days and indicates the book of Daniel will be unsealed. This was fulfilled in Volume 3 of Studies in the Scriptures, "They Kingdom Come." If not true, one would then have to that we cannot understand Daniel today and its meaning is yet to be revealed in the future. Yet no one who debates us takes that point of view. On the other hand, if the book of Daniel is now unsealed, than Michael has already stood up. Right? Who explained the meaning of Daniels prophecies if not Brother Russell in volume 3 "Thy Kingdom Come"?

Most people make a mistake with end time prophecies, thinking that everything happens quickly, however most parables and historical prophecies play out over centuries, as in the prophecy of the destruction of Tyre in Ezekiel 26, which was fulfilled in stages taking several centuries till all the prophetic declarations were fulfilled. Even the Apostles were thinking that Jesus might be setting up his kingdom in their time until Jesus told them it was not for them to know when (Acts 1:6). In Daniel 12 – When Michael Stands up in the time of the end: Knowledge increases. One source claims the world's knowledge is doubling every two years now –

http://www.digitalstrategyconsulting.com/netimperative/news/2011/06/worlds_data_more_than_doubling.php

NOW THAT YOU KNOW, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Understanding the role of the Lord's people at the time of Jesus second presence can best be learned by a careful study of the scriptures relating to this topic. We recommend the link below as a good place to start.

<http://www.friendsofjehovahswitnesses.com/2012/09/01/our-lords-great-prophecy-jesus-second-presence/>