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MICHAEL AND GABRIEL

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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DANIEL AND JOHN

(DAN 10: REV. 10)

As it was in the days of Daniel, God's prophet; SO IT IS NOW. He "...was praying for the blessings of heaven upon his people and for a clear knowledge of the divine will. The burden of his heart was for Israel who were not, in the strictest sense, keeping the Law of God All their misfortunes have come upon them in consequence of their transgressions of the holy law. He says, "we have sinned, we have done wickedly.... Because of our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us." SO IT IS TODAY. "Now therefore, our God, HEAR THE PRAYER OF THY SERVANT,... and cause thy FACE TO SHINE UPON THY SANCTUARY THAT IS DESOLATE."

"As Daniel's prayer is going forth, the angel Gabriel comes sweeping down from the heavenly courts to tell him that his petitions have been heard and answered. This mighty angel has been commissioned to give him skill and understanding – to open before him the Mysteries of future ages. Thus while earnestly seeking to know and understand the truth, Daniel was brought into communion with HEAVEN'S DELEGATED MESSENGER. (Gabriel)

"In answer to his petition, Daniel received not only the light and truth which he and his people most needed, but a view of the great events of the future, even to the advent of the world's Redeemer.

"Daniel talked with God. Heaven opened before him. But the high honors granted him were the result of humiliation and earnest seeking ...GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF TRUTH. He enlightens the darkened understanding and gives to the human mind understanding power to grasp and comprehend the truths which He has revealed." – More so today than in the past, as we are in the time of the fulfillment of ALL the prophecies.

"Upon the occasion just described, the angel, Gabriel, imparted to Daniel all the instruction which he was THEN able to receive. A FEW YEARS AFTERWARD, however, the prophet desired to learn more of subjects not yet fully explained, and again set himself to seek light and wisdom from God.... Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz. His body was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude." (Dan: 10:2-6)

"This description is SIMILAR to that given by John when Christ was revealed TO him (by his angel, Gabriel) upon the Isle of Patmos.

"NO LESS A PERSONAGE THAN THE SON OF GOD APPEARED TO DANIEL." That is, the Son, a member of the God head, brought ANOTHER MEMBER OF

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THE GODHEAD with him to teach Daniel. The Spokesperson (Teacher of Righteousness) for both Christ and the Father is the Holy Spirit.

"It was Christ that spoke THROUGH Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God. Melchizedek was NOT Christ; but he was the VOICE of God (HOLY SPIRIT) in the world, the representative of the Father. 1SM. p. 409. Read page 411. "Our Lord comes with ANOTHER HEAVENLY MESSENGER to TEACH Daniel what would take place in the LATTER DAYS. The great truths revealed by the world's Redeemer are for those who search for truth as for hid treasures... in response to his supplications; light from the heavenly courts was communicated for those who should live in the LATTER DAYS. With what earnestness; then, should WE seek God; that He may open to our understanding to comprehend the TRUTHS BROUGHT TO US FROM HEAVEN."

"GABRIEL (as the Holy Spirit) now appeared to the prophet... "What great honor is shown to Daniel by the majesty of heaven! (Holy Spirit). He COMFORTS His trembling servant and assures him his prayer has been heard in heaven. In answer to that fervent petition the angel GABRIEL was sent to affect the heart of the Persian king (in behalf of God's people). The monarch had resisted the impressions of the SPIRIT OF GOD (represented as Gabriel) during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but Heaven's Prince, the Archangel; Michael (represented as Christ); was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel. (Dan. 10:13 Rev 1:13).

"The heavenly Being (Gabriel Dan 10:11) appeared in human form to veil his brightness." S.L. p. 52. "It seems reasonable to conclude that the prophet is here speaking of the Vision of DIVINE GLORY he was witnessing. (V 14)... SDA B.C. 4, p 862.

"And when he had spoken to me, I set my face toward the ground and became dumb. And; behold, one "like" the SIMILITUDE of the sons of MEN touched my lips ...And said O man greatly beloved; fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened; and said; Let my Lord (The Holy Spirit as Gabriel) speak; for thou has strengthened me (Verses 15-19). So great was the DIVINE GLORY revealed to Daniel that he could not endure the sight. THEN the MESSENGER FROM HEAVEN (Gabriel) veiled the brightness of HIS PRESENCE and appeared to the prophet "AS" one "like" the similitude of the sons of men." Verse 16. By his DIVINE POWER he strengthened this man of integrity and of faith to hear the message sent to him from God." SL. pp. 46-52. Rev. 1:13.

Note: The majesty of Heaven of pg. 51 is the Holy Spirit in this instance; but; also, applies to any other member of the Godhead. The servant of God makes clear in sublime revelation that BOTH Christ and the Holy Spirit; as Gabriel, came to both Daniel (Dan 10.) and John (Rev. 10) and uses the identical phraseology to demonstrate this wonderful Truth. For example:

1. "No less a personage than the Son of God appeared to Daniel. This description is SIMILAR to that given by John when Christ was revealed to him on the Isle of Patmos. OUR LORD NOW comes with ANOTHER HEAVENLY

MESSENGER to teach Daniel what would take place in the latter days. This knowledge was given to Daniel and recorded by Inspiration FOR US upon whom the ends of the world are come." (R & H Feb. 8, 1881,

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Dan 10). "By this we see that heavenly agencies have to contend with hindrances before the purpose of God is fulfilled in its time. The king of Persia was controlled by the highest of all evil angels (Satan)... Gabriel declared, He withstood me twenty-one days... but MICHAEL came to his help, and THEN he REMAINED WITH THE KINGS OF PERSIA, holding the (evil) powers in check, giving right counsel against evil counsel. Good and evil angels are taking a part in the planning of God in His EARTHLY kingdom. It is God's purpose to carry forward His work in correct lines, in ways that will advance His glory... Only by humbling themselves before God can God's servants advance His work.... Those who have light and knowledge are in the greatest danger unless they constantly consecrate themselves to God, humiliating self, and realizing the peril of the time.

"HEAVENLY BEINGS are appointed to answer the prayers of those who are working unselfishly for the interests of the cause of God. The VERY HIGHEST ANGELS in heavenly courts are appointed to work out the prayers which ascend to God for the advancement of the cause of God. GOD IS THE RULER. By HIS SUPREME POWER He HOLDS IN CHECK and CONTROLS EARTHLY POTENTATES. Through His (Their agencies) He (They) do the work which was ordained before the foundation of the world... "I call upon ministers of Christ TO PRESS HOME UPON THE UNDERSTANDING OF "ALL" WHO COME WITHIN THE REACH OF THEIR VOICES, THE TRUTH OF THE "MINISTRATION OF ANGELS."

"...The Written word is our only safety... We must pray as did Daniel, that we may be guarded by heavenly intelligences. As ministering Spirits ANGELS are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Pray, my brethren, pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming (Letter 201, 1899)."

In further confirmation and continuation of these same thoughts, the servant of the Lord repeats the same terminology in comments on Rev. 10. (Revelation 10:1-11; ch. 14:6-12; Dan 12:4-13).

2. "The mighty angel who instructed John (Gabriel) was no less a personage than Jesus Christ (a member of the Godhead). Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left foot upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His SUPREME power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. BUT THE MIGHTY ANGEL (GABRIEL) DEMANDS ATTENTION. He cries with a LOUD VOICE (as a lion roareth). He is to show the power and authority of His Voice to those who have united with Satan (and his representative) to oppose the TRUTH. NOW, GABRIEL CRIES "LOUD," AS A TRAVAILING WOMAN. Isa. 42: 13,14.

"After the seven thunders uttered their Voices, the injunction comes to John AS TO DANIEL in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." These relate to future events (future from the time the Lord's servant commented upon them) which WILL be disclosed IN THEIR ORDER... John sees the little book unsealed (future). THEN (future) Daniel's prophecies (will) have

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their proper place in the FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD ANGELS' messages to be given to the World (I was AGAIN brought down through these messages the first, second, and third angels') AFTER the church learns them. EW p. 259.

"Men will learn of the reconciliation for iniquity and of the everlasting righteousness by which the Messiah has brought in through His sacrifice. The Cross of Calvary (and the presence of the Trinity there) is the great center. THIS TRUTH acted upon will make Christ's sacrifice effectual.

THIS IS WHAT GABRIEL REVEALED TO DANIEL IN ANSWER TO FERVENT PRAYER. It was of THIS that Moses and Elijah and Christ talked at His transfiguration. By His humiliation on the cross He was to bring EVERLASTING DELIVERANCE to ALL who would walk after Him, giving positive evidence that they are separated from the world (Letter 201, 1899).

"The BOOKS of Daniel and Revelation are ONE. One is a prophecy, the other a REVELATION; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mystery which the (7) thunders uttered, but he was commanded NOT to write them. The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a DELINEATION OF EVENTS WHICH WOULD TRANSPIRE UNDER THE FIRST and SECOND angels messages." (MS 59, 1900). – A REVELATION OF THE FATHER AND THE SON in the judgment scene in Heaven.

It was NOT best for the people to know these things (about the Trinity – ALL the THREE angels) for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the ORDER OF GOD MOST WONDERFUL AND ADVANCED TRUTHS would be (under the third angel) proclaimed (about the Trinity, the Family of God, conducting the Judgment). The FIRST and SECOND angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but NO FURTHER LIGHT (the third angel) was to be revealed before these messages had done their SPECIFIC WORK (announcing the judgment of the dead and then of the living). This was represented by the angel standing with one foot on the seas proclaiming, with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer."

"...that there should be no more delay, but that when the seventh angel blew his trumpet, then God's veiled (secret) plan – mysterious through the ages, ever since it was ANNOUNCED (Gen. 3:15) by his servants the prophets – would be fulfilled." Living Bible Verses 6 and 7.

"The angel's position, with one foot on the seas the other on the land, signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries even to all the world. The comprehension of the truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls (In 1844)." MS 59, 1900. BUT, this same representation was to be REPEATED in the TIME of the Judgment of the LIVING. EW. p. 259

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Now under the Judgment of the Living, we have the announcement of ANOTHER Heavenly messenger (the Holy Spirit), in PERSONS represented by Gabriel who accompanied the Son of God in Daniel Chapter ten and Revelation Chapter ten – Daniel, the prophecy, John, the Revelation of it, ANOTHER member of the GODHEAD which has been a veiled mystery since the beginning, when the prophecy was given to Eve by the angel, Gabriel.

In 1844, in the revelation of the Judgment of the dead, the longest time prophecy known was the 2300 days of Dan 8:14. But NOW the MESSENGER of the Holy Spirit has revealed the longest time prophecy in the Bible – the six thousand years of probationary time beginning with Gen. 3:15 to the close of prophetic time for the dead AND LIVING.

Both Daniel and John were commanded to seal up the mystery of God until the "time of the end" at which time each shall stand in his lot. Daniel stood in his lot in 1844 when, at the end of 2300 days, the Messiah was revealed as making atonement for the sins of Israel on the day of Atonement Oct. 22 in the most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

John has been standing in his lot since 1960 when the new name of the Messiah, The Branch He, the Lord our righteousness (Jer. 23:5,6) as our Intercessor (G.C. 315) was revealed in the Judgment of the Living....

In 1977 ANOTHER comforter OF the same NAME (John 14:26;16:7-13) the Branch SHE, the Lord our Righteousness Jer. 33:15,16, was announced to JOIN the Branch He in the most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary for the Living, to finish the atonement for the church and the world – to determine those worthy to have a part in establishing God's kingdom on the earth. Please note, in the Book of Daniel, the two portions of understanding given to Daniel about the work of Michael and Gabriel in controlling the evil forces working against

Israel's return to build the temple was under Cyrus, the King of Persia, who was controlled by the evil influences of Satanic forces until Michael AND GABRIEL overcame them, to favor God's people made captive to a heathen King. I heard his voice – "O Daniel, greatly beloved of God," he said , "Stand up and listen carefully to what I have to say to you, for God has sent me to you," So I stood up, still trembling with fear.

"Then he said, "Don't be frightened Daniel for your request has been heard in heaven and was answered the very first day you began to fast before the Lord and pray for understanding. That very day I was sent here to meet you. But for twenty-one days the Mighty Evil Spirit who overrules the Kingdom of Persia (literally, the Prince of Persia) blocked my way (Gabriel). THEN Michael, ONE of the TOP OFFICERS of the heavenly Army, came to help me, so that I was able to break through these spirit rulers of Persia. Now I am here to tell you what will happen to your peoples the Jews, in the END TIMES – for the fulfillment of this prophecy is many years away.

"All this time I was looking down, unable to speak a word. Then someone – HE LOOKED LIKE A MAN – touched my lips and I could talk again. Then the one who SEEMED to be a man touched me again..."God

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loves you very much," he said... "Suddenly, as he spoke... I felt stronger...

...Do you know why I (Gabriel) have come? I am here to tell you what is written in the "BOOK OF THE FUTURE. THEN WHEN I LEAVE I will GO AGAIN to fight my way back, past the PRINCE OF PERSIA; and after him, the Prince of Greece. ONLY MICHAEL, THE ANGEL WHO GUARDS YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL, will be THERE to help me (Gabriel – an equal to Michael).

I (Gabriel) was the one sent to strengthen and help DARIUS, the Mede, in the first year of his reign." "But now I will show you what the future holds. THREE MORE PERSIAN kings will reign to be succeeded by a fourth." THE LIVING BIBLE Daniel 10:11-21; 11:1.

Therefore, the thread of prophecy partially unraveled to Daniel who represents Israel continues to our time and which will be further revealed, first to the Church, then to the world, to prove the unerring accuracy of the Revelation of God's secret to His servants the prophets.

Conclusion: Christ AND THE HOLY SPIRIT came down to earth to comfort their servants, Daniel and John the Revelator, as a result of their supplications for understanding of the prophecies concerning the earthly and Heavenly Sanctuary and the heavenly Beings who control the affairs of nations and people who stand in opposition to God's purposes in restoring His Kingdom and Authority in the earth.

O, God, may thy earthly Servants, work together as closely and be as supportive of one another as Michael and Gabriel, the Heavenly BEINGS whom they REPRESENT in defeating the Satanic force of One who ALONE would be "as (ONE) God." Eze. 28.

"Son of man (daughter of woman), say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God Because thine heart is lifted up and thou hast said, I am God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst (heart) of the seas (peoples); yet thou art a MAN, and NOT God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee. (Eze. 28:1,2) Read Verses 4 to 10.

O God, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven! AMEN.

Yours, through the Ministry of the Angels,

Michael and Gabriel,

CHRIST AND The HOLY SPIRIT, TWO High Priests, TWO Intercessors

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

FROM

THE ORIGINAL SACRED NAME BIBLE

"The Revelation of Yahshua the Messiah, which Yahvah gave to Him, to point out unto His servants the things which must needs come to pass with speed, and He showed them by SIGNS, sending through His Messenger (angel) unto His servant, John.

(Signified – a sensible, usually VISIBLE, indication by means of which something NOT OUTWARDLY APPARENT...is made known. Webster Dictionary)

"Who bear witness as to the word of Yahvah, and the Witness of Yahshua the Messiah, whatsoever things He saw. Rev. 1:2.

"I am the A and the Z saith Yahvah, the ELOHIM (plural–Mas. Fem.) Who IS and Who WAS and Who IS COMING, the Almighty (Shaddai).

"I came to be in the Spirit, in Yahvah's Day, and heard behind me A LOUD VOICE, as of a trumpet.

"And I turned round TO SEE the VOICE which was speaking with me, and having turned, I saw seven lamps of gold;

"And in the midst of the lamps, ONE "like" unto a Son of Man (not the Son) clothed with a robe reaching to His feet, and girt ABOUT AT THE BREASTS, with a girdle of gold." Rev. 1:8,10,12,13.

To fully grasp the true sense in the interchange of persons alluded to in these verses, one need only to understand what is being said in verse eight. Note:

1. "The A and the Z is (1) Yahvah, the Elohim (Heb. plural, Mas. & Fem.), Who IS, Who WAS and WHO is coming, the ALMIGHTY (Heb. Shaddai).

2. In Verse four, John (says) "... favor to you, and peace from (1) Him Who IS and Who was, and Who is coming, AND (2) FROM THE SEVEN SPIRITS WHICH ARE BEFORE HIS THRONE."

(Seven, the complete revelation of the Holy Spirit) "to come!" While in the final analysis the reference is to the second coming of Messiah, it particularly refers to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament period, FIRST in the person of Her representative (angel, Messenger): Note, Melchisedek, the Holy Spirit, came in the Old Testament period (Gen. 14) in Person before the FIRST coming of Messiah in Person in the New Testament.

In the FIRST advent of Messiah, He came with the Holy Spirit in power, but in the SECOND advent, He will come with the Holy Spirit in

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PERSON, who has to be announced, and revealed in a prophetic message beforehand by Her earthly representative.

3. To repeat, the grace and peace was... from (1) Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; AND from (2) the seven Spirits which are before His throne: AND from (3) Yahshua the Messiah, the Faithful Witness, the first

born of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loveth us and loosed us out of our sins with His blood (Verse 5).

"And He hath made us to be a kingdom, priests unto His (1) Elohim (Melchisedek) AND (2) Father, unto Him be the glory and the dominion, unto the ages." Verses 5 and 6.

In this chapter of Revelation we see the chain of command by which messages are conveyed to the prophets to give to the church as needed. The (1) Elohim (Plural) gave to (2) Messiah the revelation of Himself which (3) He gave through HIS (4) ANGEL to (5) John who gave it to the (6) seven churches (7) to give to the World.

Therefore, "The "word" is (still) nothing more or LESS than the Trinity speaking to us." SC. 11:6 p.12.

THE ANGELS

"Archangel – 1. An angel of the highest order. One of the seven chief angels." Illustrated World Encyclopedia.

"Angel – 1. One of an order of Spiritual beings that are attendants and messengers of God." World Book Dictionary.

"Though we are unable to understand the NATURE of angels, though their existence is surrounded with unfathomable mystery, and though they dwell in the light and glory of the throne of God; yet, we know that they are CREATED beings." (Eze 28: 12-15)

Unlike Lucifer, "... some of the angels proved true and loyal to the throne of God and these, escaping the penalty of transgression, were crowned by Jehovah with the priceless gift of immortality in place of a probationary life."

MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

"The messenger of God who came to Daniel and is called by him prince of the people of Israel" ...ONE of the chief princes, "one LIKE God."

"In like manner, nevertheless, even these... while dominion they SET ASIDE, and dignities THEY DEFAME whereas Michael (not like these), the, CHIEF MESSENGER, (angel) when with the adversary disputing, he was reasoning about the body of Moses, durst not (Ex. 22:28) impose on him a defamatory sentence, but said Yahvah (Elohim – plural) rebuke thee!

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But these whatsoever things they know not they defame; "...by these are they bringing themselves to ruin." Jude 1:8,9,10.

The Archangel, Michael, was well acquainted with the Law of God which he protected continually over the mercy seat, which said, "Elohim thou shalt not revile and a PRINCE (Satan is a fallen prince) among thy people shalt not thou curse." Ex 22:28.

"But the SEVENTH from Adam, Enoch, prophesied even of these, saying Lo Yahvah hath come with His holy Myriads (angels and saints) to execute judgment against all and to convict all the unrighteous...of all the hard things which they have spoken against Him, sinners, unholy!"

"But ye beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, in the Holy Spirit praying; "Yourselves in Yahvah's love keep, awaiting the mercy of our Master Yahshua the Messiah unto age abiding life."

And on some indeed have mercy, such as are in doubt he saving, out of the fire, snatching them;

"But on others have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

"Now unto Him Who is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you in the PRESENCE of His glory without blemish, with exultation."

"Unto Yahvah (Elohim) alone our Savior, THROUGH Yashua the Messiah our master, be glory, greatness dominion, and authority before all the by-gone age, and now, and to all the coming ages." (AMEN) Jude 1:20-25.

THE ANGEL MINISTRY

REVIEW

"...Abraham demonstrated that there was nothing he would withhold from God. Whatever Jehovah (Elohim) commanded he would perform. But even as he raised his hand, he heard the voice of a heavenly messenger. AN ANGEL OF GOD CALLED his name – the patriarch recognized the presence of holy beings (plural), and instant was his response: "Here am I." AGAIN came a voice of the angel: ...and the ANGEL of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, by Myself have I sworn, saith the Lord (or more exactly, the angel said, THE LORD SAITH, by Myself have I sworn, showing that the angel and the Lord were TWO different beings.)

"Heavenly BEINGS were witnesses of the scene as the faith of Abraham and the submission of Isaac were tested.

"It had been difficult even for the angels to grasp the mystery of redemption, - to comprehend that the Commander of heaven, the Son of God, must die for guilty man." ...as he was about to slay – his sons and the ram which God provided was offered in place of Isaac, – then light

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was shed upon the mystery of redemption, and even angels understood more clearly the wonderful provision that God had made for man's salvation." (P.P. 155)

AT BETHEL

"Jacob entered into a solemn covenant relationship with God (through the SPIRIT). Often he had seen his father offer a lamb or goat as a sacrifice, and bowing in worship, renew his covenant with Jehovah. Though Jacob had NO LAMB TO OFFER, he SET UP AN ALTAR, and taking a CRUSE OF OIL which his mother (the image of the mother in heaven – Holy Spirit), in her thoughtful preparation for his journey, had placed on his shoulder, he poured out a LIBERAL portion thereon, bowed his head in worship and thanksgiving to the God (Elohim) of his fathers...

"Again He to whom Jacob dedicated his life gave him a token of his acceptance with Heaven. As he went on his way, "the ANGELS of God met him." For a brief time the returning exile's eyes were opened. He saw TWO BANDS of HEAVENLY BEINGS, one advancing BEFORE his little company, to guide them in the way; the OTHER following AFTER them, to protect and guard them on their journey. "And when Jacob saw THEM, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim, which means "two hosts or camps." And lastly, Jacob said, "...and now I am become TWO BANDS... He knows that the heavenly angels are his body guards.

"And the LORD SAID unto Moses,... behold, MINE angel shall go before thee... the Angel of His PRESENCE led and guarded them... so tenderly led, AS A MOTHER leads her little child, so protected, so ministered to, (were) "the children of Israel."

"This is He that was in the wilderness with the Angel which spoke to him in the Mount Sinai," ..."Though we are unable to see with our natural eye the HOLY BEINGS about us, still we can come to God in faith, believing and trusting that their presence is ever with us, and that their ministry continues in our behalf."

IN THE FIERY FURNACE

"The loyal people of God are ever "a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men:"

"Lo, I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the FOURTH is "like" the Son of God" – a wonderful revelation of the power of Jehovah.

"A POWERFUL ANGEL FROM HEAVEN stood by their side, and DELIVERED THEM FROM THE POWER of the fire."

..Blessed be the GOD... WHO hath sent HIS ANGEL, and delivered His servants that trusted Him,..."

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THE BAPTISM

"And Lo, the Heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the SPIRIT of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him; and lo a VOICE FROM HEAVEN, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Two members of the Godhead were on earth and One in Heaven). Jesus was led by the (HOLY) SPIRIT into the wilderness. Mighty forces of evil were concentrated in that lonely place to aid in the consummation of Satan's purpose, – THAT JESUS SHOULD ASSERT His DIVINITY that He should EXERCISE SUPERNATURAL POWER in His OWN BEHALF or that He should be led to acknowledge the right of Satan to the dominion of the earth.

"Not for His own glory did the Son of God enter upon this conflict. "...the Redeemer of men, the Mighty One, who had taken upon Himself frail human flesh, sank exhausted to the earth. But He was not left alone in the hour of need. "Angels of God (His 2 guardian angels D.A. p. 793) came and ministered unto Him." With tender love they supplied His needs, and brought before His mind the joy that would be His when the work of redemption was finished, and the multitude of the redeemed... should stand before the throne of God, their voices lifted in the song of Moses and the Lamb.

"Heavenly beings ever watch with unceasing interest the conflict between the powers of good and the hosts of evil.

"How comforting is the thought that angels are ever about us, watching each struggle, knowing every pain, conscious of every thought, and more anxious than we can conceive to help us in the hour of need.

"Often the child of God yields to temptation because he does not FEEL the IMMEDIATE PRESENCE of heavenly beings at his side, when would he but faithfully obey the Lord and resist the enemy, peace and comfort would follow as surely as day follows night."

Your servant of The Branch,
She the Lord Our Righteousness,

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