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Who is Michael the archangel? The doctrine of the transmigration of Michael the archangel has been maintained by the Watchtower and Tract Society ('Jehovah's' witnesses'), Mormons, and some Adventists.

The name Michael comes from Hebrew (*Micha'el* or *Mikha'el*) and according to the Jews it means, who is like God? Typifying the role of Michael in praise, who directs the angelic hosts (armies) of the Lord into battle. He is named five times in the Bible (Dn. 10:13; 21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:10). This is his battle cry in lead of the angelic armies in praise to God, "who is like God?"

In Daniel 10:13, he is called one of the *Chief Princes*. Note the term, "one of the Chief Princes."

Evidently, the Chief angels of the heavenly hosts are called "chiefs" or archangels as it reads in Jude 9 and Daniel 10:21. Here is what Daniel wrote in 10:13, 21, and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me." "But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince." In 1 Thessalonians 4:16, **Paul wrote about the coming of the Lord**, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God." In the original text, as is here in the NKJV, it reads "voice of an archangel" without the definite article "the", "en phone archangelou", literally "with voice archangel" in contrast to the earlier reference in the verse "the Lord" (ho Kurios), with the definite article because He, Jesus, is the only Lord.

So the statement "an archangel" indicates that there is more than one archangel and is in harmony with the statement in Daniel, "one of the Chief Princes", although Michael is also called the "great prince" in Daniel 12:1.

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