

# REVELATION CHAPTER 10

## PART 1



***BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,  
AND THEY THAT HEAR  
THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY....***

## REV 10:1-11

**KJV** -<sup>1</sup>And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

<sup>2</sup>And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

<sup>3</sup>And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

**<sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.**

**<sup>5</sup>And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,**

**<sup>6</sup>And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:**

**<sup>7</sup>But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

**<sup>8</sup>And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.**

**<sup>9</sup>And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.**

**10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.**

**11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.**

**saw...** John is reporting what he sees with his eyes. John sees the physical and spiritual world without distinction, to him the events taking place in angelic realm are as clear as events taking place in the physical.

**Another mighty angel...** The identification of this angel has been argued by many commentators. Some argue this angel is Jesus Christ in angelic form. Others argue this angel is just “another” mighty created angel serving the creator.

Those who argue this is Jesus in angelic form make following points, comparing the description of this mighty angel to that of Christ in Revelation.

**Mighty Angel in  
Revelation 10****Description of Christ**

Rainbow on his head

Throne of God has a rainbow around it Ezek 1:28, Rev 4:3

Face like the sun

Jesus' glorified face was like the Sun...Matt 17:2, Rev 1:16

Feet like pillars of fire

Glory of Lord from the waist down....Ezek 1:28

Loud voice like a lion's roar

Jesus is called Lion of Judah....Rev 5:5

**A similar description of an angelic being is given in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Daniel many feel this is also Christ before the incarnation.**

**Jesus appeared as the “Angel of the Lord” in the Old Testament Genesis 16:7, 22:11, Numbers 22:22**

**This is not Jesus as some claim - this becomes quite clear in verse six.**

Those who argue this is just “Another mighty angel” point make the following points.

“Another” means this angel is not unique... (a[llo *Allos*)...See Rev 5:2, 7:2, 8:3 in fact the word (*ισχυρος* *Ischuros* meaning strong ) is used to picture the angel in Rev 5:2. The angel in Rev. 5:2 is not Jesus.

Believers also, will shine like the “Sun” in the kingdom of their Father... Matthew 13:43. Revelation 18:1 has a strong angel with “Great power...glory” and is clearly not Jesus.

This angel swears by “Him” who created the “Heavens and all that is”.... **Jesus Christ is the one who created the “Heavens and all that is” ... (John 1:3, Heb 1:10, Col 1:15-17)**

**He had a little book (biblarivdion *Bibliaridion* ) unlike the scroll in Rev. 5:2 which is called (Gr. Biblion...scroll) this book is a smaller form of the same word. This is not the same scroll that the lamb opened from the throne but a small scroll.**

**The little book has more information about end time prophetic events. The angel puts one foot on the sea and the other on the land. This could mean the angel is proclaiming control over all the gentile nations (the sea) as well as the land of Israel. The angel apparently is claiming authority over the whole earth in the name of Jesus.**

**He set his foot...The** size of this angelic being must be immense. We see all 3 aspect of the Earth being claimed by this angel, clothed with the clouds, one foot in the sea, and the other on the Earth. The angel is claiming possession for his King. A similar picture is in II Kings 18:19, where Rabshakeh, the Chief of Staff for the King of Assyria announces Jerusalem's conquest for the King of Assyria, Sennacherib.

**Cried with a loud voice...** What the angel cried is not known. Only what happened after he cried. The Lion cries in nature to assert authority over his territory and in the same way the Angel is telling all creation the time is near.



**Seven thunders uttered...In response to the “Mighty” angel’s cry, the “Seven thunders” uttered their voices. Who are the seven thunders? And what did they say? The number seven demonstrates completeness such as 7 seals, 7 spirits, and 7 trumpets. Thunder has been used to describe the voice of God throughout the scriptures in connection with Judgment. (Job 37:2, 40:9, Psalm 77:18,104:7). James and John were called “Sons of thunder” in rebuke because they wanted the Lord to judge the Samaritans with fire (Luke 9:24) after they refused to allow Him to enter their city. The voices of the “Seven thunders” could be the voice of God or the Seven angels who were about to pour out the bowl judgments after the Seventh trumpet is sounded.**

**I was about to write...** John is functioning as reporter. He is writing down what he sees and hears.

**I heard a voice...** John is specifically told to not write what he heard down. The reason why John was not allowed to reveal the message is pure speculation; four possible reasons could be;

- 1. The utterances were too specific.**
- 2. They would be misunderstood**
- 3. The time was not right**
- 4. What they said was only for John to hear**

**Seal up the things....** Daniel, 600 years earlier, was in a similar situation in the prophecy revealed in Daniel 10 through 12 chapters. Daniel did not understand what he was writing about, so he asked the angel, what all this means? He was told, in Dan 12:9

***9“Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”***

Since the thunders are not told and are sealed it is not for the Church to know at this time. The seven thunders are proclamations of some sort that tell the world the truth about the deception they were under but there is no use speculating about what we cannot know. Those who claim to know the messages of the thunders are simply guessing.

Scripture teaches that some events are sealed until the time they are ready to be revealed, if God chooses to reveal them.

**Deut 29:29**

***29***“The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we may do all the words of this law.*

Since this angel swears by Him that created heaven it is certain that **this angel is not the one who created it; therefore the angel is not Jesus.**

**Raised up his hand to heaven...** Daniel 600 years earlier witnessed an event similar to John's, Daniel in chapters 10-12 (Dan 10-12) was told of events involving "His people", the Jewish people, in the last days. In Daniel's scene an angel whose description is similar to that of the "Mighty angel" reveals to Daniel specific end time events regarding the Jewish Temple and the number of days of its desecration. In Daniel the angel above the river swears about the certainty of time involved,

**Daniel 12:7** <sup>7</sup>Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that *it shall be* for a time, times, and half *a time*; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these *things* shall be finished.

The angel in Daniel 10-12 was swearing that after 3.5 year period, “Time, times and half a time” when the power of the Jewish people has been completely shattered all things will be finished. In other words there will be no more delay. This is exactly what the “Mighty angel” here is also referring to at the “Midpoint” of the tribulation period.

**There should be delay no longer** (crovno *Chronos* ...delay) “No more time”, The time will be finished. This reflects the message in Daniel 12:7, “All things shall be finished”, also the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel would be complete...The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet in Revelation 11:15 starts the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation the last 3.5 years.

Some think because it says in the King James that there should be time no longer that it means that time will now cease. What the Greek actually implies is that there will be **no more delay**. The final wrath of God will now be poured out against all the enemies of God and it is now time for the Kingdom of God to come to earth.

**In the days of the seventh angel...** The seventh angel is the angel who holds the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet's sounding takes place in Rev 11:15 following the resurrection of the two witnesses killed and laying dead in the streets of Jerusalem. "In the days of" is the sounding of the final trumpet, the last 3.5 years, the final woe. The sounding of this trumpet will bring a conclusion of God's plan of redemption revealed in the scriptures.

He declared to His servants the prophets... God has already revealed parts of his plan in the scriptures through his prophets. We are told in Daniel 12:10, those who are wise will understand God's plan, but none of the wicked will understand. Understanding God's end-time plan is a blessing and a sign of wisdom according to the scriptures. Rev 1:3. Understanding the Messiah was to suffer and die for men's sins before ruling and reigning on Earth was part of God's plan (Mystery) revealed through the prophets, but hidden from understanding till the time was right. (Matt 16:21, Mark 8:31, Luke 24:45-48)

**When the seventh angel begins to blow his trumpet the mystery of God about His plan to restore the Jewish Kingdom under Jesus will be known to all. This statement makes it very clear that God foretold that these events would occur when He spoke them to His prophets. These prophecies are mainly found in the major and minor prophetic books of the Old Testament and the book of Psalms. Those who come against Jerusalem will not be totally deceived because the truth was given to them in the thunders. They will come against the God of Israel because they want to believe a lie and do not want Jesus to rule the earth.**

**Voice which I heard...** The same voice which commanded John to not write down the utterances of the seven thunders is the voice could be from God or one of the living creatures standing before the throne commanding John what to do with the book.

*What is the little scroll?*

**Go, take the little book...** The “Mighty angel” holds in his hand the “Bibliaridion”, a little scroll, referred to earlier in the chapter. John must be back on earth witnessing the events about to take place at the Midpoint of the tribulation regarding the two witnesses and the Beast and False Prophet.

**The “Little book” is probably the message John needs to deliver in the, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation of the 7 year tribulation. Ezekiel consumed the scroll containing the message he was to deliver to Israel.**

**John is told to eat the little book. In eating the book, John will digest the information within and tell us a great deal more about these end time events from different perspectives.**

**So I Went to the angel...John** approached the “Mighty angel” in the spiritual realm, “Being in the Sprit” John commanded the “Mighty angel” to give him the little book as he was instructed.

**He said....** John is commanded to eat the book much in the same way Ezekiel was commanded to eat the scroll or book almost 700 years earlier. The message was one of judgment on the children of Israel (Ezk 2; 3, 10). Israel, and Jerusalem was about to be destroyed by the Babylonian armies. Ezekiel, beholding the “Glory of the Lord” was told to proclaim the Lord’s message to a disobedient people. When Ezekiel ate the scroll it was sweet in his mouth.

**Like Ezekiel, John is told to consume the little book which is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach.**

**Sweet as honey...** God's word is sweet to those who consume and understand the message and meaning. Psalm 119:103 describes God's word as sweeter than honey.

**Stomach became bitter...** As the word of God is sweet to those who taste it, proclaiming the message can be a bitter task. Knowledge of the God's wrath and judgment is not sweet but bitter, it is gloom on the world.

## **You must prophesy...** (profhteuvw *Propheteuo*)

**John for the preceding 10 chapters has been prophesying about future events from the “Church age” to the first half of the tribulation. John is about to prophesy about the Midpoint to the end 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week through 1000 year Millennium to the New Jerusalem.**

**The scroll was the food John needed for strength to accomplish the task assigned to him. Elijah after the slaughter of the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel Elijah escapes from Jezebel into the wilderness of Beersheba. Elijah exhausted by his escape wants to die. The “Angel of the Lord” provides him with food that will last forty days and forty nights enough for the journey ahead.**

Battle of Gog and Magog  
Ezekiel  
38-39



7 Seals

Chapter 10



6th

7th Trumpets

Abomination  
of Desolation

7 Trumpet  
Chapters 8-9, 11:15



7 Bowls



1260 Days



First Half Chapters 6-10  
1260 Days



Middle  
Chapters 11-13

Last Half Chapters 14-19  
1260 days

Daniel's 70th Week

**In digesting this Bible Study on Revelation, we are finding that there is a sweetness to the illumination of scripture, yet it has a bitter taste also. We are being prepared for the future, however close it may be. It is not pleasant to anyone's taste to know they may lose their life for Christ, yet to give up our lives for Him is gain for ourselves. Death is not the worst enemy. The second death is. To know Christ as savior is to know we have eternal life. Our life is hid in Him, and in Him we live and move and have our being. We must not fear, we must hear, then digest what we have heard and go forth by God's Spirit, whatever our future may hold. Always remember, the future is as bright as the promises of God!**