An angel with large, feathered white wings is depicted in the center, playing a golden trumpet. The angel is wearing a light-colored, flowing robe. The background is a dramatic, dark sky with swirling clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is solemn and powerful.

“...but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”


Revelation 10:7



HIS NAME IS JESUS

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**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**





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Interlude before the end...

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¹ 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. ² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

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⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, ⁷ but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

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⁸ Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.

⁹ So I went to the angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.” And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”

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¹⁰ Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. ¹¹ And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."



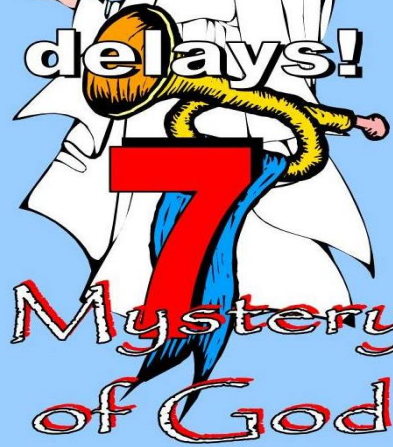
7 Thunders



"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

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No more delays!



Mystery of God completed

"Take and eat it..."
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Honey in my mouth

Bitter in my stomach



Prophecy Again

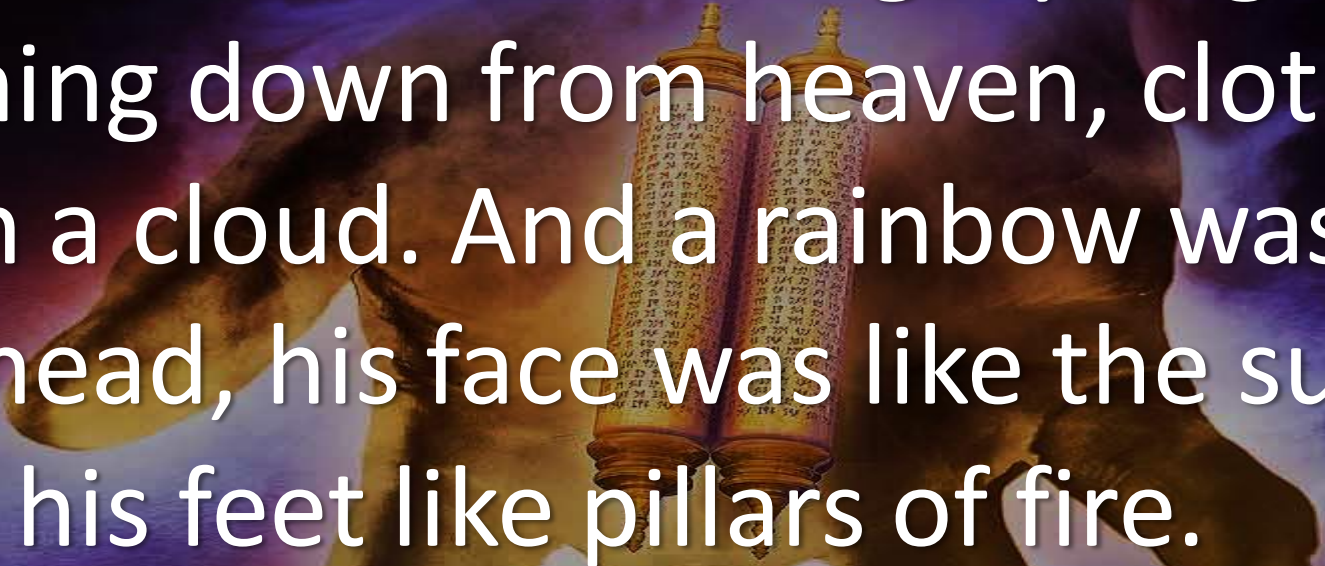


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- Just completed horrors of first 6 trumpet judgments, chapters 8 and 9. End of chapter 9, **saddest verses in scripture...** “*[yet, therefore, still]* **they did not repent.**”
- Another “**interlude**” before 7th trumpet.
- 7th Trumpet holds last set, the 7 Bowls (vials)
- **No time advances.** 7th trumpet sounds 11:15, but Bowl judgments don’t begin until chapter 16.
- Very interesting events/circumstances described between then and now.

REVELATION Chapter 10

¹ 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.

An illustration of a powerful angel, likely representing the 'mighty angel' mentioned in the text. The angel is depicted from the waist up, wearing a dark, textured garment. His head is surrounded by a vibrant rainbow. His face is bright and glowing, resembling the sun. He is holding a large, ornate scroll with both hands, which is covered in text. The background is a dark, swirling purple and blue, suggesting a celestial or heavenly environment.

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- Spirited debate about identity of this “angel.”
- “Angels” (Gr. *aggelos* = messenger) mentioned 76 times in Revelation
- **Another “angel” or someone else?**
- **Some see this messenger as Messiah**
- ***“coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud”* = one clue used to identify messenger as Jesus.**

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God is seen
clothed in a
cloud from
Exodus
through
Revelation....

- Exodus 16:10;
19:9; 24:15; 34:5;
- Psalm 104:3
Matthew 17
- Luke 21:27
- Acts 1:9
- Revelation 1:7

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- “**Rainbow**” could be allusion to rainbow around throne in 4:3.
- “***face like the sun***” reference to radiance of Jesus (1:16), Matthew 17 (*transfiguration*)?
- “***feel like pillars of fire,***” seen in 1:15
- “***voice, as when a lion roars***” (v. 3) – Lion of the Tribe of Judah?
- OT as “Angel of the LORD”
- Angel has **great authority, power.**

For these reasons, and others, many identify this angel as Yeshua.

Others believe NOT Jesus...why? Merely very powerful angel, not Jesus:

- Gr. word “**another**” is specific, means “*another like the others.*” Indicates this angel just like other angels already seen.
- “**Rainbows**” = sign of God’s covenants, don’t have to refer to throne of God.
- Angels in the Presence of God (*like those in chapters 8 and 9*), **may also radiate the light** of His Presence (“*face like the sun*”)



Huge debate about identity of this angel

Mantre

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **Angels powerful** –given varying powers and authorities by God. Angelic “hierarchy”
- **“Voice like lion”** may indicate loud and commanding, **not that he IS a “lion.”**
- Clear evidence when Jesus appears (chapter 1, 19, etc.) No question. **There IS question here.**
- One other very important clue later in text seems **strong evidence this is NOT Jesus (later!)**



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COMMENTARY: *“The identity of this strong angel is debated by Bible teachers. Some contend that this is Christ. Since Christ appeared as the angel of God in the Old Testament, this would be another occasion in which He appears to the nation of Israel. Others say it is not Christ but an unidentified angel. The Lord Jesus Christ does not appear in the book of Revelation as an angel. In fact, we will look in vain for a presentation of him as an angel after the incarnation. Ever since Jesus took on flesh, died for the sins of men, was crucified, was resurrected, and ascended into heaven, He has always appeared as the Son of God in His essential deity. Although this angel possesses some Godlike characteristics, he is not God... Although far beneath the character of God, they [angels] are created beings of an unusually high order.*”

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It is rather interesting to see that angels play a prominent part in the book of Revelation...they are always in a position of service. They do not create things, but fulfill the administration of God in the affairs of men. This is not the first time we have been introduced to a mighty angel, for in chapter 5:2 we find the same word used, though there it is translated "strong." Don't be deceived by the glorious description of this angel...Actually, in 18:1 we find another angel, pronouncing doom on Babylon, having great power and so much glory that "the earth was made bright with his glory." No one seems pressed to identify this angel as the Lord Jesus Christ; consequently we should not think it strange that God could have other mighty angels that could easily fit the description of the one in our text." ("Revelation Unveiled," LaHaye)

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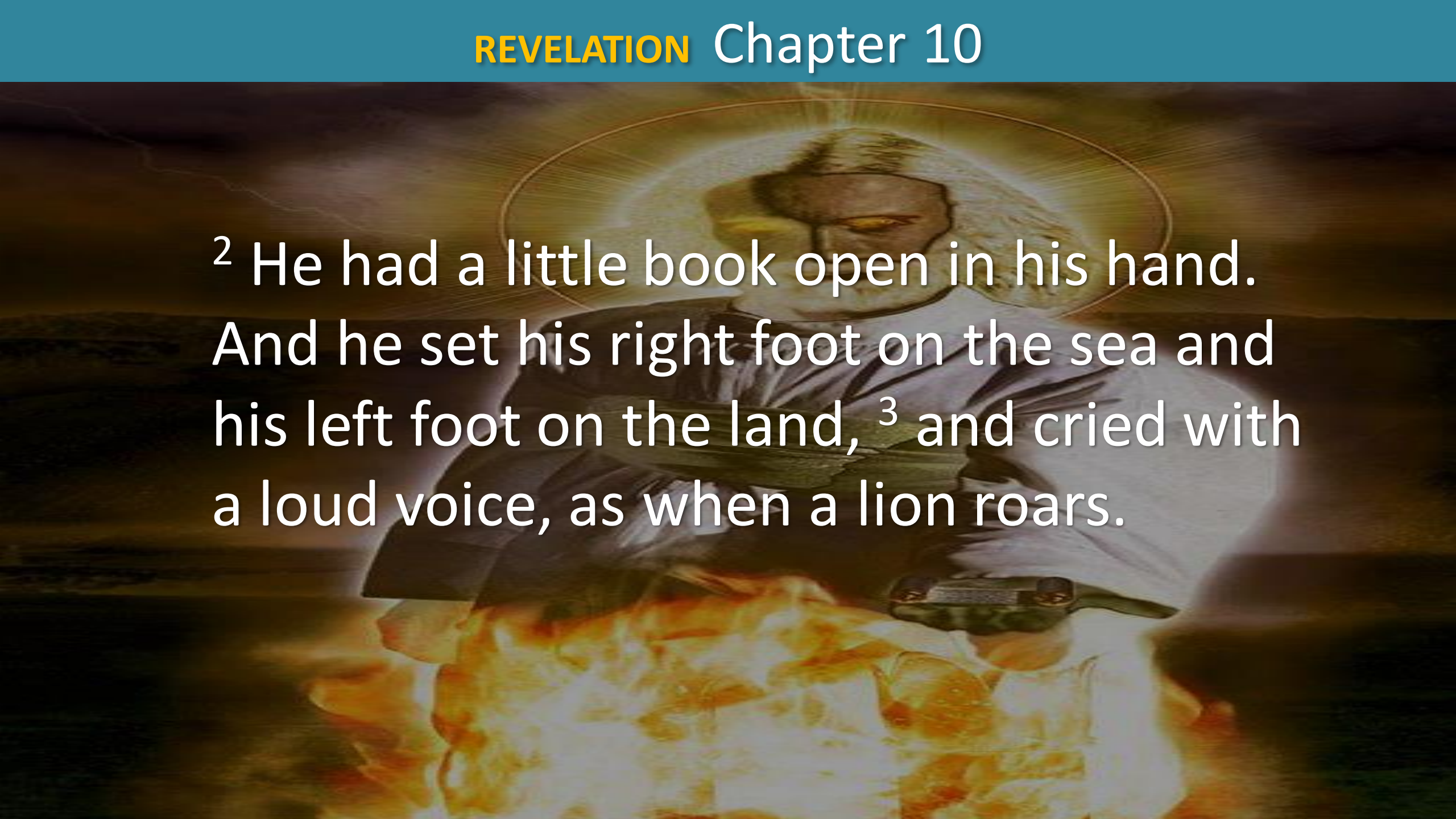
COMMENTARY: *“Three angelic beings are identified as “strong” in the Revelation. The first occurrence appears in Revelation 5:2. The second is in Revelation 10:1 and the final occurrence is in Revelation 18:21. What is the significance of the “strong angels?” The characteristics associated with “another strong angel” in Revelation 10:1-7 are closely parallel to an angelic being described in Daniel 10:5-6 and 12:5-7. These similarities have given some interpreters the basis to see a connection between these two texts. Based on Revelation 5:2, 10:1 and 18:21, strong angels are revelatory angels. That is, they specifically communicate to man information from God. In Revelation 5:2, the strong angel communicates the identity of the person worthy to open the sealed scroll. In Revelation 10:1, he communicates a significant transition in the program of God. In Revelation 18:21, he communicates the destiny of the capital city of the beast empire. Similarly, an angelic being in Daniel 10 communicates the destiny of the Jews and Jerusalem. (RevelationCommentary.org)*



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- Debate rages, ask, ***“Does it really matter?”***
- **Bottom line...** what angel does and says most important
- May not be possible to concretely, without question, identify him
- **Always avoid speculation**, avoid man’s opinions, and especially any one man’s *“unique, private and supposedly divine”* interpretation! *(It is expected we will not understand everything!)*

REVELATION Chapter 10

A painting of a man with a halo, wearing a white robe and a dark cloak, holding a book. He is standing on a sea with a lion's head at his feet.

² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **“*little book*”** not “*codex*” book as we know it. A scroll...*(more in a moment on this scroll)*
- Angel has one foot on land and one on sea = he **has authority** *(or speaks for one in authority)* **over both.** *(more on this in a bit...)*
- Whether “the Lion of the Tribe of Judah” or merely a very powerful authoritative angel, speaks with same authority and majesty as a lion in the jungle, commanding attention.

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3b ...When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

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7 Thunders

"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."



REVELATION Chapter 10

- Notice: not told WHAT angel cried in a loud voice.
- Only hear that WHEN he “cries out” **7 thunders** “**uttered**” their voices.
- What did the angel say? Like answer to so many questions here, best answer is...**WE DON'T KNOW!**
- ***About the 7 thunders...*** Psalm 29, phrase “**the voice of the LORD**” likened to thunder, and used 7 times: (“*Coincidence is not a kosher word!*”)

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Psalm 29

³ The voice of YHVH is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
YHVH is over many waters.

⁴ The voice of YHVH is powerful;
The voice of YHVH is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of YHVH breaks the cedars, Yes, YHVH
splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and
Sirion like a young wild ox.

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⁷ The voice of YHVH divides the flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of YHVH shakes the wilderness;
YHVH shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of YHVH makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

REVELATION Chapter 10

- For this reason, Jews (*Rabbinic interpretation*) consider God to have 7 voices, like thunder. When they hear “7 thunders” would *immediately consider to be voice of God*.
- Are these “utterances” the voice of God? We don’t know. Perhaps!
- Either way, Psalm 29 **great reminder of majesty and power** of the One who controls everything – the One who ordained and will perfectly execute the entire contents of the Revelation!

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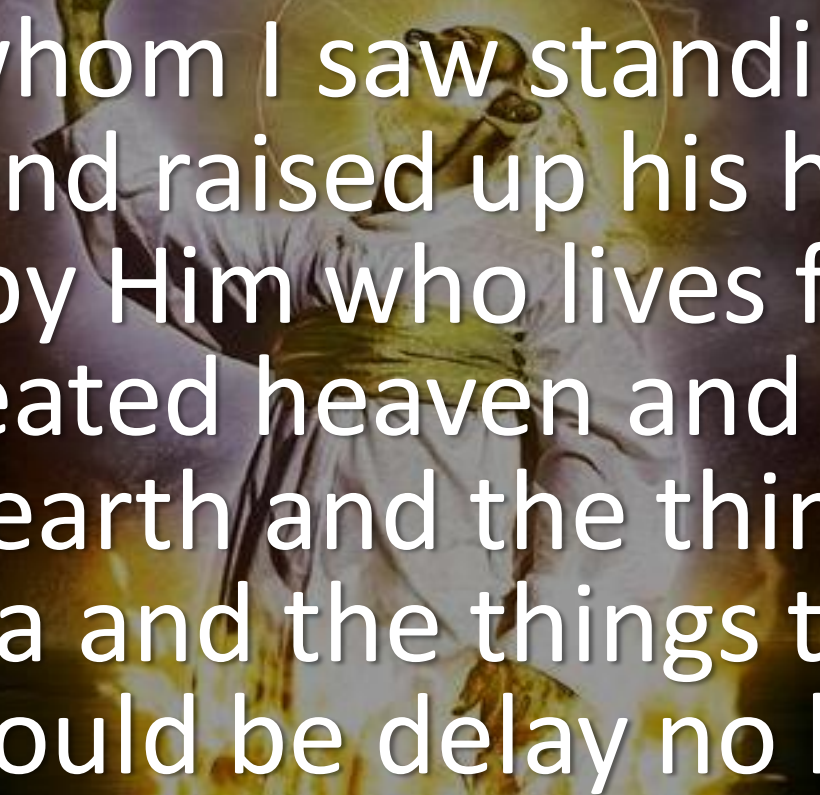
- Like identity of angel, **differing speculation** about what (or who) voices are, and about what they said.
- **UNFOUNDED SPECULATION IS DANGEROUS!!**
Not to mention just a bit stupid! When voice said they were sealed, that's what was meant. They are sealed, beyond our knowing.
- **Be skeptical** of *those who claim to know* what thunders spoke. *John only human to hear them.*
- **God has not revealed everything to us, yet.**



REVELATION Chapter 10

- Initially John told to write everything he saw and heard. But here given specific instructions NOT to write them.
- Notice voice that gives instruction is NOT the angel, but a **voice from heaven.** Is this God? Once again, we don't know. *Maybe!*
- **ONLY things sealed in Revelation.** Daniel told to seal up his book (total), but John given opposite instructions in 22:10 – ***“Do not seal the words of prophecy of this book...”***
- Seems **Daniel becoming “unsealed”** in this day.

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An angel with a glowing halo and a sword, standing on the sea, raising his hand to heaven. The background is a dark, stormy sea with lightning bolts in the sky.

⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven
⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,...

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **Clue here:** perhaps this mighty angel not Messiah.
- Angel **takes oath**, swearing on *“Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it...”*
Who is this angel swearing on? No question, Jesus.
Swearing on Name of Yeshua.
- Some interpret this = angel (“messenger”) swearing on “Himself,” **just as God took oath when he entered into covenant with Abraham**. Hebrews 6:13 *“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself.”*

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- Many believe, however, if this angel Jesus, **we would have been told** He swore on Himself, as Hebrews indicates. *We aren't told this.*
- Seems mighty angel **swearing by Name higher than himself** –Name of the Creator of all things, *Yeshua*.
- Debate about identity of “angel” continues, but important what he declares and facilitates, not who he is.
- **We must be content with *not knowing* a lot of things in this book.**

REVELATION Chapter 10

- ***“There should be delay no longer...”*** until this time God’s very gracious, longsuffering, patient with mankind. Has seemingly delayed final outpouring of judgments.
- Why? So all who would come to Him, do. Remember, He desires that NONE perish, and **extends His grace period.**
- However, grace periods also end. **Not for believers** (*where there is always an abundance of grace*) **but for unbelievers. TIME’S UP for unbelieving world.**

REVELATION Chapter 10

- “**delay**” (KJV) = “time.” In other words, no more time.
- Greek = *chronos*, implies interval, season or opportunity. Interval of grace, time of salvation, **almost over**.
- When 7th trumpet sounds, last set of judgments poured out one after other in quick succession.

**Apparently
near end of
tribulation
period.**



REVELATION Chapter 10



- **Reminder:** God's grace has **time limitation** for unbelievers. Paul says ***"today is the day of salvation."*** (2 Corinthians 6:2)
- To those who ***don't*** have a relationship with God...***don't wait!***

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **Even more sobering...**

“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

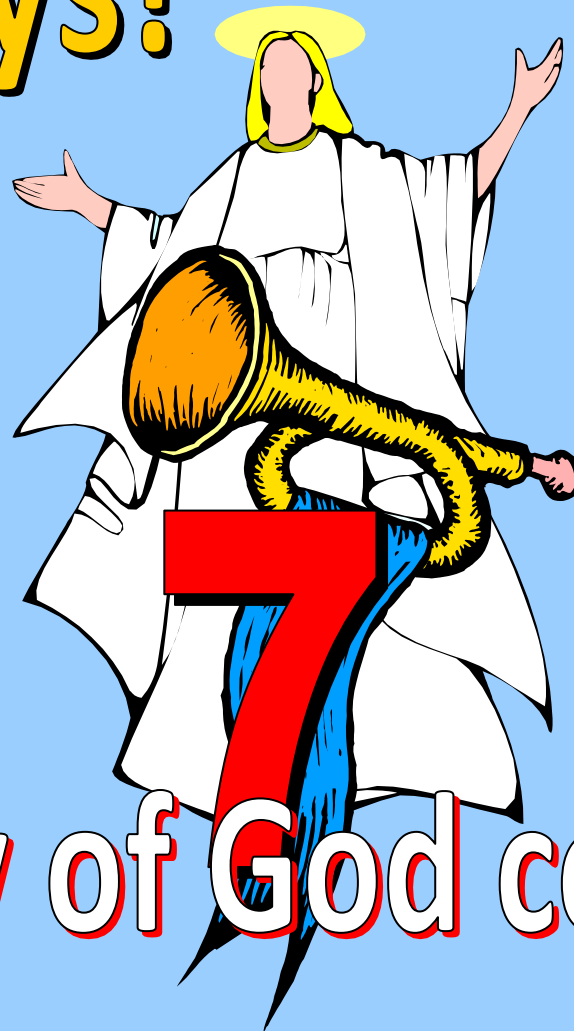
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Mystery of God completed

No more delays!



Mystery of God completed

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- When 7th trumpet sounds (11:15) “**mystery of God**” finished.
- Greek “finished” = *teleo*, implies **completion of a plan**. Last trumpet sounds, scroll fully open, all judgments literally come tumbling out one right after the other, completing plan of God.



Plan of Redemption Completed!

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **“Mystery” of God?** *Several* in scripture, *musterion* literally = secret until revelation or completion.
- All “mysteries” in scripture in NT. None in OT, except allusions: *“Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?”* (Job 11:7)
- 22 singular references (*mystery*) 5 plural ref. (*mysteries*).
- **“Mysteries” NOT hidden**. Revealed by Holy Spirit.
- However, cannot be discerned by unbelievers who don’t know Word of God and not seeking Truth.

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“Mystery” in Scripture

Reference	Scripture cited: (in part, KJV)	Subject
Mark 4:11	<i>...Mystery of the kingdom of God:</i>	Revelation of God’s plan through Jesus, for earth at this time
Romans 11:25	<i>...that ye should be ignorant of this mystery,</i>	Restoration of houses of Israel, salvation for Israel/Gentiles
Romans 16:25	<i>...to the revelation of the mystery</i>	Gospel hidden in OT, revealed in NT
1 Corinthians 2:7	<i>...speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,</i>	God’s plan of redemption, formed before world began
1 Corinthians 15:51	<i>...I show you a mystery...</i>	Incorruption and restoration of the physical body

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“Mystery” in Scripture

Reference	Scripture cited: (in part, KJV)	Subject
Ephesians 1:9	<i>...having made known unto us the mystery of his will,</i>	God’s plan to redeem all mankind
Ephesians 3:3	<i>...he made known unto me the mystery;</i>	The Church, “one new man” (2 houses of Israel, neither Jew nor Gentile, but one new man), not found in OT, revealed in NT
Ephesians 3:4	<i>...my knowledge in the mystery of Christ</i>	
Ephesians 3:9	<i>...what is the fellowship of the mystery,</i>	

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“Mystery” in Scripture

Reference	Scripture cited: (in part, KJV)	Subject
Ephesians 5:32	<i>...This is a great mystery: but I speak</i>	Through marriage two become one flesh
Ephesians 6:19	<i>...make known the mystery of the gospel,</i>	Good news of Yeshua, and what we have as a result of our belief in Him
Colossians 1:26	<i>...even the mystery which hath been hid</i>	The “deep things” of God hidden from unbelievers
Colossians 1:27	<i>...glory of this mystery among the Gentiles;</i>	How God includes the Gentiles in the plan of redemption

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“Mystery” in Scripture

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Colossians 2:2	<i>...acknowledgement of the mystery of God,</i>	The entire plan of redemption
Colossians 4:3	<i>...to speak the mystery of Christ, for which</i>	The “deep things” and plans of the Messiah
2 Thess 2:7	<i>...the mystery of iniquity doth already work:</i>	How sin works and separates us from God
1 Timothy 3:9	<i>...holding the mystery of the faith...</i>	How faith saves
1 Timothy 3:16	<i>...great is the mystery of godliness:</i>	Godliness, only achieved by belief and love of Messiah

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“Mystery” in Scripture

Reference	Scripture cited: (in part, KJV)	Subject
Revelation 1:20	<i>...the mystery of the seven stars which</i>	Heads of 7 assembled bodies of believers (Churches) [or angels]
Revelation 10:7	<i>...the mystery of God should be finished,</i>	The entire plan of redemption and judgment complete
Revelation 17:5	<i>...written, Mystery, Babylon The Great,</i>	The enemy’s plan of opposition
Revelation 17:7	<i>... the mystery of the woman</i>	Women portrayed as “seductresses” in scripture. This woman = Babylon, the world, and religious system in opposition to God.

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“Mysteries” in Scripture

Reference	Scripture cited: (in part, KJV)	Subject
Matthew 13:11	<i>...the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,</i>	Workings of kingdom of heaven (<i>some = literal coming kingdom on earth</i>) [<i>debate kingdom of heaven/God</i>]
Luke 8:10	<i>...the mysteries of the kingdom of God:</i>	Inner workings of the kingdom of God (<i>some = spiritual kingdom within believers</i>)
1 Cor. 4:1	<i>...and stewards of the mysteries of God.</i>	“Deep things” of God not discerned without the Holy Spirit, more than what lies on the surface
1 Cor. 13:2	<i>...understand all mysteries, and all knowledge</i>	
1 Cor. 14:2	<i>...in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.</i>	

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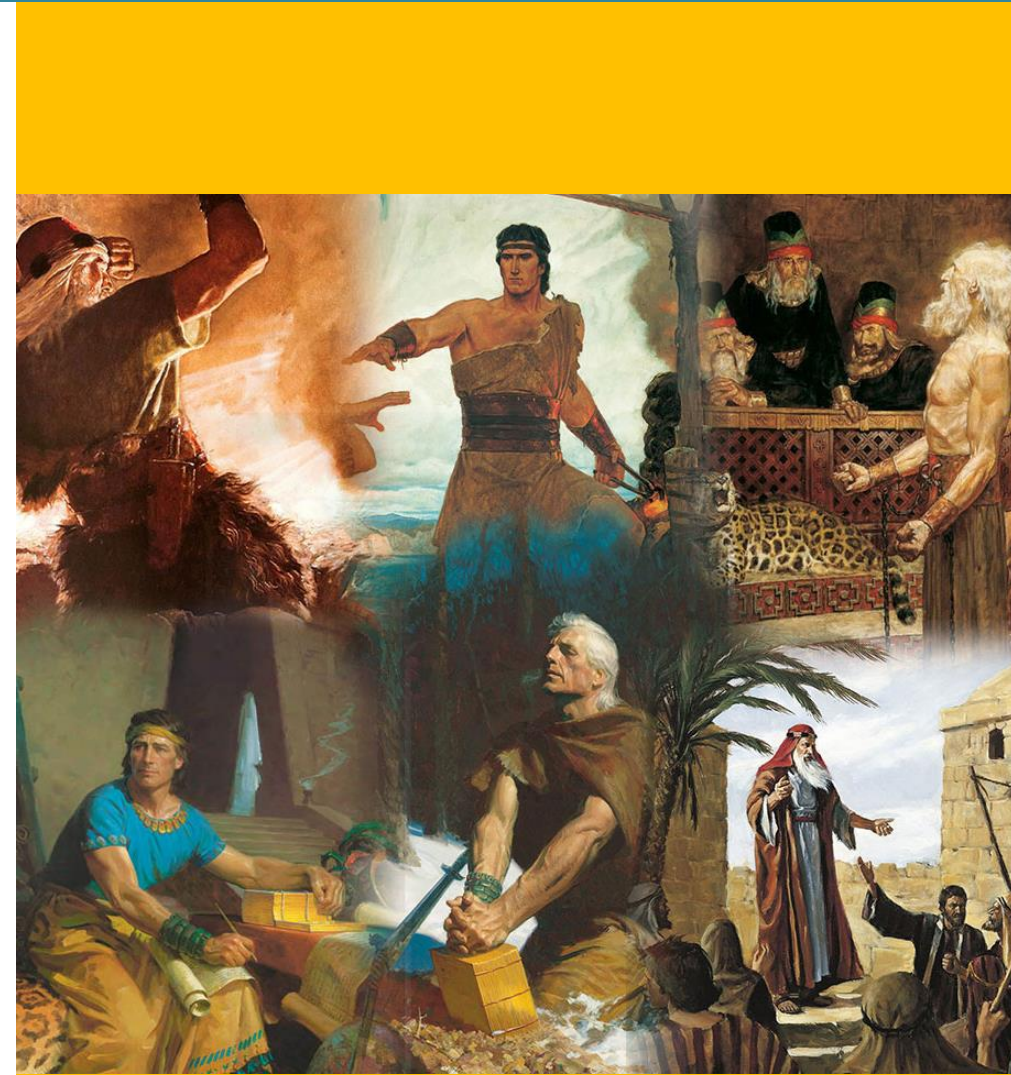
- Entire redemptive plan of God, from Genesis to Revelation, can be known by those seeking the Truth.
- These = formal “mysteries” to us **until** Holy Spirit reveals them and *hearts prepared to receive them.*
- “**Mystery of God**” (in this verse) *involves all of this – the whole plan, as He revealed it to His prophets.* These are the “deep things” of God.
- Plan **formulated before beginning of world**, and with final round of judgments man’s dominion ends, God’s will begins - and lasts through eternity.

REVELATION Chapter 10

- **Many things still a “mystery” to us.** Each learns, tutored by Holy Spirit in different ways, at different paces. And, not everything is revealed yet.
- We all have questions. ***Faith = believing what we can't see yet, = without knowing all the answers.*** “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” (Hebrews 11:1)
- When all judgments complete, and evil completely eliminated, **will see full manifestation of His divine power and majesty.** Our questions will have divine answers, not human speculation.

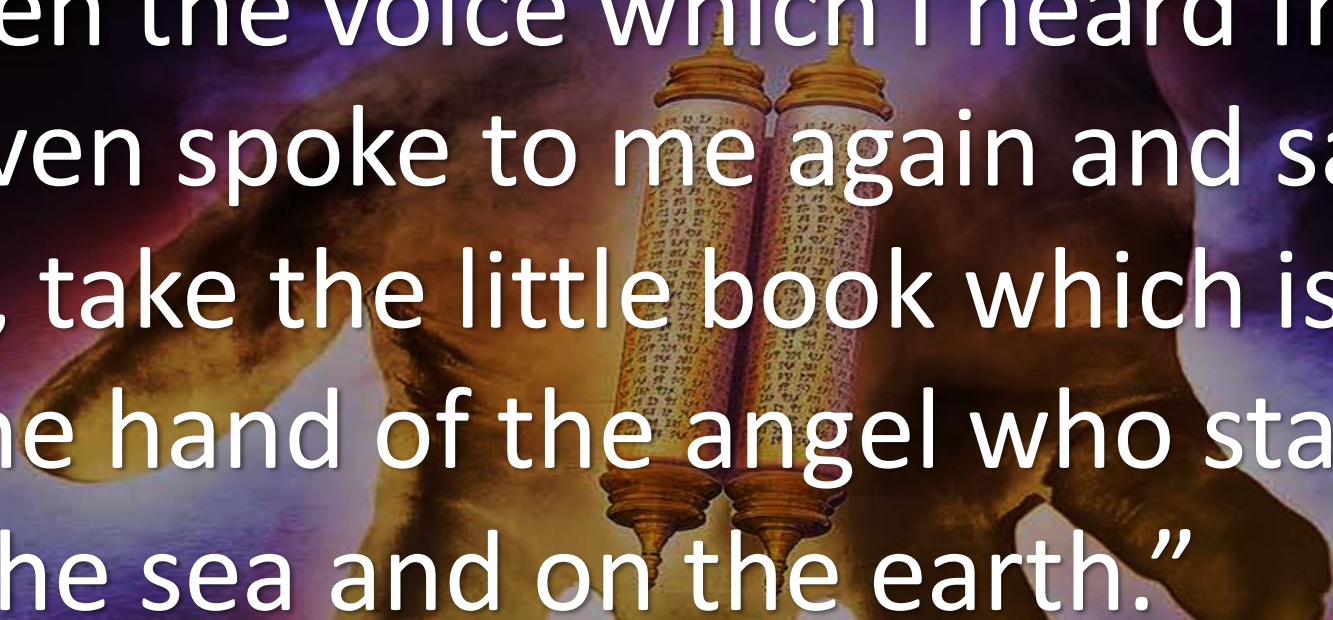
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- Prophets often wrote what they could not understand, and *not in full revelation*.
- **Reference to prophets may be clue to what is in “little book.”**
- Basic plan, outline, of God’s redemptive work *revealed through the prophets*. Perhaps that is what is in this little book.
- **“soon, all will be revealed!”**



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⁸ Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.”



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- *Angel not speaking here. Voice from heaven. Voice of authority. **God? WE DON'T KNOW!***
- **Study of Revelation requires *we do not leap to conclusions***, or be too ready to believe a “popular” idea about something.
- So much we simply do NOT know. Can have basic understanding/knowledge of content and cause, but complete identification of every person, event, timetable and detail **is impossible...until it happens**.

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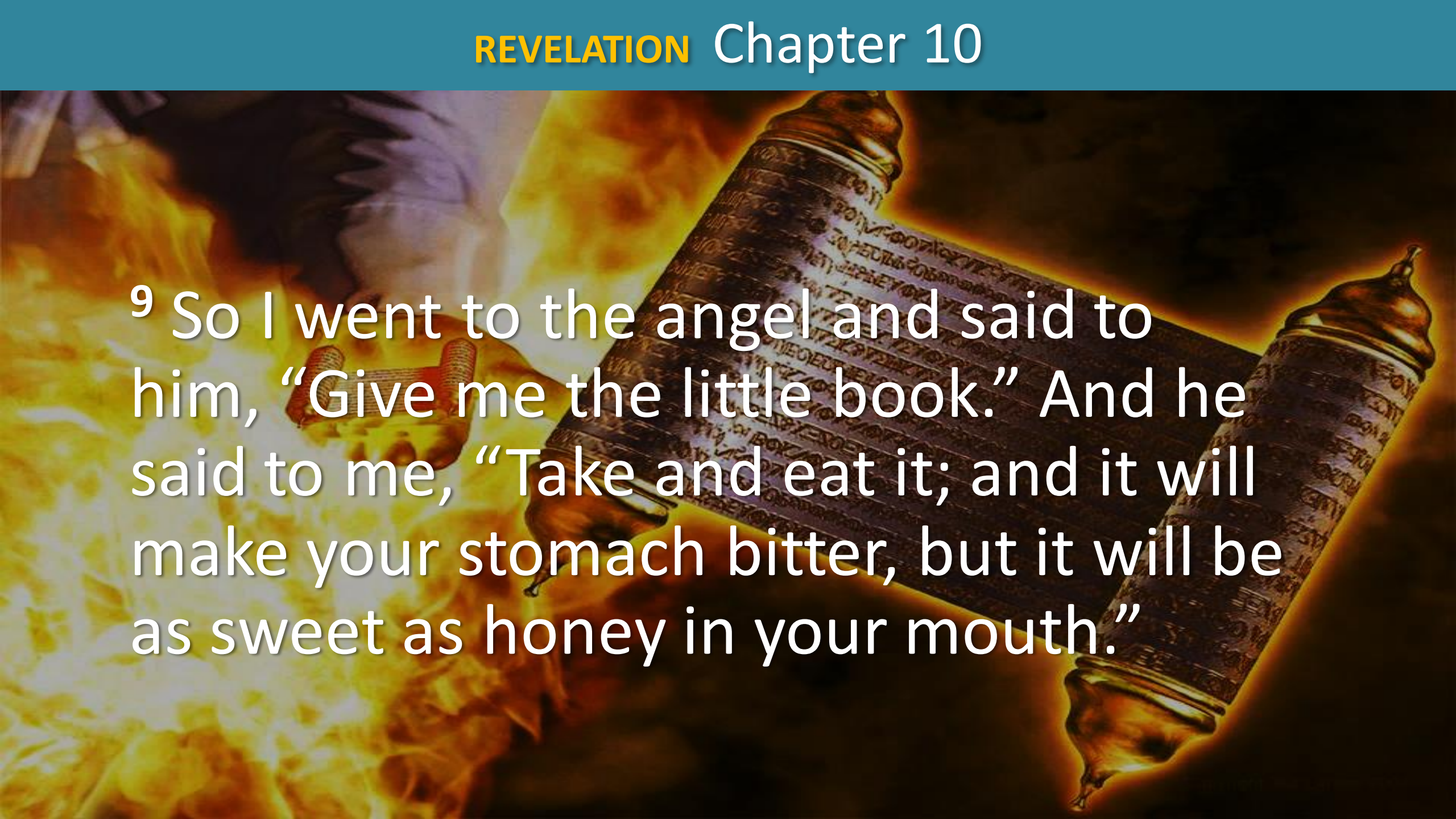
- “*...take the little book...*” What is this book? Not “book” but scroll. Everything then written on scrolls.
- Some think original 7-sealed scroll of judgment now fully open. *But don't see this actually happen until chapter 11,* judgments don't begin until chapter 16.
- ***Bibliaridion*, literally “little” scroll.**
Original = *biblion*, larger scroll.
Distinction between two. Don't seem to be one and same.



REVELATION Chapter 10

- Believed to be short, limited revelation, *perhaps* about remaining time of judgment.
- Some say **last 3 ½ years** (*Jesus' "Great Tribulation"*) begins at 7th trumpet blast in chapter 11. **Difficult to determine timeline.** (*virtually impossible!*)
- Precisely what is in this little book **not known**. *Could be* prophecies (OT) pertaining to this period. Could even be new prophecies.
- What John told to do with book further identifies it as **Word of God.**

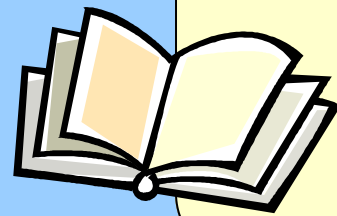
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A hand holding a scroll of text against a background of fire. The scroll is unrolled, showing ancient script. The background is a bright, fiery orange and yellow, suggesting a dramatic or divine scene. The text is overlaid on the scroll and the background.

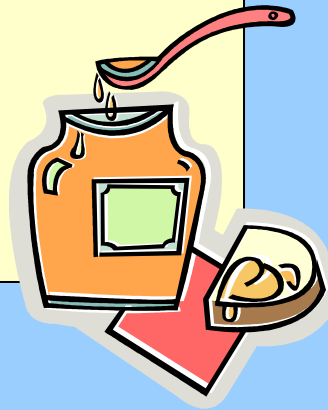
⁹ So I went to the angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.” And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”

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"Take and eat it...."

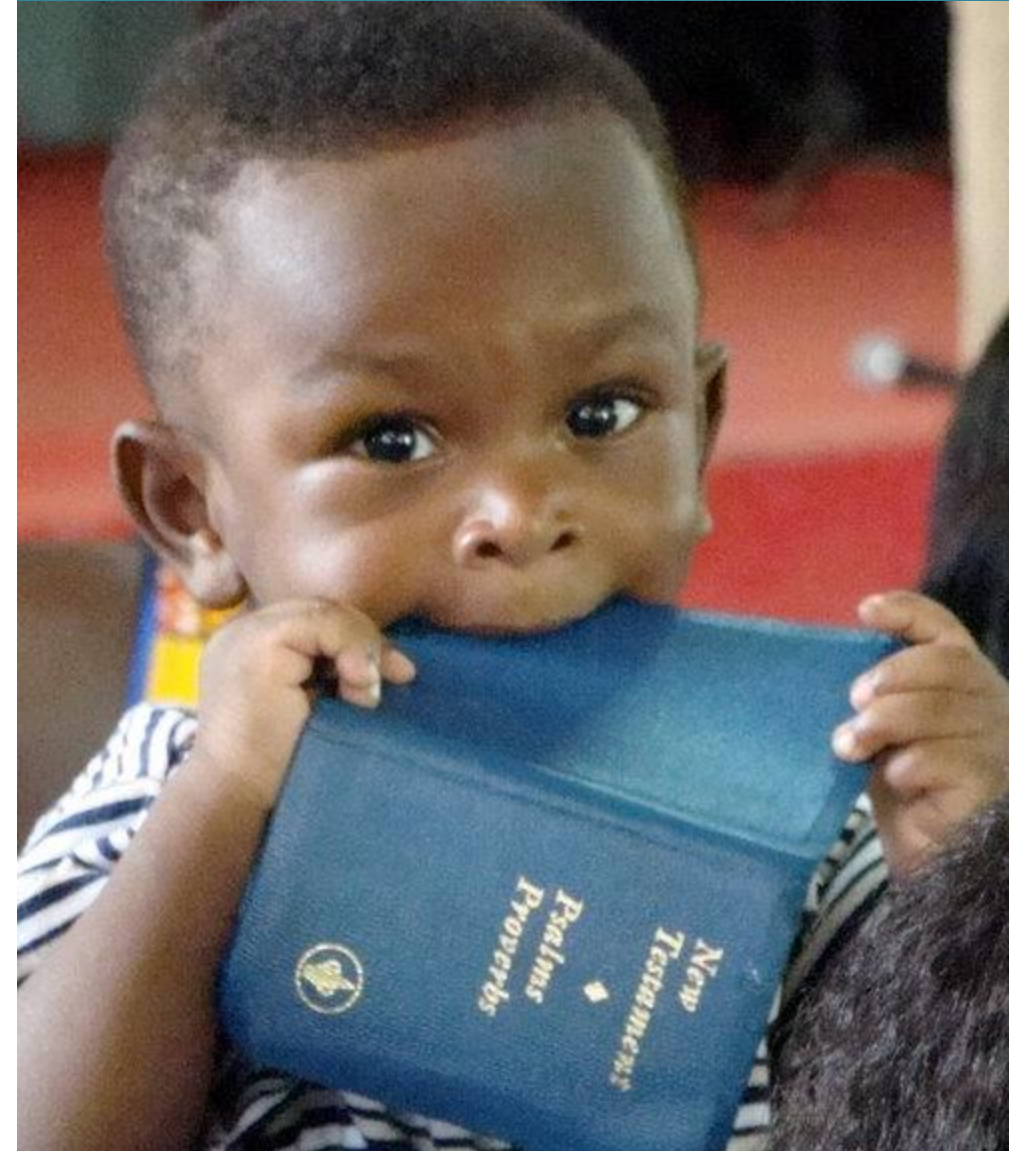


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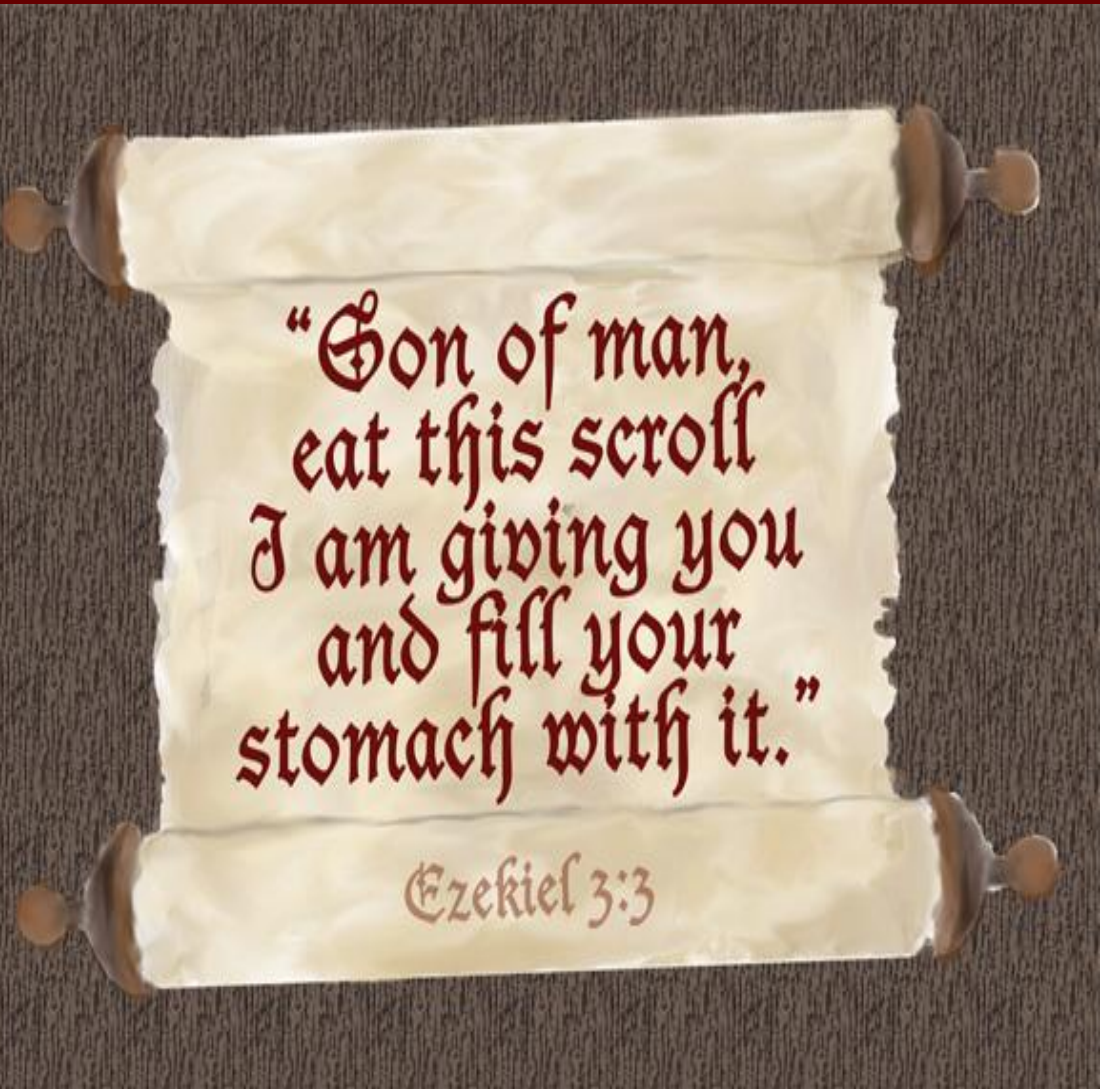


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- John supposed to “eat” this **little book**?
- Concept of “eating” the Word not new in scripture.
- *“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your Name, O LORD God of Hosts.”*
(Jeremiah 15:16)



REVELATION Chapter 10

A photograph of a scroll with text written in a Gothic script. The scroll is unrolled and held by wooden rollers. The text is written in dark ink on a light-colored parchment.

“Son of man,
eat this scroll
I am giving you
and fill your
stomach with it.”

Ezekiel 3:3

“Moreover He said to me, ‘Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.’ So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. And He said to me, ‘Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.’ So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.’
(Ezekiel 3:1-3)

REVELATION Chapter 10

- Jeremiah and Ezekiel called to prophesy to Israel, and **speak of end times prophetically.**
- John added to select group told to **“eat” Word of God.**
- Prophecies to be given AFTER ingesting the scroll, Word of God. Prophets had to be full of God’s Word in order to speak it. ***(Something we need to remember!)***
- Eating = **necessary function of survival** for body. Body will die without nourishment. In same way, **soul will die without spiritual nourishment.**

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- Word **likened to food** in scripture (bread Matthew 4:4, milk 1 Peter 2:2, 1 Corinthians 3:2; meat same verse, honey Psalms.
- **David:** *“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* (Psalm 119:103) and *“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”* (Psalm 19:9-10)

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- **Important:** even JUDGMENT of God true and righteous, and SWEET. It is pure and right.



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- To those who love God, **His Word is delightful, sweet and nourishing**. Gives life and vitality to our souls.
- To **those who reject Him it is bitter**, and makes them sick.
- Understanding God is right in His judgment is sweet, **but realizing many are lost is bitter**.



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- John must **ingest a little more of God's Word** to complete this prophecy.
- Would be like honey, sweet and nourishing, as is ALL of God's Word, regardless of its content. But once "digested" would be bitter, because judgment is bitter.
- This Word of God = "**bittersweet.**" Always sweet to feast on His Word, but **some content hard, bitter to stomach.**
- John experienced this bitterness, especially with what remained in this vision.

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- Earlier reference to prophets (*"...the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."* v. 7) may indicate Word to be "eaten" = what prophets originally spoke about this time.
- **Content of Revelation not really new**, is scattered throughout Bible, brought here in one place at *culmination of God's plan.*
- Perhaps sweet predictions of Jesus' soon return in **contrast to bitter pronouncement** of remaining terrible judgments. (*the 3rd woe*)

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COMMENTARY: *“It is sweet to know what God is going to do, but when you find out that judgment is coming, it is bitter...If you and I can take delight in reading this section of the Word of God and the judgments that are to fall upon the earth, then we need to do a great deal of praying to get the mind of God. It is sweet to know the Book of Revelation and what God intends to do, but when we find out that judgment is coming to the Christ-rejecting world around us, we cannot rejoice in that. The prophecy becomes bitter. There is another very real application of this. ...*

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Many folk begin the study of prophecy with enthusiasm, but when they find that it is applicable to their life and that it makes demands on them personally, they lose interest, and it becomes a bitter thing. Many people say, "I don't want to hear about the Book of Revelation. I don't like prophecy. It frightens me!" May I say to you that it is supposed to do that, but it should be in your mouth sweet as honey. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people who like to study prophecy because of the natural curiosity to know the future, but they will discover that there is nothing in the Word of God that ministers more to a holy life than the thoughtful study of prophecy....

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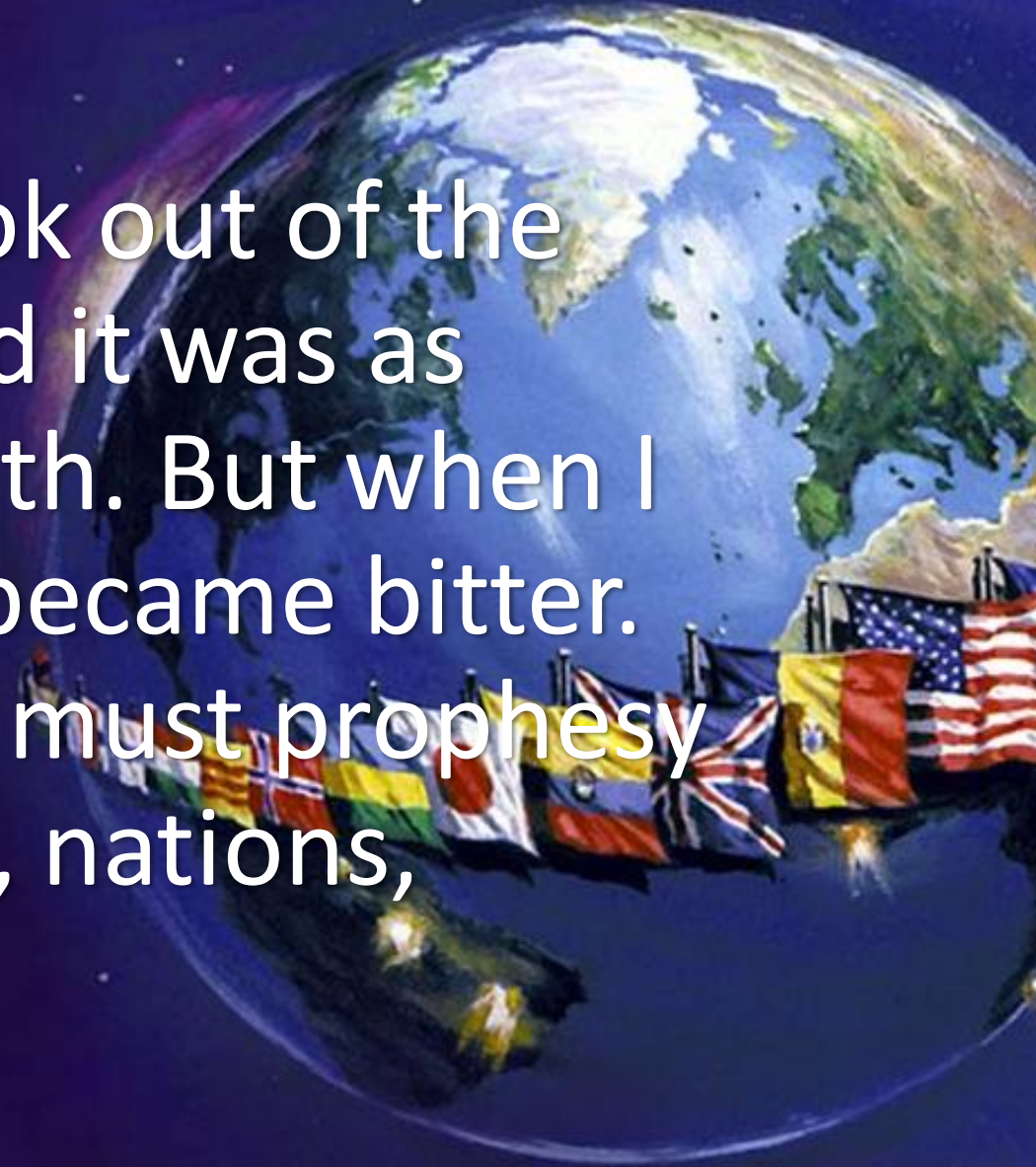
To study prophecy and live a dirty life will only lead to abnormality. The reason we hear so much abnormality in the interpretation of prophecy in our day is that the Word of God is not having its way in the hearts and lives of the folk who study it. It is unfortunate that people will get interested in prophecy, but not in Christian living.” (McGee)

A very true, and troubling, statement!

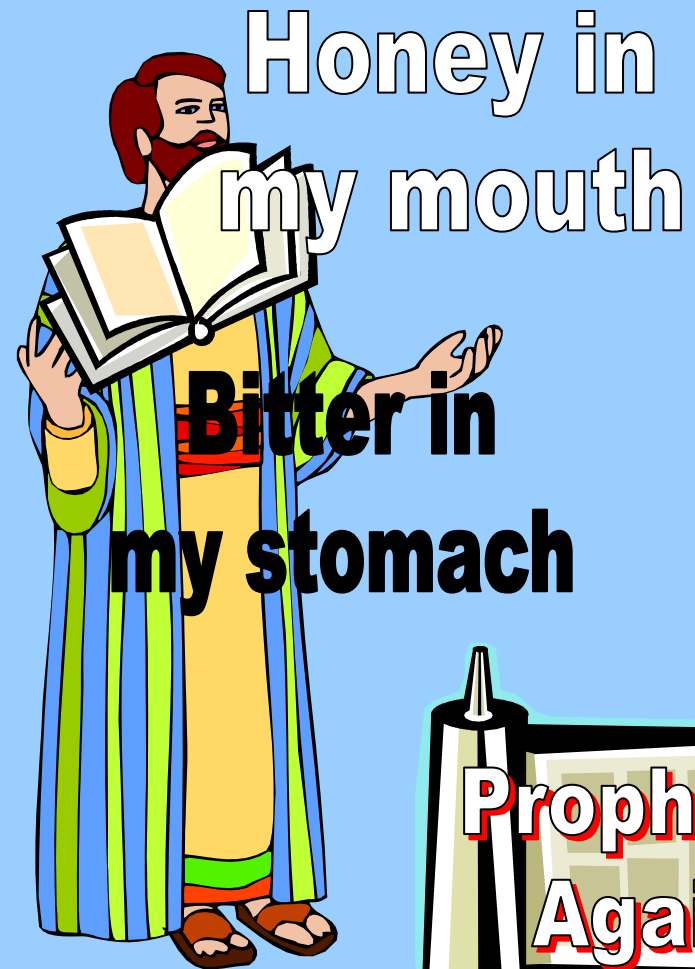
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¹⁰ Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

¹¹ And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."



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- Greek “about” = *epi*, =variously translated as *about*, *among*, *concerning*, *in regard to*. **May also be translated = “against.”**
- **John will be prophesying about, and most likely against**, many peoples, nations, tongues and kings.
- Angel telling John **“it’s not over yet.”** Despite horror John already seen, *...more to come*.
- **Three woes prophesied**, have only seen two in last two trumpet blasts. One remains.

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- **Final woe** might concern group: many peoples, nations, tongues and kings. *Will include all on planet who reject God's free eternal salvation.*
- So far **only 6 trumpets have blasted**. 7th will not blow until chapter 11, Bowl Judgments (*contained in the 7th trumpet*) not poured out until chapter 16.
- When they do, upon full completion, entire redemptive and judgmental plan of God, the **“mystery of God will be finished.”**

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7 Thunders



"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

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No more delays!
7
Mystery of God completed

"Take and eat it...."
bitter +



Honey in my mouth
Bitter in my stomach



Prophecy Again



Personal Thoughts

- **“Interesting, but what does this have to do with me?”**
- Depends on whether *or not* you have received the free gift of God.
- Two groups on earth, **those who believe and are saved**, and those who reject and are lost.
- “today” messages for both groups here...

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FOR UNBELIEVERS:

- Don't wait too long to believe and be saved!
- God's mercy/grace *limited to time known only to Him*.
- He will push and pull and draw you, but eventually if you resist, will be sent a "strong delusion" to believe the lie.
- Studying merely out of curiosity, *with no intention of believing?* You are on very dangerous ground. **Your eternal future in jeopardy.**
- Today, *now*, is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)
- If you seek Him honestly, you will find Him.

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FOR BELIEVERS:

- EAT, digest, be nourished often by Word of God. Our spirits need this nourishment = allows us to know Him, and His Plan.
- Without Word we starve spiritually, not able to survive.
- God speaks through His Word, and Holy Spirit within. We need to hear His voice.
- Bible is His love letter to you.
- **If we seek Him, we will find Him.** Have questions, need answers? **ASK HIM!**

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Next several chapters (11-15) considered “interlude” chapters, timeline (action) does not advance.

Description of existing conditions, some ongoing events.

- Chapter **11**: Two Witnesses, Measuring Temple, 7th Trumpet
- Chapter **12**: Pregnant Woman with 12 Stars, Battle in Heaven
Israel in wilderness
- Chapter **13**: Final World Ruler and His Sidekick
- Chapter **14**: Another Overview of Coming Harvests
- Chapter **15**: Interlude in Heaven, Song of Moses and the Lamb
- Chapter **16**: Action resumes: 3rd set of judgments poured out
(Bowl Judgments) all at once, Armageddon

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

