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Revelation 10

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Revelation 10.

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A personal note: though I have always loved reading and studying the Scriptures and have now walked with Christ and in God's grace for around fifty years the following studies should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter since I am fully aware that my mind is limited by mortality and that greater understanding of God's revelation is continually becoming clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return in glory.

The previous chapter: began with the fifth angel (the first woe) blowing his trumpet and the bottomless pit being opened, releasing a king called Apollyon and locusts like scorpions with power to hurt people for five months, except those who had the seal of God on their foreheads. Then the sixth angel (the second woe) blew his trumpet and released four angels bound at the river Euphrates to kill a third of mankind. The chapter ended with the words, "those who were not killed did not repent of their works."

REVELATION 10:1

An Angel Descends from Heaven, with a Rainbow over His Head.

- **Revelation 10:1:** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud (clothed in a cloud in KJV), with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs (feet in KJV) like pillars of fire.

When reading this book, it should always be kept in mind, that though it appears there is a general order of events, these are visions of the future that John is seeing and writing down in the present time, which means the symbolical representations may not always follow the exact chronological order. It is very likely that in some cases one event may overlap another so that some are mixed together until the final-end, while others are interludes that give greater detail of events already seen or are inserted to give encouragement to the church during troublesome times, especially for those living during the final antichristian global empire. This chapter is an interlude chapter that warns that there will be no more delay and that in the days of the seventh trumpet the mystery of God will be fulfilled.

I saw another mighty angel: (v1) in previous chapters various angels had appeared to John showing him various visions, now another angel appears to him.

Coming down from heaven: (v1) carries the idea of being divinely commissioned by God or being sent by God. This angel is a representative of the Angel of Christ's presence and God's love and righteousness. After John's previous vision of this prophecy this angel opens another scene introducing a further revelation concerning the state of the church and the world. John had so far seen seven angels standing before God ready to blow their trumpets (Rev. 8:2), six of these he saw blow their trumpets and is now seeing "another angel," signifying that this angel is not only different in some way from the other seven, but also separate from them. This angel is seen coming down from heaven to accomplish some important purpose, before the seventh angel gives the final blast of his trumpet. This angel is characterized as a "mighty" angel one of strength and power; implying that the work to be accomplished by his mission required the intervention of one of the higher orders of the heavenly angels (perhaps in the order of the Arch Angel Michael, protector of Israel or Gabriel who announced the birth of Christ to Mary). We are on safe ground to suppose that this angel was of an exalted rank far above the rank of the seven angels with trumpets.

Wrapped in a cloud (clothed in a cloud in KJV): (v1) meaning encompassed with a cloud or enveloped in a cloud. This was a symbol of high dignity and honour majesty and glory. The following verses show that being clothed in a cloud is often accompanied with the divine presence of God.

- The LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way. (Exodus 13:21).
- As soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. (Exodus 16:9-10).
- The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. (Exodus. 24:16).
- The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him (Moses). (Exod. 34:5).
- The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him (Moses). (Num. 11:25).
- When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD. (1 Kings 8:10).
- Clouds and thick darkness are all around him (the LORD). (Psalm 97:2)

The Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ also ascended in a cloud.

- He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matt. 17:5).
- When he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9).

And he will again descend in clouds to judge the world.

- Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (Matt. 24:30).
- Jesus said, "I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Matt. 26:64).
- They will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26).
- Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. (Revelation 1:7).

In the context of this chapter the expression, “wrapped and clothed in a cloud,” may also be an emblem of God coming in judgment.

A rainbow over his head: (v1) the rainbow signifies the following two things:

1. God’s judgment and wrath in the days of Noah and the total-destruction and utter annihilation of the rebellious ungodly known world of his time and God’s protection by the Ark (a symbol of Christ) of the faithful few. In this context it is a sign of God’s covenant promise made with Noah never to flood the world again. (Gen. 9:16) and signifies God’s wrath coming once again upon earth and Christ bringing peace to his church and the world, in the same way that sunshine comes after a storm God’s peace and glory will come after His wrath.
2. The rainbow around the throne that had the appearance of an emerald (Rev. 4:3) and surrounded the invisible Holy Almighty God the creator of all things and source of all life seated on the throne. Here the rainbow signifies God’s covenant promises and His mercy toward repentant sinners and divine favour, compassion and peace. Note, this is not the Lord Jesus Christ seated on the throne (as some believe), because in (Rev. 5:5-6) we read that the one seated on the throne gave the scroll to, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.

His face was like the sun: (v1) the main idea here would be bright shining like the sun however, since the sun is the source of light it would also carry the idea that the angel looked upon people in the light of God’s word and His Spirit (i.e., with kindness, gentleness, benevolence and compassion). It can also carry the idea that his face shone in a similar way that:

- Moses face shone after he had been talking with God when he came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand. (Exod. 34:29-35).
- All the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43).
- Jesus face shone like the sun on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Matthew 17:2).

His legs (feet in KJV) like pillars of fire: (v1) the angel, with one fiery foot planted on the sea and the other on the land (v2), is that of a conqueror walking through the earth with the power of judgment taking possession of the whole world.

REVELATION 10:2

The Angel with a Scroll sets Feet on the Sea and Land.

- **Revelation 10:1-2:** He had a little scroll (little book in KJV) open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land.

He had a little scroll open in his hand: (v2) (book in KJV) the word, “little” comes from the Greek word (*biblion and biblos*). *Biblion* means a booklet with the idea that it is a little book, little scroll with little writing. *Biblos* refers to the inner bark of the papyrus plant, and by implication a sheet, scroll or book of writing. The word book also comes from the Greek word (*biblion and biblos*) and therefore carries the same meaning as little or smaller (i.e., the little Bible, the pocket size Bible, the Bible in miniature,) as the New Testament is. The words, “little scroll,” only appears in (Rev. 10:2, 8-10), which indicates that there is something different about this scroll to the scroll that was seen in the hand of Him that sat on the throne in (Rev. 5:1) which was clearly a large scroll since

it was written within and on the back and sealed with seven seals. The Jewish kings, when they were crowned, had the book of the law of God put into their hands:

- Then he (Jehoiada the priest) (v9) brought out the king's son Jehoash(v21) and put the crown on him and gave him the testimony (the book of the law). And they proclaimed him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!" (2 Kings 11:12) (2 Chron. 23:11).

To have the book of the law placed in the kings' hands denotes the following things:

- He was accepted as ruler over the people.
- He and his administration were to observe and uphold the law.
- His leadership was to be one of uprightness.

Today the gift of a Bible to a monarch when they are crowned, or to the officer of a corporation or society, denotes the same thing. Therefore, a book coming down from heaven in the hand of an angel, would naturally indicate that something of importance was to be communicated to people, or that something was to be accomplished, but not by a mighty army or by desolation throughout the earth, but by a speechless, silent book, mighty to spread light and truth. The smallness of the book, may carry the idea that this would be brought about in a comparatively short time and the fact it could be eaten signifies it would give life to those who read it and received its message. The opened book was put in the possession of John and by extension the church and mankind for all to read its contents, such a symbol is an appropriate emblem to signify the age of the Reformation. The New Testament was translated into the English language, which prepared the way for the Reformation, nothing better could be selected to signify this age than an angel descending from heaven with light beaming all around him, holding in his hands for all mankind a book. The beauty of this vision is highlighted when it is seen in the light of the fifth trumpet, at which time the key of the abyss was given to the star that fell from heaven and the locust host were led by the angel of the abyss. (Rev. 9:1-11). Now in this vision comes an angel, bearing the witnesses of Christ's power and giving light, assurance and strength to the faithful. This little book contains the whole vast future-plan of God and reveals the rest of the history of this apocalypse to the end of the age as we know it.

His right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land: (v2) the following verses show that two antichristian beasts arise up out of the sea and out of the earth, which will be destroyed.

- I (John) saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. (Rev. 13:1).
- I (John) saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. (Rev. 13:11).

Though the beast with seven heads and ten horns is about to arise out of the sea (Rev. 13:1), and the beast with two horns like a lamb (Rev. 13:11) out of the earth until the seventh trumpet sounds (Rev. 10:6-7) and this angel places his right foot on the sea, and his left on the earth, crushing both the ten-horned beast and the two-horned beast when the kingdom of this world become the Kingdom of Christ (Rev. 11:15) and the earth is cleared of the antichristian usurper and his followers. The angel standing with his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, also signifies that God is possessor of the whole globe of the earth and has dominion over all of it and not just parts of it and that his Gospel would spread over all the world, to the ends of the earth, while those hostile to it and his people would be destroyed.

A Voice from Heaven said, "Seal up what the Seven Thunders Said."

- **Revelation 10:3-4:** and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down."

Called out with a loud voice like a lion roaring: (v3) identifying the voice with a lion roars, signifying courage, strength, power and authority, and the presence of the lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5), which was heard far and near, throughout the whole world, by the testimony of his people, bringing life to those who receive it and condemnation to those who reject it. The lion is king of the forest, and his roar instils terror, signifying the power with which the angel spoke and the awe he instilled as the roar of the lion keeps the dwellers of the forest in awe. What he said, John understood, but we are not told, since the angel told John not to write it.

The seven thunders sounded: (v3) when we look at all the Scriptures in the book of Revelation that use the word thunder, we find that it can symbolize any of the following:

- God's awesome, fearsome and breathtaking power, especially over the climate and creation. (Rev. 4:5).
- The great power of the living creatures' voice and his authority. (Revelation 6:1).
- God's fury and wrath. (Rev. 8:1, 5) (Rev. 11:19) (Rev. 16:17-18).
- The loudness and joyful passion of the voices of multitudes of worshippers singing. (Rev. 14:1-2) (Rev. 19:6-7).
- The beginning of major events about to happen are marked by thunder.

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Depending on the context thunder in the Old Testament can symbolize:

- God's wrath against the secular world (Exodus. 9:23), and His wrath against His rebellious people. (Isaiah 29:6).
- God's glory and awesome power. (Exodus 19:18-19) (Exod. 20:18) (Job 26:14).
- The awesome power, majesty and glory of God's voice and His authority and works over all creation. (Job 37:2-5) (Job 40:9).
- The great pride and rebellion of nations toward God. (Isaiah 17:12).

However, even though the angels powerful voice was echoed by seven thunders, signifying that whatever he spoke was amplified, and it revealed something of God to John, which he was about to write down, the angel for reasons we are not told, told him to seal up what had been revealed to him. This means that any interpretation we might make (there are many fanciful ones) concerning the seven thunders and what they revealed or why they were sealed up, no matter how good, can only be viewed as speculations.

REVELATION 10:5-6

The Angel Swore there would be No More Delay.

- **Revelation 10:5-6:** And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay. (that there should be time no longer in KJV).

Swore by him who lives forever: (v6) the essential idea in such an oath is an appeal to God; as a witness; an utterance in the presence of the Almighty who cannot lie and who will judge all who do lie and make a false promise. Such an oath is made with a conscious awareness that the ever-living God is a witness and will forever be mindful that he has power to detect and punish accordingly those who lie, which gives the oath and the promise greater earnestness and seriousness.

Who created heaven, earth, the sea and all that is in them: (v6) referring to the invisible, Holy, Sovereign, Almighty God; the forever existing One with no beginning and no end the eternal, timeless immortal God, the creator of all things and source of all life; the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob (Exod. 3:14-15); the God of Israel and the heavenly Father of the promised Messiah the Christ that the prophets and the Scriptures proclaim was to come; the Lord Jesus Christ; the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

There would be no more delay: (v6) the King James Bible translates this verse saying, "that there should be time no longer," however, since John proceeds to state what will occur after this statement, it clearly does not refer to the close of human affairs or the end of the world or time and John was told, that he must again prophesy about many peoples, nations, languages and kings (v11) and these events occupy a considerable space of time. Added to this, the seventh trumpet is also yet to sound, but, this does not mean that the translators of the King James Bible were wrong since it can simply mean that there would be no more time, meaning no more delay and no more intervals of time, before the seventh angel blows the seventh trumpet. (Rev. 11:15).

REVELATION 10:7

By the Seventh Angel, and the Mystery of God will be Fulfilled.

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- **Revelation 10:7:** but that in the days of the trumpet call (the voice in KJV) to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled (finished in KJV), just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

Days: in this verse comes from the Greek word (*hora*) which can refer to a specific space of time; a space between dawn and dark; the whole twenty-four hours; several days; a period of time (usually defined by the context); a year; an age; forever; judgment day and years of time.

In the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel: (v7) this verse is an anticipation of the following glorious event spoken of in chapter eleven.

- The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Rev. 11:15).

The affairs of this world will not be completed during the period that the sounding of the sixth trumpet embraces, but during the space of time the sounding of the seventh and last trumpet embraces. (Rev. 11:15-19). The events referred to will commence when the seventh angel begins to sound his trumpet and during that space of time the Kingdom of the Messiah and the dominion of the faithful will be established on the earth, which will last a thousand years (symbolising a long period of time) and be unlike any former time our world has witnessed.

- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Rev. 11:15).

The mystery of God would be fulfilled: (v7) (finished in KJV), the word mystery, here as elsewhere in the New Testament, does not mean a mystery in the sense of something spiritually mystical, but carries the idea

of a truth of God being concealed or hidden that had not yet been communicated to man. In this context, the truth that had not yet been revealed refers to the destiny of the world and the setting up of Christ's millennial Kingdom on earth. It is true that the future of God's Kingdom had been progressively unfolding by the prophets, but now the prophets unfolding of it is about to be fulfilled, God's plans and purposes for His Kingdom would be finished when the trumpet of the seventh angel begins to sound. Under that space of time, the affairs of the world will be ultimately wound up, and the whole work of redemption completed, then all the mystery will be revealed; the plan will be unfolded; the divine purpose, so long concealed, will be manifested, and the Kingdom of the Messiah and of the faithful will be set up on the earth.

As he announced to his servants the prophets: (v7) as God has revealed His purposes to mankind through the prophets, primarily the Old Testament prophets, though it would include all New Testament prophets who had uttered predictions concerning the final condition of the world and the church. These prophecies had been spoken from (Gen. 3:15) and onward through many ages, now the angel says at the sound of the seventh trumpet the setting up of the Kingdom of God, the reign of the faithful, and the dominion of the Redeemer on the earth, would be accomplished. For further information concerning (Gen. 3:15), click or tap [Various Topics](#) and select the title: Genesis Three Verse Fifteen (The Seed of the Serpent and the Seed of the Woman).

All seven seals, containing the seven trumpets contained in the seventh seal, must all embrace one view of all events leading up to the Kingdom of Christ, being established on earth, since they embrace all that there was contained in the volume of the scroll written within and on the back that the Lamb of God took from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. (Rev. 5:1-7). The seventh trumpet is the conclusion of this series of visions.

- The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. ¹⁸The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth." (Revelation 11:15-18).

However, the following verses show that at the same time the Kingdom of the world becomes the Kingdom of God and of his Christ, another series of new visions and of world changing catastrophes begin.

- Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. (Rev. 11:19).

This commences a new series of visions, embracing a religious view of the world and its ecclesiastical characteristics, travelling through time until it arrives at the same point in time which is the first resurrection (Rev. 20:5-6) when the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of God.

- Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. (Rev. 20:6).

Some of the prophecies that God announced to His prophets would include the following prophecies concerning Abraham, Daniel and Zechariah:

- **Abraham:** the LORD gave Abraham the following promises, God would make him a great nation; he would be a blessing to all the families of the earth (Gen. 12:2-3); all the land of Canaan would be his offspring for an everlasting possession; God would be their God (Gen. 17:8); his offspring would multiply as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is

on the seashore; they would possess the gate of their enemies and all nations of the earth would be blessed by those who have obeyed God's voice. (Gen. 22:16-18).

Ponder for a moment: Jesus Christ is the greatest blessing that has ever walked upon the earth and the greatest blessing that the world will ever know and he came through the bloodline of Abraham and his descendants. It is only through his offspring that we have the Bible, the Saviour, and the Gospel. Abrahams' descendants are the foundation upon which the Christian church has sprung up from. With, this in mind, consider the struggles, backsliding, the gross wickedness, troubles and hardships that biblical history records of Abrahams' offspring and yet the sovereign and eternal plan God purposed in His eternal mind before time began is being accomplished. This shines a spotlight upon the truth that it matters not what kings, governments, nations, individual do nothing will prevent God's eternal plan for His Son, His people and His Kingdom coming to pass.

- In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, (Dan. 2:44).
- The LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one. (Zech. 14:9).

The statement, "as God announced to his prophets," embrace all prophecies concerning the latter days that God has revealed to his people through his prophets. All, of these prophetic prophecies will begin to be fulfilled when the seventh angel begins to blow his trumpet and be fulfilled during the time of this trumpet. All, of these promises can be claimed by faithful Jews and Gentiles who have faith in Christ the true offspring of Abraham. Through Christ, God is at this present moment inviting children of Adam to forsake the ways of the world and enter-into his spiritual Kingdom. God will not only make those who accept this invitation a great nation but will also make them the head of all nations of the world when His Son returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Their name will be great amongst the inhabitants of the earth and all families of the earth will be blessed by their rule of compassion, fairness and justice (in contrast to self-exaltation, selfish ambition, fame and pride) over the nations with Christ as their head and their King. Added to this blessing those who take up God's invitation will inherit an immortal body, eternal life and everlasting happiness, while the wicked and those who rebel against him and his government will be condemned. For further information concerning the kingdom of the world becoming the Kingdom of Christ, click or tap the following two titles:

1. [Kingdom of God](#) and select the title: Future Kingdom of God in the New Testament.
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REVELATION 10:8

The Voice Tells John to, "Take the Open Scroll from the Angel."

- **Revelation 10:8:** Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

This is not the angel that now speaks, but the voice from heaven that had told John to seal up the thunders (Rev. 10:4) that is now heard again telling him to go and take the scroll (i.e., the little scroll) (v2), that is opened in the hand of the angel who stands upon the sea and upon the earth.

The Angel Tells John to Eat the Scroll, it Tasted Bitter and Sweet.

- **Revelation 10:9-10:** So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

Take the scroll that is open: (v9) being open signifies that its contents were not to be kept secret like those of the seven thunders (Rev. 10:4) but revealed for direction and encouragement of the church and warning of mankind. This little scroll could be seen, as a kind of extension of the larger scroll that the Lamb took from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. (Rev. 5:7) and as a kind of second prophecy added to the first or a continuation of it.

Eat the scroll: (v9) the image of eating the little scroll is an allusion to the following Old Testament verses:

- He said to me (Ezekiel), "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. (Ezekiel 3:1-3).
- Your words were found, and I (Jeremiah) ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16).

The passage in Ezekiel is probably the basis of the present passage, and the chapter in which it occurs gives us the meaning of the symbol: the eating of the scroll (meaning the words of the scroll), carries the idea of digesting the words of the scroll until the principles and truths are thoroughly understood and loved.

- Moreover, he said to me (Ezekiel), "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. (Ezek. 3:10).

It carries the same idea as the Psalmist expresses in the following verse:

- Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11).

The Psalmist made himself so familiar with God's word that they were no longer a code of laws, but a constant instinct and heeding them was his natural nature. This is what it means to eat the little scroll. Those who proclaim and teach God's words to others must first saturate their own heart with them and learn them until they are impressed upon the heart and mind, this is what it means to eat (i.e., digest) the words of God.

Having foresight into the future: most feel it would be a great to have the gift of looking-into the future, which no doubt it would if we only saw the good, but the joy we might feel would be taken away when having such foresight, also brings into our view the sight of horrific, desolations, destruction and grievous persecutions of God's people and the death of multitudes. Having such foresight would naturally bring about a mixture of joyful happiness when we see what is good, but sorrow when all that is bad came into view, this mixture of emotions is expressed here in the words, bitter and sweet. For John the knowledge of future things was, at first, pleasant, but its sad contents of the little book afterward filled his heart and mind with sorrow. This was because it was revealed to him, that there would not only be great opposition and persecution to God's people, but also many false teachers, false doctrines and distorted and deceptive teachings would infiltrate and corrupt the global church during the space of time leading up to the seventh trumpet. Even today when

the faithful mediate upon the enormous joy of the revelation of Christ's return in glory and their being gathered to him and the kingdoms of this world becoming the Kingdoms of God there is overwhelming joy, but when the mind is shifted to reflect upon the enormous suffering and destruction that will come upon this world before that day, there is sorrow. The words of the angel to John, "It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth, it will be sweet as honey," are very fitting to describe the mixture of joy and grief John would have experienced in his mind, as the vision of looming future events was opened to him.

REVELATION 10:11

John He Must Prophesy again about Nations and Kings.

- **Revelation 10:11:** And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

This carries us on to the vision of the following chapters, where John speaks of two witnesses mightily prophesying, during the rise of the the man of lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist) (1 John 2:22) and his ungodly global rule and vast empire, and his fall and final ruin. The downfall of the man of sin and his antichristian empire begins at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, which not only introduces God's looming judgment and wrath, but also introduces the triumphant victory of the church and the kingdoms of this world becoming the Kingdoms of Christ.

- The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Rev. 11:15).

It is through persecutions, apostasies, heresies, worldliness and hostile enemies that the kingdoms of the world become the Kingdom of the Lord. This is why the angel said to John, "The vision will be bitter in his stomach, but in his mouth sweet as honey," meaning his heart will be grieved as the vision is revealed to him, but he will have joy warning people of the trouble to come, since it will give them the opportunity to choose Christ and be saved to everlasting happiness and peace in eternal glory rather than choose the man of lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist) (1 John 2:22) and his vast worldly empire and be condemned to the lake of fire, a symbol of eternal death (i.e., utter and total extinction).

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