

## REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 16 (10-11:14) Angelic and Human Messengers

**Introduction:** Verses 1 - 11 go with Chapter 10 as originally there were no divisions, but for convenience of finding certain places, verses and chapters were put it.

REVIEW:

What most people know about Revelation can be put into a thimble. IT IS NOT GOD'S WILL that people be confused over Revelation. Someone once said "the Bible begins in Genesis and ends in "Revolutions." It is not in some sort of code, that's ridiculous. We are to understand this Book just like the rest. It is the climax, the Union Station of the Bible.

Satan rules the world today, but ultimately Jesus Christ will overpower and rule and that's what Revelation is all about.

In between trumpet 6 and 7 there is a parenthesis, an interlude. When Jesus came the first time there were two sets of messengers (heralds). The angels and John the Baptist. When Jesus comes the second time there will be two sets again to herald His coming (announce, proclaim), angelic and human. That's what this study's text is all about. An important angel announces that Jesus is on His way. Moses and Elijah come to earth and preach in Jerusalem and over the whole world. It is like a movie having three "reels" or in today's television, a three part series. Number one is showing that the seals have been broken, number two shows the Gentile judgment, the trumpets, and number three is showing the judgment of the Jews, the vials.

Three times the Bible says "eat a book." Well, you know you can't eat a book! Jeremiah 15:16 and Ezekiel 2:8-10, both Jeremiah and Ezekiel are told to "eat a book." WHAT DOES IT MEAN to eat a book? Haven't we all said something like "man, I just ate that up" and not be talking about food? It means to take it all in, take in God's Word. Remember the Lord's Supper? Do we actually eat the body of Jesus and actually drink His blood? When you "eat the Bible" you take in God's teachings.

NOW THE TEXT of Chapter 10

v1 - "another" - same kind of angel as the others.

- "clothed" - Note the "Coat of Arms" the angel has:
  - "cloud" - tells us that God is the God of heaven, the ascension, etc.
  - "rainbow" - tells us that God keeps His promise (the flood, etc.)
  - "sun" - Jesus Christ is the light of the World, that's what the Gospel is all about.
  - "pillar of fire" - Jesus Christ is going to JUDGE the world.

v2 - Is Jesus Christ going to rule the world forever? This is a picture of a scroll which contains the title deed to the whole universe. Satan has a deed (quick-claim) right now, but Jesus Christ has the original title and will claim His property in just a little while.

- "book open" - The scroll is unrolled. The title to the whole universe
- "right foot and left foot" - This tells that Jesus Christ is the owner of the land and sea forever. Many today look around and think that God has lost His hold on the world and that He isn't in control anymore. This angel represents Jesus Christ as he plants one foot on earth and the other on the sea.
- "little book open" - the tense of the verb tells us that the book received opening, it is a permanent situation, never to be closed again. It is a completed action. It will never be in the devil's hands again.

v3. Here is a proclamation:

- "lion" - ever been to the zoo and heard the lions roar? (describe the sound). The doctrine here is that this is the clear voice of God saying "the world and universe belong to Jesus Christ MY Son."
- seven thunders" - found also in Isaiah and Psalms and always thunders represent the voice of God.

- v4 - "write" - John understood what he saw and hear and was going to write it down - NOTICE:  
 - "seal up" - DON'T WRITE THIS DOWN JOHN!!! When are we going to know what these seven thunders said? When we get to heaven! God said, "John, you've seen and heard and that's enough." Remember Paul was caught up to the third heaven and saw things people ought not to see and was forbidden to speak of them, but he did HINT at what he saw. The things are so wonderful (beyond description), the peace, etc. John saw it and God will reveal what he saw later.
- v5 - Here the angel salutes Jesus Christ. We are familiar with military salutes which originated between soldiers as they showed each other that they had no weapons in their hands (right hand especially). The angel stands with one foot on land and one foot in the sea and raises a hand in salute to Jesus Christ.
- v6 - "time no longer" - This is not the end of time! It is the end of the Tribulation. Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation. We'll study that next, when Jesus breaks the sky and brings angels with Him to take over the universe.
- v7 - "sound" - (Revelation 11), speaking of the return of Jesus Christ, the seventh trumpet will sound and Jesus Christ will return.
- v8 - "little book" - the deed to the whole universe
- v9 - "eat up" - eat the open scroll
- v10 - "sweet as honey" - the great promises of God. Whenever you read God's Word, study His promises, you find them sweet to the thought.  
 - "belly is bitter" - describing the Tribulation years prior to Jesus' return. The Kingdom of God will be established, sweet, but there will be Tribulation before it is - bitter.

NOW CHAPTER 11 - John is going to get to return to the mainland with this sermon.

- v1 - "reed" - a surveyor's instrument  
 - "measure the temple" - this is NOT the Temple in Heaven. It is a temple the Jews are going to erect during the Tribulation. The Dictator, after 3 1/2 years will erect a statue of himself in the middle of this temple and demand that all the world bow before him. THIS IS THE TRIBULATION TEMPLE and it will be a heathen temple.
- v2 - "forty-two months" - 3 1/2 years or the first half of the Tribulation. The first 3 1/2 years the people are to flee to the mountains. The last 3 1/2 years they are to stand and fight.
- v3 - Two men are to become witnesses and will preach for 3 1/2 years before Jesus returns. WHO ARE THEY? They are Moses and Elijah who are now in the grave, but God will re-construct their bodies. They will preach in sack cloth, the clothing of a prophet. They will preach in Jerusalem and television will enable them to preach all over the world. Millions of Jews will believe. These two men will be killed by Satan later. Remember the Mount of Transfiguration? Jesus, Moses, and Elijah were there and some of the disciples saw them.
- v4 - "olive trees" - represent the Holy Spirit as described in Ezekiel and Zachariah.  
 - two candlesticks" - represent the light of the world, the Gospel, preaching
- v5 - God protects these two for a while.  
 -"if" - conditional clause, maybe will, maybe won't

v6 - "rain not" - remember Elijah and King Ahab. It didn't rain until Elijah prayed.

- "water to blood" - remember Moses and the plagues of Egypt..the water turning into blood.

v7 - "beast" - the devil

- "kill them" - God will allow Satan to kill Moses and Elijah

v8 - "great city" - Which is the great city?

- "Sodom and Egypt" - The city of Jerusalem. Moses and Elijah will be killed and their bodies will not be buried. Television cameras will focus on their bodies lying in the street and all the world will see.

v9 - The whole world will see, billions of people saw the olympics, and will see this also.

v10 - "rejoice" - The world will be so happy that it will seem like "Christmas" fo rthey will give and receive gifts.

v11 - "stood" - God will resurrect Moses and Elijah from the very street where their bodies lie.

v12 - "come up" - Moses and Elijah will ascend up into Heaven and the whole world will watch this great event and simultaneous with their ascent will be a great earthquake.

v13 - describes the earthquake

v14 - The seventh trumpet is about to sound and Jesus Christ will return to earth.

This book is outlined so we can know. The angel stands with one foot on land and the other in the sea and is proclaiming that the earth and the whole univere belongs to Jesus Christ.

Stay with this study for it gets even more interesting as we continue examining God's Word, the Revelation given to John on the Isle of Patmos by Jesus, Himself.