



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## Chapter 10

### Outline of the Trumpets

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#### I. THE TRUMPETS (CHAPTERS 8:2—11:19)

- A. The prayers of the saints symbolized in a burning censor thrown to the earth
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet — hail, fire, blood destroying trees and grass
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet — burning mountain thrown into the sea, killing sea life
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet — star falls from heaven on fresh waters, poisoning them
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — sun and stars are darkened
- F. An angels announcing the three woes of the remaining trumpets (“Woe, woe, woe!”)
  - 1. 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also 1<sup>st</sup> woe) — bottomless pit opened, freeing (probably) demons to torment men, overseen by the angel of the Abyss, Abaddon or Apollyon (destruction) — (chapter 9)
  - 2. 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe) — a vast army kills much of mankind by the fire, smoke, and brimstone from their mouths to prompt repentance
    - a) Strong angel with the little book, (chapter 10)
      - (1) Cries out with a loud voice, answered by 7 thunders (to be sealed)
      - (2) Swears that at the voice of the 7<sup>th</sup> angel the mystery of God is finished
      - (3) John commanded to eat the book, which is sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach
    - b) Measuring the “Temple of God”,
      - (1) leaving out the court (of gentiles?);
      - (2) the nations tread underfoot the holy city for 3 ½ years
    - c) The two witnesses (chapter 11)
      - (1) prophesy for 3 ½ years (1260 days)
      - (2) The Beast kills them, bodies unburied for 3 ½ days
      - (3) Raised to life, the world fears
      - (4) The 2<sup>nd</sup> woe is past
  - 3. 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (angel) sounds (the third woe)
    - a) Loud voices say, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.”
    - b) time for the dead to be judged and reward Your servants
    - c) the Temple in Heaven is opened

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#### PREFACE TO CHAPTERS 10 AND 11

As we approach chapters 10 and 11, we need to remember a few details from as far back as Rev. 8:13.

Four trumpets were blown with their accompanying judgments on unbelieving mankind, and then we saw an eagle in mid-heaven saying “Woe, woe, woe...” regarding the three remaining trumpets, which become three “woes”. The fifth trumpet is the first woe (see Rev. 9:12); the sixth trumpet is the second woe, which continues until 11:14 announces, “The second woe is past...” The announcement of the second woe being past “bookends” the contents of the sixth trumpet, which would include the visions of the strong angel, the seven thunders’, the eating of the little book, the measuring of the temple and the two witnesses.

Some commentators want to clump chapters 10 through 17 together (some even farther) as one block belonging to the prophet contents of the “little book” — a lot of prophecy for a little book.

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# Revelation 10

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<sup>1</sup> I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; <sup>2</sup> and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; <sup>3</sup> and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. <sup>4</sup> When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." <sup>5</sup> Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the

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## THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANOTHER STRONG ANGEL

- How is this strong angel described?
  - What is the basic definition of "angel"?
  - Clothed with a \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ on his head
  - Face like the \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ like pillars of fire
  - Holding a \_\_\_\_\_ book
  - Right foot on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the left on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Crying out with a voice as loud as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who does this angel resemble? (Compare with Rev. 1:12-17)
    - Can we **know** who this is...?
      - Looks like descriptions of \_\_\_\_\_
      - But swears (v. 6) not by Himself but by Him who lives forever and \_\_\_\_\_ everything.
      - Your conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - When the strong angel cries out, he is answered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Thunder can represent \_\_\_\_\_ (as in Ex. 9:23)
  - Thunder can merely signify great \_\_\_\_\_ of a sound (Rev. 19:6)

land lifted up his right hand to  
 heaven, <sup>6</sup> and swore by Him who  
 lives forever and ever, WHO  
 CREATED HEAVEN AND THE  
 THINGS IN IT, AND THE  
 EARTH AND THE THINGS IN  
 IT, AND THE SEA AND THE  
 THINGS IN IT, that there will be  
 delay no longer, <sup>7</sup> but in the days of  
 the voice of the seventh angel,  
 when he is about to sound, then the  
 mystery of God is finished, as He  
 preached to His servants the  
 prophets.

<sup>8</sup> Then the voice which I heard  
 from heaven, I heard again

speaking with me, and saying, “Go,  
 take the book which is open in the  
 hand of the angel who stands on  
 the sea and on the land.” <sup>9</sup> So I

- God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is often characterized as thunder (as in Ex. 19.19 or John 12:28, 29)
- The number 7 usually refers to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (or both)
- So, the seven peals of thunder likely refer to \_\_\_\_\_?
- When John begins to \_\_\_\_\_ the message of the seven peals of thunder, he is told to \_\_\_\_\_ up the things spoken; what does this mean?
- Although we can only guess, why do you think John was permitted to hear it but forbidden to record it?
- What is the first announcement of this strong angel?
- No more delay of what?
- What is the mystery of God that will be finished that was preached to God’s prophets?
- What are the similarities of Rev. 10:5-7 and Dan. 12?
- How certain is this proclamation?
- Do we have to guess about what the seventh trumpet will be about?

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### **THE SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE STRONG ANGEL**

- The earlier voice from heaven (see v. 4) now tells John to \_\_\_\_\_ the book that is open in the hand of the strong angel.
- The first book we see in Revelation was \_\_\_\_\_ and opened only by \_\_\_\_\_; this one is open? Why? What is the difference?

went to the angel, telling him to  
give me the little book. And he  
\*said to me, “Take it and eat it; it  
will make your stomach bitter, but  
in your mouth it will be sweet as  
honey.” <sup>10</sup> I took the little book out  
of the angel’s hand and ate it, and in  
my mouth it was sweet as honey;  
and when I had eaten it, my  
stomach was made bitter. <sup>11</sup> And  
they \*said to me, “You must  
prophesy again concerning many  
peoples and nations and tongues  
and kings.”

- Why is this book described as small?
- The strong angel tells John to \_\_\_\_\_ the book.
- What is the meaning of eating a book? (Jer. 15:16 / Ezek. 2:8-10 and 3:1-3)
- What is the meaning of the book...
  - Being bitter to the stomach?
  - But sweet to the mouth?
- How are vv. 9,10 connected with v. 11?
- Are there prophecies for us that might be sweet to the mouth, but bitter to the stomach?