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## Revelation 10:1-11

Continuing the trumpet judgments, right at the middle point of the tribulation period, and they are affecting the earth and the people, but the worst is yet to happen. Don't spiritualize these judgments – they are real and literal just like it says.

**Vs1:** We believe this is Jesus, because there is no normal angel described anywhere in scripture with this kind of appearance. Rainbows are associated with God's mercy towards mankind. His face, in Rev Chapter 1, there is a description of Christ that fits this description to a T. All of this is in relation to the nation of Israel. The feet as a pillar of fire refer to judgment. So rainbow (mercy) and fire (judgment) is the reason for this coming.

**Vs2:** this little book is not the title deed to the earth. Right foot on sea, left foot on earth. He's taking control over the earth. Man has had it for 6,000 years (6 = man's number) and made a big mess of it. The 7,000<sup>th</sup> year is the Lord's (7=complete, the Lord's).

**Vs3:** lion roaring: Jesus is going to get everyone's attention, without a doubt. Thunder in scripture refers to God and his judgments.

**Vs4:** this is the only thing in the entire book of revelation that John was told not to reveal, not to write. There is a clue that these 7 thunders uttered is that more judgment is coming to the earth that is so bad and so horrible that John is told not to write it.

**Vs5, 6:** he is swearing by himself because he is the creator. Time no longer should be translated as "no more delay." In other words, Jesus is saying, My patience has ended with man, and I'm taking over the earth now.

**Vs7:** now when the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is about to be sounded, it really opens up the next 3.5 years on the earth. This is the last half of the tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble in the Old Testament. The trumpet is a long, ongoing sound, not just a

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short blast. This is going to show why God has done what he has done. The mystery of God will be finished, revealed.

Vs8, 9: Go take the little book, then eat it. It will make your belly sick, but it will be sweet in your mouth. Ezek 3:1-3 mentions eating of a scroll that was sweet as honey. This means God's Word. It sounds sweet, but when you start understanding the Word, you understand the judgment that's coming. It's the burden of the Lord. It's the catastrophic judgment that's going to happen to the earth.

Vs10: God's word is sweet, but when we start understanding that millions of people will die and suffer in the end for refusing Christ, it makes us sick.

Vs11: This will be a world-wide prophesy. John's job, in his old age, is to reveal to the whole world what Jesus is going to do to mankind.

