

**THE COMING OF THE LORD  
THE MIGHTY ANGEL FROM HEAVEN  
REVELATION 10:1-11**

**Introduction:**

In chapter seven of Revelation, we saw an interlude chapter as the mercy of God was revealed in the midst of His wrath. God sealed 144,000 Jewish evangelists for the purpose of a great evangelistic campaign.

In this chapter, we encounter another of those parenthetical passages. They appear from time to time in Revelation to turn our eyes from the awfulness of the judgment. They serve to focus our attention on the blessed Lamb of God.

In the midst of His wrath, we desperately need to be reminded of His great power.

The one fundamental problem with the world today is that they leave Jesus out of their calculations and plans.

In regard to ancient astronomy, Aristotle and Ptolemy believed that the earth was the center of the universe. It wasn't until Nicholas Copernicus and Johannes Kepler discovered that the sun was the center of the solar system and all other things revolved around it, that everything fell into place and began to make sense.

This world has cut Jesus from the picture and replaced Him with the United Nations and other faulty institutions of man and the result has been total chaos.

When Jesus is restored as the focal point of mankind's attention, then all things will make sense and fall into place. That is what God is up to here.

This passage introduces the middle of the tribulation period and what is called the "*Great Tribulation*." Things have been bad, but they just get worse!

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Let's notice what is taking place upon the earth as we see the beginning of the end.

**I. THE ARRIVAL OF A MIGHTY ANGEL. (10:1)**

The angel is not named. Some think it is Jesus Christ because the description of this angel is similar to our Lord's description in Revelation chapter one.

I have come to the conclusion that it is probably not the Lord, but rather, it is just another mighty angel. There are several reasons for this conclusion.

**1. John uses the word "another" to describe this angel.**

The word that was translated "*another*" here means "*another of the same kind*."

John was saying this angel was like the other angels mentioned in the trumpet judgments.

If John was saying this angel was Jesus Christ, he would have used a different word for "*another*" that means "*another of a different kind*" because Jesus is different from the angels.

*Hebrews 1:4*—"*Being made so much better than the angels*"

We know that Jesus Christ is God, He is the Creator, and the angels are created by Him and for Him.

*Colossians 1:16-17*—"*For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.: And He is before all things, and by him all things consist.*"

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2. **Other powerful angels appear in Revelation and are not identified as the Lord. (Revelation 5:2; 18:21)**

There is, thus, no reason to conclude this angel is the Lord.

In the Old Testament, Jesus appeared as the *Angel of the Lord*, but in the New Testament He is never referred to as an angel.

3. **In verse five and six, this angel makes an oath.**

Jesus is God the Creator. If this was the Lord, He would be swearing an oath by Himself.

4. **This angel comes down from heaven to the earth.**

This would add another coming of Christ to the earth which does not fit the description of the Second Coming of Christ in Scripture.

**II. THE APPEARANCE OF THE MIGHTY ANGEL. (10:1)**

- A. **This Angel Is Clothed With A Cloud.**

The cloud was of old, the garment of God's presence and associated with divine movement and direction.

The pillar of the cloud was used by God to direct Israel through the wilderness. (Exodus 13:21)

When Israel murmured, the glory of the Lord appeared in a cloud. (Exodus 16:10)

At Sinai, the Lord descended in a thick cloud. (Exodus 19:9, 16)

The cloud then has been associated with direction, deity, power, majesty, glory and judgment.

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- B. **This Angel Had A Rainbow On His Head.**

The rainbow is the symbol of God's everlasting covenant with the earth not to ever destroy it by a flood again.

The rainbow is indicative of God's mercy in the midst of judgment.

- C. **This Angel's Face Was As It Were The Sun.**

- D. **This Angel's Feet Were As Pillars Of Fire.**

These two things show great majesty and power! This angel is obviously in a position of power and authority over the entire earth!

**III. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ANGEL. (10:2-4)**

The sea and the land represent the sum of the earth.

The angel cries like the roaring of a lion. In Scripture, the roar of a lion was a symbol of imminent judgment, destruction, and power.

*Hosea 11:10—"They shall walk after the Lord: He shall roar like a lion: when He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west."*

*1 Peter 5:8—"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."*

A lion roars when he is about to leap upon his victim. When this angel cries, seven thunders utter their voices.

Thunder is a type of God's voice in judgment. These thunder judgments are so solemn and serious, they are ordered sealed.

The command to do this was clear and absolute.

This is the only part of Revelation that is sealed.

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It is possible that God orders these judgments sealed because these thunder judgments are so terrible.

**IV. THE ASSURANCE OF THE ANGEL. (10:5-7)**

The angel makes a promise or an oath. To make an oath, one must promise by someone or something greater than himself, or else the oath has no value.

The assurance is that there should be no more delay. This is the meaning of the words *“there should be time no longer.”*

We know that time does follow this event. There are approximately 3 ½ years left in the Tribulation and another 1000 for the reign of Christ on the earth.

What this angel promises is that there would be no more delay in judgment. There will be no more delay of God’s wrath upon the wicked and the mystery of God would also be finished.

The inhabitants of the earth will know that there is a God in charge!

**V. THE APPARATUS OF THE ANGEL. (10:8-10)**

The angel has a book in his hands. What does the book contain or represent? I believe it is the Word of God!

John is to take the book and eat it. The Word of God is compared to food.

*Matthew 4:4—“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*

*1 Peter 2:2—“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”*

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*Jeremiah 15:16—“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.”*

*Psalms 119:103—“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”*

**Eating the Word is appropriating and assimilating truth into one’s life.**

Just as we eat food and it becomes a part of our lives, the Word of God is to become part of our lives!

If we are going to be a spokesman for God, then we must be digesting the Word in our own lives! There must be mental feeding. What we do with the Bible will determine what God does with us!

John ate the Word and two things happened:

**A. It Was Sweet.**

The promises of God and the coming of the Lord is sweet to the believer.

**B. It Was Bitter.**

The coming judgments bring heaviness and bitterness of soul too.

Most of the Jews will be slaughtered by the Anti-Christ in the last 3 ½ years.

There is future glory for the saints, but future grief and gloom for the lost. There is deliverance for Christians, but damnation for the lost.

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The Bible IS a two-edged Sword! Sometimes the truth is bitter even to God's people.

**VI. THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ANGEL. (10:11)**

John was to prophesy before others. That was the assignment of the angel. God was not done with John yet.

Believers who receive God's truth are obligated to pass that truth on too!

God is not done with us either! He wants to use us for His glory!

**Conclusion**

Is the Word of God sweet or bitter to you? Are you feeding on it and making it part of your life?

Are you passing it on?

We are presently living in the days of delay. God's longsuffering holds back God's judgment for now.

We need to pray, study and witness so that we may live and work for Jesus until He comes.

Are you ready to meet God, my friend?