

# A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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## Revelation

### I. Struggle on Earth (1-11)

- A. *John's Vision* (1)
- B. *Letters to 7 churches* (2-3)
- C. *God in control* (4-5)
- D. *Opening of seven seals* (6-11)

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#### "An Interlude: The Angel and The Little Book"

- I. The Angel And The Seven Thunders (verses 1-7)
- II. John Eats The Little Book (verses 8-11)

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#### Interlude

Revelation 10:1-11:13

#### Outline

2 Visions – 4 Pictures

- 1. Angel and 7 thunders (10:1-7)
- 2. Little book (10:8-11)
- 3. Measuring the temple (11:1-2)
- 4. Two witnesses (11:3-13)

**Swift Retribution**

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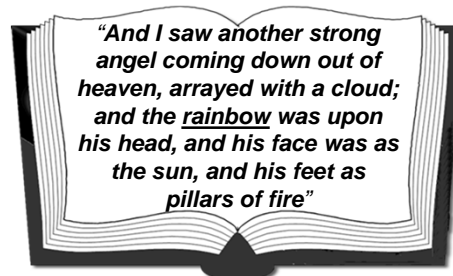
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The Little Book

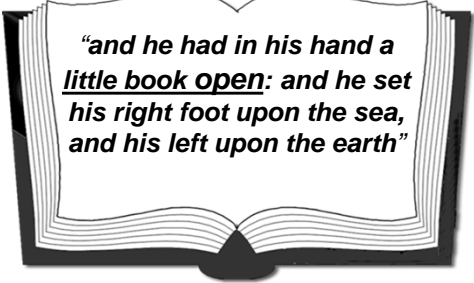
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#### Revelation 10:1



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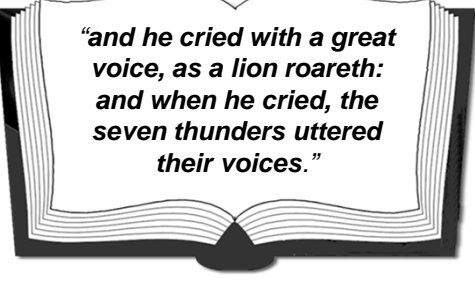
**Revelation 10:2**



*"and he had in his hand a **little book open**: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth"*

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**Revelation 10:3**



*"and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices."*

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**Another Angel**

- **Picture #1** – *"the angel and the seven thunders"*
- A description of the angel:
  - "Strong – mighty angel" (5:2; 18:21)
  - "Coming down from heaven"
  - Suggests divine authority
- Does this mean that John was on earth looking up into heaven?

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**Another Angel**

- **Picture #1** – *"the angel and the seven thunders"*
- A description of the angel:
  - "Clothed with a cloud"
  - "Rainbow upon his head" (4:3; Ezek. 1:28)
  - "Face like the sun"
  - "Feet like pillars of fire"
  - From God's presence

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**Another Angel**

- **Picture #1** – *"the angel and the seven thunders"*
- A description of the angel:
  - "Placed his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land"
  - Mastery over all the earth; a universal message

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**Another Angel**

- **Picture #1** – *"the angel and the seven thunders"*
- A description of the angel:
  - "Has a **little book open** in his hand" cf. 5:1. This book is "open" which means God wants these things revealed and not concealed as God instructed Daniel to do about his "visions" (Daniel 12:4, 9).
  - "Cries with a loud voice – as a lion roars"
  - "As he cried, seven thunders uttered their voices"
  - Not the same book that was sealed – a different book
  - A message for the whole earth
  - Roaring and thunders – commanded **ATTENTION!**

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**Revelation 10:4**

*“And when the seven thunders uttered (their voices), I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”*

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**Divine Instructions**

- We do not know what John saw when the seven thunders spoke – he was commanded **not to record** them.
- He was told to “*seal up the things the seven thunders uttered.*”
- The voices of the thunders evidently belonged to that region of “*visions and revelations of the Lord*” to which Paul referred as “*unspeakable words not lawful for a man to utter.*” (2 Corinthians 12:1-4)
- Other forces are at God’s disposal for judgments which are not recorded.
- Shows his **great power**.
  - All that is needed is the assurance that God hears the pleas of the righteous and turns his face against the wicked (1 Peter 3:10-16).
- Deuteronomy 29:29

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**Revelation 10:5**

*“And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven”*

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**Revelation 10:6**

*“and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer”*

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**The Angel’s Oath**

- The angel lifted his right hand and made a **solemn oath**.
- By the eternal nature of God and His omnipotence – there would be **no more delay**!
- Not the end of the world – but the **outpouring of God’s wrath (6:9-11)**
- The Lord already issued **warnings** calling for **repentance**.
- But they **refused** to repent. (9:20-21)

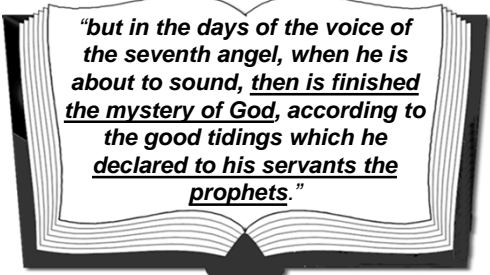
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**The Angel’s Oath**

- Why should this come as a **mystery**?
- Surely God has always intended for the **church to survive**!
- Satan’s forces (*Rome*) would not be permitted to **thwart God’s plans**!
- Never forget who is in **control** of man’s destiny.
- Choices always have **consequences**!

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**Revelation 10:7**



***“but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets.”***

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**Revelation 10:7**

- **God's plan of redemption** is no longer a mystery because it has been revealed (Romans 15:25-26; Ephesians 3:3-7).
- Daniel prophesied that His kingdom would be established in the days of the fourth kingdom – the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:40, 44-45).
  - This was fulfilled when Christ arose from the grave and ascended to the right hand of God (Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Daniel 7:13-14; Ephesians 1:20-23; Acts 2:30, 33-36; Galatians 4:4).
  - God's kingdom would be unlike earthly nations which inevitably rise and fall. God's kingdom is spiritual, and it shall stand forever (John 18:36; Daniel 2:44).

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- The prophets foretold of the **“destruction of Jerusalem”** by Romans!
  - This is found in Daniel 9:24-27 – abomination that maketh desolate! (cf. Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:20-24)
  - The “one that maketh desolate” shall also be punished afterward (verse 27).
- The prophets also foretold in **“visions and prophecies”** that Rome would also be destroyed.
  - The **“mystery”** would be completed when the **“end”** came.

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- **Another mystery to be revealed:** Daniel 7
- Daniel also foretold how God's kingdom would be opposed by this fourth empire (Daniel 7:15-28).
- The Roman Empire, led by wicked rulers both in Rome and the chief provinces, would make war with the saints, but it would not prevail.
- Instead, *“But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.”* (Daniel 7:18; cf. Daniel 7:22-27).
- Revelation discloses the fulfillment of this prophecy and explains how this mystery of God should be finished.