

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
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The Little Book

Revelation 10:1-11 KJVS

[1] And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: [2] And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, [3] And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. [4] And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. [5] And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, [6] And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: [7] But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. [8] And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. [9] And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. [10] And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. [11] And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

[1] Who is this Angel? Compare 1;7, 15-16. Is this Angel leading John as well as us to the safety of His Word and the urgency of His gospel? Confer verses 9-11 and Exodus 13:21-22. See also Ezekiel 1:28 and Matthew 17:2.

[2] More on the book later. Consider the symbolism of the sea and the earth. Psalm 144:7, Isaiah 17:12, Isaiah 1:1-3, and Jeremiah 51:24-25. Standing upon both may represent control over Israel and the nations.

[3] See 5:5. The number seven symbolizes perfect completion. Thunders represent Divine punishment. Putting this together, what could the little book represent? Question; Mankind did not know rain prior to the Great Flood. They most likely never heard thunder either. Did that first thundering downpour announce God's great judgement?

[4] Confer Daniel 8:26, 12:4,7-9. Jesus will apparently reveal the information concealed within the seven thunders at the proper time which could be very soon. 22:10. What could these unwritten thunders contain?

[5-6] Quite clearly, Time's Up! God is about to allow the Seventh Trumpet to sound. Our narration of the End Times will pause until chapter 16 when the seven final vials of God's Wrath will be poured out. These next five chapters will be filled with various persons, beasts and events that run concurrently with the seven seals. We will soon gain a great understanding of the most important details of the Last Days.

[7] . In the days...we are being instructed that these days are future to this point in John's vision. As Jesus finished the work of redemption and salvation on the cross (John 19:30) so here, this final or seventh seal will finish the Mystery of God. That is the full disclosure of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ and His ultimate triumph over evil and death and the devil. Revelation 11:15, 20:10,14.

[8-10] Our most direct reference to this little book is in Ezekiel. Starting in 1:26-28 note the accurate description given in comparison to Revelation 1:13-15 and 10:1. Next, speaking of rebellious Israel, follow the Lord God as He instructs Ezekiel in 2:8 - 3:4. Compare this as well to Revelation 5:1. Now consider the sweetness of God's Word to it's bitterness as we investigate the following; Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 19:10, 119:103, Hebrews 4:12, John 3:18, 12:48, Revelation 20:11-15, Zephaniah 1:14. This bitterness may as well affect us as we must agree with the judgements of Almighty God.

[11] John was apparently condemned to be boiled in oil but miraculously survived. Domitian then imprisoned him on Patmos. After his release he appeared before Nerva and we hear nothing of his death other than he was not martyred. Did he prophesy before peoples, nations, tongues and kings? Yes! For 2000 years the printed Word of God, including John's prophecy, has appeared in the highest halls and in every nation. When the ungodly world suffers their fate they will be without excuse. Romans 1:20-22.