

# An Interlude and God Speaks

Revelation 10



## Revelation 10:1-11 (NKJV)

1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land,



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**3** and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

**4** Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."



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5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,



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7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."



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**9** So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

**10** Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.



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11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."



# 1. The Angel and With the Little Book

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# 1. The Angel and With the Little Book

**This strong angel is distinct from the seven angels who sound the seven trumpets.**

**Do not believe it is Christ because**

- **The use of allos (another of the same kind) identifies this angel as one exactly like the previously mentioned trumpet angels.**
- **This angel came down out of heaven to the earth. To identify him as Christ is to add another coming of Christ**



# 1. The Angel and With the Little Book

2 He had a little book open in his hand.

The use of the perfect participle (which was open) emphasizes the idea of the scroll being open; having been opened, it is to remain open. That further identifies it with the now fully unrolled scroll of 5:1.



Represents the judgments to now and God's right for judgment

## 2. God Speaks

**4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; ... "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."**

The command, however, clearly originated with God—the very One who had commanded John to write (cf. 22:10). The reason John was forbidden to record the message of the seven peals of thunder is not revealed. It may be that the judgment they uttered is simply too terrifying to be revealed



### 3. The Angel's Response

Verses 5-7

- The specific content of the angel's oath was that there will be delay no longer, answering the question of the martyrs, "How long?"
- The mystery of God of which the angel spoke is that of "the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth" (Eph. 1:10). It is the consummation of God's plan in bringing His glorious kingdom in Christ to fulfillment.



## 4. John's Assignment

**Take the book**

**Eat the book (contents)**

- **God's judgment of evil and His victory is sweet, but the realization people still reject Christ and His grace should make us sick**



- **While judgment is presently restrained, a future day is coming when the seventh angel will sound his trumpet and sin's dominion will be broken.**
- **This chapter presents an interlude of hope laced with bitterness that reminds all Christians of their evangelistic responsibilities to warn the world of that day.**

