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Revelation Chapter 10 – The Mighty Angel with the Little Book – (1-7); John Eats the Little Book – (8-11).

- These verses serve as an interlude between the sixth trumpet (**Rev 9:13**) and the seventh trumpet (**Rev 11:15**). The seals and the bowls also have a brief interlude between their sixth and seventh judgments (Rev 7:1-17; 16:15). **Rev 16:15** "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." God's intention is to encourage and comfort His people in the midst of the fury and to remind them that He is still sovereign, that He remembers His people, and that they will ultimately be victorious.

The Mighty Angel and the Little Book

Rev 10:1 *I saw still another (allon -another of the same kind) mighty (ischuros, mighty, strong, powerful) 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.*

Rev 10:2 *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* (He tells us three times that Christ is Sovereign King of all the universe!)

- **Angels play an important role in the Revelation.** (**Rev 1:1-2**) *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.* They are mentioned sixty-six times. They are involved in serving, worshipping, and praising God, announcing messages, delivering judgments, and battling evil forces. In (**Rev 18:1**) another strong angel appears, pronouncing doom on Babylon. These angelic beings are the servants of Almighty God.
- **I saw!** This vision begins with the words "I saw," distinguishing it from the greater vision of the seven trumpets. John saw still another (allon -another of the same kind, just like that of (**Rev 5:2**)? *Then I saw a strong (ischuros, mighty, strong, powerful) angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"*
- **Another mighty angel carrying a "little book"** (Greek, *biblaridion*, the diminutive of *biblarion*, which, in turn, is the diminutive of *biblion*.) The term *little book (biblaridion)* is very rare in the New Testament, only appearing in this chapter, verses 2, 9 and 10. This fact alone, would seem to **distinguish it from the seven sealed scroll, (biblion)**, in chapter Five 5.
- **Identity of the "Mighty Angel"!** Another interpretive issue in the chapter deals with the identity of the "mighty angel". Some suggest this is Jesus Christ because of His majestic appearance. **But Christ never appears as an angel in Revelation.** It does not appear that Christ is ever presented as an angel after His incarnation.
- **We do notice a remarkably stunning appearance to Jesus Christ in the mighty angel!** There are many Godly attributes mentioned of this mighty angel. He is clothed with a cloud. He has a rainbow on his head. Perhaps God included this to remind John that even in judgment, He will always remember His Noahic covenant and protect His own. His face glowed like the sun. *And His feet like pillars of fire.* This is still part of his uniform. This angel's feet and legs indicate the firm resolve with which he will execute the Day of the Lord. He has come to make a special and solemn announcement of coming judgment. All of these features of identification are his credentials and connect him to the person of Christ as His special envoy. The Lord Jesus is running everything at this particular point. He is the Judge of all the earth.

Rev 10:2 *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,*

- **In the Book of Hebrews, we are told (Heb 2:7-8) YOU HAVE MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR AND SET HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS. [8] YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."** For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.
- **But the writer says we do not yet see all things in subjection.** That part has not yet been fulfilled. He is coming, though, to lay claim. Paul writing to the Ephesians, said (**Eph 1:13-14**) *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.* Jesus purchased the earth when He died on the cross. He has not yet laid claim to it. Satan still controls and rules, but He told us to pray Your kingdom come, Your will be done in earth

as it is in heaven. Getting into chapter ten, we see Him now coming soon! There will be no more restraint! The little scroll is opened. He is worthy. He can fulfill the requirements within the scroll. The little scroll opened, He set his right foot on the sea, one foot on the earth, indicating that all things **will be put in subjection under His feet, declaring that there shall be no longer a delay.**

Rev 10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

- **He cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars: Isaiah said, (Isa 31:4-5)** *For thus the LORD has spoken to me: "As a lion roars, And a young lion over his prey (When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, He will not be afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by their noise), So the LORD of hosts will come down To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill. [5] Like birds flying about, So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing over, He will preserve it."*
- **Isaiah 31:5 — The LORD All-Powerful will defend Jerusalem like birds flying over their nests.** He will defend and save it; he will ‘pass over’ and save Jerusalem. Arab prophecy — When the Nile flows into Palestine Al Nebi (God’s Prophet) from the west will drive the Turk from Jerusalem. In 1917 the British government sent General Edmund Allenby to capture Jerusalem. One of the first things his troops did was to build a canal east from the Nile River in Egypt into Palestine. Allenby also wrote pamphlets and had them dropped over Jerusalem from the newly invented airplanes. The pamphlets he had written were translated into Arabic, and he signed his name which read **Allah Nebi** in Arabic. Translated, **this means “God’s Prophet”, the same as Al Nebi!** As World War I neared its end, Jerusalem surrendered to the British forces on December 9, 1917 – on the first day of Hanukah, the day which celebrates the recapture of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus from the heathen Seleucids in 165 B.C.! Two days later General Allenby entered the Jaffa Gate on foot, at the head of a victory procession. The day of deliverance had come. Not only did Allenby fulfill the Arab prophecy, but he also fulfilled *Isaiah 31:5*.
- **Jeremiah wrote in (Jer 25:30)** *"Therefore prophesy against them all these words and say to them: 'The LORD will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth.'*
- **Joel declared, (Joe 3:16)** *The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.*
- **Finally, in (Amo 1:2)** *And he said: "The LORD roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem; The pastures of the shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel withers."* So, the roaring like a lion prophesied by many of the Old Testament prophets, as He comes it is a roar of triumph. It is a roar of victory. **The time has come that the enemy is to be subdued and the kingdom of God is to be established.**

Rev 10:4 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."

(Job 37:5) *God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.*

- **Seven thunders.** The mighty angel descends to earth from heaven, crying with a loud voice. In response to the cries, *seven thunders* speak an ominous message that John hears and was about to write but was not allowed to do so. The loud voice of the angel’s cry is likewise unrecorded. It possibly could be the same as his statement in **(Rev 10:6)** *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.* The context seems to imply a cry of judgment. With a loud voice (*phone megale*, loud volume) of the cry The comparison to a lion’s roar is similar to the description of God’s voice in **(Hos 11:10)** *"They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then His sons shall come trembling from the west.*
- **The seven thunders may be taken from (Psa 29:3-9)** *The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. [4] The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. [5] The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. [6] He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. [7] The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. [8] The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. [9] The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"*
- **In (Joh 12:28-29) Father, glorify Your name."** *Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." [29] Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."* James and John, brothers, were actually nicknamed the “sons of Thunder.”

The seven thunders mentioned here are typical of John's experiences with God. There is something ominous about these thunders. He is told not record their messages. This **seems to indicate that they spoke of great physical judgment** on the earth. The fact that God chose not to reveal their content is an act of mercy. We have already known enough about the future to be concerned. If we knew what these thunders had in store, we likely would be even more scared!

- **Seal up the things.** John was told to seal up the utterances of the seven thunders and not to write them. **Because we are not told, no one knows!** There are a lot of Bible expositors who have attempted to tell you what the seven thunders uttered, but John was ordered to seal them up. Evidently it isn't necessary for us to know. God has given to us all that pertains to life and to godliness. All we need to know is there. The seven thunders, what they uttered, remains still a mystery. We do not know what the seven thunders uttered. John was about to write it but yet was told to seal it up.
- **It is interesting that Daniel was told to seal up the vision. But with Daniel it was declared it is for the time of the end.** In the last days knowledge will be increased. The Bible tells us that the Old Testament writers, many of them, wrote of things that they did not understand. Now, as we read the book of Daniel, so many of the events have already transpired, it is fascinating reading now because it reads almost like a history book at this time. At the time that Daniel wrote it, it was still future, and it was still a great mystery! But now that most of it has been fulfilled, we look at it and it reads like a history book. It is truly amazing how accurate Daniel wrote the history of man before it took place. In fact, so much so that Daniel poses a real problem to the Bible critics. They have a tough time with Daniel, and the only way they have been able to handle it is to say, "Well, Daniel really didn't write it. Well, they have a difficult time with that because Daniel actually wrote of things that were happening today. But here the seven thunders are sealed. We will be there one day, and we will understand them. We will probably understand why God had him seal it.

Rev 10:5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

Rev 10:6 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,

- **There should be delay no longer.** The angel's major declaration was that there should be delay (*chronos*) no longer. Chronos refers to the movement of time, as in a chronology. The angel **seems to be answering the cry of the martyrs in heaven, (Rev 6:10-11) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" [11] Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.** They had been told to rest awhile until other martyrs joined them. Now, there will be no more delay. **The end has come!** The completed numbers are there in heaven and are finally brought into the heavenly scene. They are not the church, but they are people who will be saved during the tribulation through martyrdom.
- **Nothing should now stand in the way of the final period of human history. From now on, God will not intervene so as to give men more time to repent.** All restraint is to be removed. The Antichrist is to be revealed.
- **(2Th 2:3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.** The forces of God will meet in final confrontation. This is the time of trouble,
- **(Dan 12:1) "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book.**
- **(Mar 13:19) For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.** It is the darkness before the dawn, the awesome period of Satan's wrath,
- **(Rev 12:12, 17) Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." [17] And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** The appointed delay is over. The period of the end is set in motion!

Rev 10:7 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.

- **In the days of the sounding of the seventh angel,** is given to us the proclamation of what is coming, which will be completed in the third woe, the seventh trumpet, as we will see in **(Rev 11:15-18) Then the seventh angel**

sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" [16] And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, [17] saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. [18] The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." **Are we not glad, in this troubled world, that our God has a plan? Remember the rainbow around the angel's head, indicating that God keeps His promises!**

- **Mystery of God.** The expression "*mystery (mysterion) of God*" refers to God's revealed purposed in bringing His kingdom to full fruition. Even though this kingdom has been hidden from the past ages and generation, **but now is revealed.** The indwelling of the believer by Christ through the Holy Spirit is the mystery that is the "hope of glory. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col 1:26-27) *the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. [27] To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*
- **The mystery of God would be finished** - On the meaning of the word *mystery*, it means here, as elsewhere in the New Testament, the purpose or truth of God which had been concealed, and which had not before been communicated to man. Here the particular reference is to the divine purpose which had been long concealed respecting the destiny of the world, or respecting the setting up of His kingdom, but which had been progressively unfolded by the prophets. **That purpose would be finished, or consummated, in the time when the seventh angel should begin to sound.** Then all the *mystery* would be revealed; the plan would be unfolded; the divine purpose, so long concealed, would be manifested, and the kingdom of the Messiah and of the saints would be set up on the earth. **Under that period, the affairs of the world would be ultimately wound up, and the whole work of redemption completed!**
- **In Him, (Col 2:3)** *in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!* Other New Testament mysteries include the final destiny of Israel (Rom 11:25) *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*
- **Also, the transformation at the resurrection of believers, (1Co 15:51-52)** *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* And the mystery of lawlessness, (2Th 2:7) *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*
- **The mystery, here, is said to have been declared to His servants the prophets,** which indicates that the mystery, seen here has something to do **with the completion of the hope of the gospel.** The Old Testament prophets declared that the Lamb of God was coming to atone for the sins of the world. The New Testament prophets declared that he had already come and called men to faith in Him. The task of the Old Testament prophets pointed ahead to the first coming of Christ. The task of New Testament prophets was to point back to Christ's atonement and to point ahead to his triumphant return!
- **Throughout the Old Testament there were the glorious prophecies of the coming of the Messiah** and the establishing of the Kingdom Age. When the earth would be restored. When the animals would no longer be wild and ferocious. When there will be peace like a river. When righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The glory of God. The deserts becoming as a rose. The lame leaping for joy. The blind beholding the glory of the Lord. The mute singing praises unto God. These wonderful things that were to transpire when the Messiah would come and accomplish God's kingdom upon the earth.
- **It is also true that there were many prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the Messiah that He would be despised and rejected by men.** He would be a man of sorrows acquainted with grief. That He would be crucified. That these other prophecies. Thus, the Jews had a great problem trying to understand the scriptures because they seemed to be so diametrically opposed to each other. How can He be despised and rejected? The stone would be set of not by the builders. How can that all be if He is to set up the Kingdom of God and reign over the earth? So, to solve what seemed to be a difficulty in the prophecies of the Messiah, they spiritualized the scriptures that referred to His suffering that referred to His death that referred to His rejection. They spiritualized those and only took literally the passages that dealt with the glory, the subduing of the nations, the ruling over the nations and all. They took those literally, but they spiritualized the other passages.

- **There is a great danger in spiritualizing the scriptures unless the scripture itself warrants that.** It is best to just take the scripture at face value. What it says. God said what He meant! And God meant what He said! If He did not mean what He said, why didn't He say what He meant? That makes sense doesn't it? And it is best to take the scripture, maybe you don't understand it. There are a lot of things that I do not understand. I have a sort of a file in my brain that is marked, "wait for further information". There are a lot of things I have filed in that file that I am just waiting to get further understanding, further information. But in the meantime, I take the scriptures at face value. Seeking not to draw too many spiritual analogies. We should be careful not to spiritualize the scriptures but just to take them face value for what they say and just to believe that God meant what He said.
- **Now, here comes this mighty angel, swearing by Him who lives forever and ever** by the creation of God that there shall be no longer a delay." But in the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet, things will be finished. It will bring the glorious Kingdom of God to the earth.
- **The mystery of God would be finished!** There are many mysteries concerning God. The mysteries of **why God allows righteous people to suffer.** The mystery of **why God allows wicked people often to prosper.** These are things that have troubled men throughout the scriptures. Jeremiah said, (*Jer 12:1*) *Righteous are You, O LORD, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?* It is a mystery why God allows these things.
- **There is the mystery of the patience of God in setting up the kingdom.** Look **how long we have waited** since Jesus purchased the earth. Look how long God has waited, and He has not come yet to lay claim to that which He purchased. That is a mystery. But on the other hand, it is a mystery that you can be thankful for. What if the Lord had come back in 1800? Where would you be? You would not be in the kingdom. Aren't you glad He waited until now? You know, there were some people that accepted the Lord here today. Praise the Lord. He waited. There will be many that will come to Christ every day till he comes! Praise the Lord that He waited.
- **But as He said to Noah, (Gen 6:3) And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."** There will come a day when the Lord will signal the Son that the time has come, and He will come for His church. He will take us to be with Him. Then will begin the great judgment of the earth prior to His return to establish God's eternal kingdom upon the earth. We have been waiting a long time, but when this mighty angel comes with the open scroll setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea and swearing by Him that lives forever and ever that there will be no longer delay in the sounding of the seventh trumpet. It will be finished, these mysteries of God!

Rev 10:8 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."

Rev 10:9 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."

- **The little book!** The mighty angel is pictured holding a little book (scroll) in his hand when the chapter opens. As was stated earlier, the little book's designation, *biblaridion*, distinguished this scroll from the one in chapter five. This is probably not the seven-sealed scroll that is the title deed to the universe. Rather, it is a smaller, smaller document the John is now told to eat.
- **This little book itself, is never specifically mentioned again in the Revelation.** It is possible that the imagery is taken from *Num 5:12-31*, where the priest is told to write the oath of cursing on a scroll, blot it out with bitter water, and make the accused drink the water to determine his or her innocence or guilt.

Rev 10:10 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.

Rev 10:11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy (foretell something that lies in the future) again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

- **The mystery of the little book, sweet as honey mouth but bitter in the stomach.** As we have a term, "he really devoured that book". It is a term that refers to a person reading it with great interest. He devoured it. He read it as one sitting. He really devoured the book. So, it is the words. It is the thought. It is the teaching of the book, that one devours. Thus, John as he was eating it, it was in his mouth sweet as honey. When you realize what the kingdom of God is going to be, the glories of God's Kingdom when Jesus comes and reigns! The glories of this world when it is restored as it was in the beginning! When you see the world, the deserts blossoming as a rose. No more vast, uninhabited, areas of the world! When you see Siberia looking like Hawaii and the North Pole a beautiful tropical jungle! When you see the lion and the lamb eating together! When these things happen, it is going to be so sweet!

- **David said in (Psa 119:103) *How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!*** Solomon wrote in (**Pro 16:24**) *Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.* Ezekiel said, (**Eze 3:1-3**) *Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." [2] So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. [3] And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.*
- **My stomach became bitter!** But, when you contemplate the sin of man and the essential judgment of that sin, the bitter things that the world must go through as God brings His judgment. When you devour it and you really contemplate it, though the results of bringing the kingdom are sweet, yet the things that bring it to pass, when really considered, are indeed bitter! So, the Spirit, in (**Eze 3:14**) *So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. So, the bittersweet!* The bitterness of the effects of sin, but the sweetness of the coming kingdom.
- **You must prophesy again!** John is told that he must prophesy again. *You must prophesy about many peoples, nations, tongues and kings.* John's mission is to expose clearly, the forces of the supernatural world, which are a work behind the activities of men and nations. To clearly prophesy the plagues that will come in the latter half of the Revelation. The plagues that still will come and the promise of Christ's return and His coming kingdom on earth. His prophecy is the culmination of all previous prophecies, in that it leads on to the final destruction of evil and the inauguration of the eternal state. It is sweet and it is bitter!
- **John sees further down the corridor of time than any of his contemporaries.** Like Isaiah he sees all the way to the "new Heavens" and the "new earth," (**Isa 66:22**) *"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.* Whatever the little book represents, **it indicates that John is still called to proclaim the message of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ, there is still time.** Though John saw the future, he still lived in the present.
- **We see a similar experience in (Eze 2:9-3:4) *Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. [10] Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe. [3:1] Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." [2] So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. [3] And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. [4] Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.***
- **The entire incident reminds him that he still has a vital ministry of his own and succeeding generations.** (**Psa 71:18**) *Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come. (Amo 3:8) A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?*
- **How very true that is for each of us as well! May we remember that we believers, still living in the present, exercise our vital ministry to this and succeeding generations!**

SUMMARY POINTS:

- **No more delay! We see there is no more delay** before God will pour out His wrath in the seventh and final trumpet, which consists of the seven bowl judgments on the Christ rejecting Earth!
- **The mystery of God would be finished!** We have been given understanding the end times and the Mystery of God, which is His purpose, plan and program in waiting to judge sin and to set up His eternal kingdom! That His program of delay is being finished. God's longsuffering between the entrance of sin and the establishment of His millennial Kingdom of righteousness. The mystery is the fact that since sin came into the world, why has God delayed so long? **But the answer is God is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish!**
- **Bitterness and sweetness** – The seventh trumpet, which is coming, will be **the bitterness when God will wrap it up and His last judgments will come upon earth. The sweetness of the little book is the sweetness of Christ's second coming!**
- **God wants us to eat, to devour, to assimilate, to digest His word!** If Bible prophecy does not change your life, one is not properly understanding and applying it in your life! Bible prophecy is meant to motivate us to live Godly and holy lives! There is nothing more important than your

relationship to this book, we call the Bible! No one can know, understand and be in fellowship with God, apart from his word! It is truly unique! It is one of a kind, God's word from heaven!

- **The little book telling us that we, too, “must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings! We are to be His witness, telling people about what is coming! About what is God’s ultimate endgame!**

CLOSING SONG:

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY – C. Wesley/L. Davidica – Hymns Triumphant Performers (3:08)

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER:

For next week, read Chapter 11!

CA Action Alert - Vote NO on AB 2223 in Assembly Health Committee (hearing scheduled Tuesday, 4/19 @ 4pm) - Urge the California Assembly Health Committee to vote NO on legalizing infanticide!

AB 2223 will be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on Tuesday, April 19th and we need YOU to contact the committee members and urge them to vote NO on AB 2223. Lawmakers have written a bill that provides protections for infanticide.

<https://capitolresourceinstitute.quorum.us/campaign/39853/>

Copy and paste this into your browser – it should enable you to send your letter to the Assembly Health committee;

How to Participate in Contacting the Committee:

1. Make sure you select which members of the Assembly Health Committee you want to receive this letter. If your Assemblymember is on the committee, send this letter to them. The default is set to send to ALL members.
2. You may add your own personal message to the members in the text box. Real-life anecdotes are most effective because they show lawmakers their actions affect the people (especially their constituents) in a personal way. Please be respectful.
3. When you are ready to submit your letter, check the language and make sure everything is correct. Click "Submit" to send your letter.

To contact CA Assembly Health Committee:

<https://ahea.assembly.ca.gov/membersstaff>