

## REVELATION: CHAPTER 10

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**Rev 10:1** 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:

- another- Not one of the seven angels with the seven trumpets, this One has the appearance of Christ as in 1:13-16. The “Angel of Jehovah” had power to forgive since it states in Ex 23:20-23 that “He will not pardon your transgressions” (*Mat 9:6*). Since Deity alone can forgive sin, Who else could this Angel be but the Son of God considering the descriptions given in the following verses?

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- mighty- Gk.2478- *forcible*. (*1:17*) High ranking.

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- clothed in a cloud-(*1:7; 14:14*) having the credentials of divine authority: Exo 16:10; 23:20-23; 33:9.

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- rainbow- has to do with a divine covenant or message of mercy (*4:3*). Read Gen 9:12-17; Eze 1:28.

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- face was as it were the sun- came from the presence of God (*1:14, 16*). Read Exo 34:29-35. (*Mat 17:2; Mk 9:2*)

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- pillars of fire- Divine guidance (*1:15*): Exo 13:21-22.

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**Rev 10:2** 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,

- little book open- no mystery because it is open. This is John’s commission (*v. 11; Matt 24:14; 28:18-20; Col 1:5-6, 23*). Earth and sea here are the same as in chapter 13. One foot on each showing He had authority over both of them: Rom 16:20; 1 Cor 15:24-25; Rev 13.

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**Rev 10:3** And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

- The voice was as authoritative as a lion's roar (5:5). It demanded attention: Jer 25:30; Hos 11:10; Amo 1:2; 3:8.

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- Along with the mercy of verse 1 (*rainbow*) there would be judgment. God will punish those who martyred His saints.

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**Rev 10:4** 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.

- John understood the voices of the seven thunders. It was the totality (7) of the voice of God: Exo 19:16; Jn 12:28-29.

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- John knew things were about to happen, as thunder announces a storm is near, but was told to not write them down, as Daniel was told to "shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end" (*Dan 12:4*). We are not told why.

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God, Who is all knowing, already knew the outcome of the events that were about to transpire.

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**Rev 10:5** And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His hand to Heaven,

- The Angel given authority over the sea and land makes an oath. (*See James 5:12 as it pertains to our oaths under the New Covenant.*): Gen 14:22-24; Eze 20:15.

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**Rev 10:6** 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:

- The oath is solemn, by which only Deity can now make (*Heb 6:16-18*): *Mat 5:33-37*.  
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- It is by the eternal God Who created all things. Read *Dan 12:7*; *Col 1:15-17*/*Jn 1:3*.  
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- time no longer- Gk.5550- χρόνος-*chronos-khron'-os*  
[*chronology*]  
Of uncertain derivation; a **space of time** (in genitive case, and thus properly distinguished from *G2540*, which designates a *fixed* or special occasion; and from *G165*, which denotes a particular *period*) or **interval**; by extension an individual *opportunity*; **by implication delay**: - + years old, season, space, (X often-) time (-s), (a) while. (*Emp. added*)
- The events following (*chapter 11*) at the time of writing, were now to begin (*1:1*; *6:11*; *20:2*; *22:6*, *10*).

*Heb 10:37* For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

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**Rev 10:7** 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.

- The saints sealed (*chapter 7*; *11:1-2*), the mystery finished (*11:15*), the seventh angel sounds giving us the point in time when this happens. All O.T. prophesies concerning Jerusalem's fall were to begin (*Lk 21:22*). Again, see notes on *11:15*!

*“In the ordinary sense a mystery implies knowledge withheld; its Scriptural significance is truth revealed”.*  
Vine, Vol. II, pg. 97

“Reference is not to the **revealing** of this mystery but to the **accomplishing** of it.” This “included the desolation of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem.” Arthur Ogden-Pg. 26

The subject of the Revelation: **When** persecution would come and **why** it was necessary: 1 Pet 1:7.

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**Rev 10:8** 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.

- The voice (*v. 4*) tells John to retrieve the open scroll from the Angel (*Christ*).

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**Rev 10:9** 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.

- John obeys the command and is told to eat the little scroll (*as did Ezekiel*). He was told beforehand the results of eating it. Read Eze 2:7-10; 3:1-3, 14.

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**Rev 10:10** 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.

- The message of victory would be sweet. The bitterness came in the form of Jerusalem's fall and the persecution unto death (*12:11*) that the saints/martyrs were to suffer at the hand of Rome.

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**Rev 10:11** And He said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

- With the mystery finished, John was to continue to prophesy (*Matt 28:19-20*), thus understanding he would not die on Patmos.

- Gk.4395- προφητεῖω-prophēteuō-*prof-ate-yoo'-o*

From G4396; to **foretell events**, *divine*, **speak under inspiration**, *exercise the prophetic office: - prophesy. (Emp. added)*

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- This is fulfilled in chapters 12 and on. His message concerned many (17:1, 2, 9, 10, 12-15) and their persecution of the church.

Worksheet  
**Revelation: Chapter 10**

1. Describe the appearance of the other “mighty Angel” with the “little scroll open in His hand”. (*v. 1*)
2. What is represented by having “His right foot on the sea, and His left foot on the land”? (*v. 2*)
3. Why was John told to not write what he heard from “the seven thunders”? (*v. 4*)
4. What did the “Angel” here swear and what, at that time, “would be fulfilled”? (*v. 6*)
5. What does the “little scroll” represent? (*v. 10*)
6. What was John told to do with “the little scroll” and what OT prophet was told the same? (*v. 9*)
7. Once he ate the “little scroll” what was John’s commission and what did that signal? (*v. 11*)