

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 10:1-11

If you were to recount for me your Christian testimony,

you would no doubt tell of how the Lord Jesus Christ was reaching out to you, drawing you to become a follower of His. You might tell of a great and fantastic testimony of deliverance. You may be one of those who have a simple and quiet testimony and your coming to Christ was a very uneventful moment in your life – it all just made sense to you and you responded.

Whatever Your God Story is,

We can all agree that His Bible has, from time to time, cut us deeply as it extracted cancerous thoughts and sinful habits from us while the next cut brought a humble joy and healing to our lives.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

Psalms 107:19

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. **:20** He sent His word and healed them, *And* delivered *them* from their destructions.

Revelation 10:1-11

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, **: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.” **: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, **: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.” **: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. **:11** And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

Christian, In Christ, You Have Something to Boast Of; It's The Fact That You Cannot Pick Up The Bible Without Reading of God's Love and Grace and Mercy to a Rebellious and Failing World that is Lost in Its Sin and Failure to Love God and to Follow God.

EVEN IN THIS BOOK OF REVELATION,

There is the Invitation to Turn and to Receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

THE WHOLE PREMISE

Of the Book of Revelation is to Announce to Mankind and Angelic Beings Alike, That God the Father has Sent His Son Jesus Christ to Buy Back a World Gone Wild without God!

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

John 3:15-17

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

CHURCH NOTE THIS –

Here in Chapter 10:1 thru Chapter 11: 14, Is What is Known as a **Parenthetical** Insert. A **Break** in the Action, a **Pause** in the Chronology of the Book of Revelation. This is an **Interlude** to the Judgment

An Interlude that Once Again Reaffirms God's Love and Grace and Mercy toward His Creation.

WHEN GOD TAKES A BREAK

I.) He sends His messengers to mankind vv. 1-3

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

1st A message by divine delivery v.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.

I saw still “**another mighty angel**” coming down from heaven

It is “Another” of a Different Kind.
another messenger of a different kind from the others.

We Have FEDERAL EXPRESS and We Have LOS ANGELS TIMES
Both are messengers, but these two are different from one another.

Notice His Origin
He Comes Out of Heaven Itself

When God has desired to speak to mankind,

The origin of God's messages have always been from heaven above!

i.e.

When God spoke to Abraham of Old

Genesis 22:11

And the **angel of the LORD** called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

When God spoke to Moses

Exodus 3:2

And the **Angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. :3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." :4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" ¶ And he said, "Here I am." :5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."

When God spoke to His Prophets

Hebrews 1:1

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

When God spoke to His Apostles

Matthew 17:5

"Behold, a bright cloud overshadowed Peter, James and John; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud which had descended, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

When God spoke to Mankind

Luke 3:21

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus when he was also was baptized, prayed; and while He prayed, **the heaven** was opened. :22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

This Angleos (messenger) is None Other Than Jesus Christ Himself

Who we have seen in Chapters 7:2 and Chapter 8:3 Jesus is Not an Angel, But He is a Messenger

a #gge1oß aggelos, ang'-el-os; - one who brings tidings. A personage who delivers a message from heaven

application: an angel, a prophet, a pastor an evangelist, Jesus Christ

WHEN GOD TAKES A BREAK

It's a Break of Grace and He sends His messengers to mankind To Deliver a Message of Divine Origin.

He sends His messengers to mankind

2nd A messenger of divine description v.1

This "**Other mighty** angel was... clothed with a **cloud**. And a **rainbow** was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

A TRULY AWESOME DESCRIPTION OF THIS DIVINE MESSENGER

clothed with a cloud

At Sinai / in the Wilderness / at the Mount of Transfiguration / at Jesus' Ascension
At the Rapture of the Church and again at the Second Coming of Christ.

The Lord is Always in Association with Clouds

Matthew 26:64

Jesus said Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**I Am Personally Awaiting a Cloudy Event
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be (raptured) caught up together with them **in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Daniel 7:13

“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with **the clouds** of heaven!

Matthew 24:30

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

a rainbow was on his head

Genesis 9:13

And the LORD said “I do set my **rainbow** in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. :14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the **rainbow** shall be seen in the cloud:

Revelation 4:2

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. :3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there* was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

his face was like the sun

Revelation 1:13-16

and in the midst of the seven lampstands (which are on display in the foyer) *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. :14 His head and hair *were* **white like wool**, as white as snow, and His eyes **like a flame of fire**; :15 His feet *were* **like fine brass**, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of **many waters**; :16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His face *was* like **the sun shining in its strength**.

Matthew 17:2

as Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone **like the sun**, and His clothes became as white **as the light**.

and his feet like pillars of fire.

Revelation 1:15

His feet *were* **like fine brass**, as if refined in a furnace

He sends His messengers to mankind

3rd A message for a divine duty v.2-3

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

The Greek construction of this verse demands an emphasis on the word “Open”

He had a little book **open** in his hand

The event is not so much that the book is little, but that it is “Opened”.

What It Has In It – Is All Important

Verse 2

And he set his **right foot on the sea** and *his left foot on the land*

In Old Testament Times and During the Times of Christ,
When a Warring General had Gained the Victory, That Victorious General Would Stand on the Neck
of the Losing General Showing Absolute Victory and Dominion.

Jesus is Here Seen Displaying Absolute Victory and Dominion
Over this World by the Placement of His Feet.

Verse 3

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

Proverbs 19:12

The king's wrath *is* like the roaring of a lion,

With The Book Open, He Places His Feet on Planet Earth,
And He Cries Out with a Loud Voice

Joel 3:16

The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem;
The heavens and earth will shake;

Jeremiah 25:30

"Therefore prophesy against the earth with all these words, and say to them: 'The LORD will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy dwelling; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread *the grapes*,
Against all the earthdwellers!

Revelation 5:4

So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. :5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Verse 3b

And when he cried out, *seven thunders uttered their voices*.

This is a Breathtaking Scene
**The Revelation of God to Man is
Overwhelming**

Job 37:1

"At this also my heart trembles, And leaps from its place. :2 Hear attentively **the thunder of His voice**, And the **rumbling that comes from His mouth**. :3 He sends it forth under the whole heaven, His lightning to the ends of the earth. :4 After it **a voice roars**; He **thunders** with His majestic voice, And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard. :5 God **thunders marvelously with His voice**; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.

Psalms 29:3

The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters; The God of glory thunders...

WHEN GOD TAKES A BREAK

II.) He prepares to fulfill His word to mankind vv. 4-7

1st With a sealed message v.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."

**What Did John Hear and What Did Those Seven Thunders Utter?
Answer – We Can't Know!**

Deuteronomy 29:29

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God,

all we know is that this context

demands that it has something to do with the great tribulation period yet to come. That it must relate to earthly judgment. That it is administered by Jesus Christ and that it prepares the way for the final trumpet blast to come.

What's Withheld, Cannot Be Good for a Christ Rejecting World.

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved;

He prepares to fulfill His word to mankind

2nd With a sworn promise v.5-6

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 no longer delay**

Revelation 6 said that there must be a delay

Revelation 6:9

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. :10 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.

Revelation 10 says that there should no longer be a delay

2 Peter 3:3

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, :4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

2 Peter 3:7-9

But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. :8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. :9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

When God Makes a Vow, He Holds Himself Accountable

Hebrews 6:13

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

Hebrews 6:17

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, :18 that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

He prepares to fulfill His word to mankind

3rd With a solemn oath

v.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.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Psalms 138:2b

...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

“The Mystery of God”

Colossians 2:1

Let me tell you how hard I have worked for you and for the people in Laodicea and for all others who do not know me personally. :2 I do this in order that they may be filled with courage and may be drawn together in love, and so have the full wealth of assurance which true understanding brings. In this way they will know the mystery of God, His divine secret, which is Jesus Christ himself!

Is That Jesus Christ Alone Saves Sinners,

Ephesians 2:5

even when we were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ (for by grace you have been saved), :6 and He raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 so that in the ages to come God might show the exceeding riches of His grace through *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves; but *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, so that no man could boast.

Daniel 9:24

“490 years are determined For your people (the jews) and for your holy city, (Jerusalem) (483 years have passed, 7 years remain) To finish the transgression, (the life of christ) To make an end of sins, (the death of christ) To make reconciliation for iniquity, (the resurrection of christ) To bring in everlasting righteousness, (the offering of christ) To seal up vision and prophecy, (waiting) And to anoint the Most Holy. (eternity future)

the mystery of God **would be finished,**

What is the Finish? That God would rule and reign in heaven and earth

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever... I am going to put an end to it in my timing!

Revelation 11:15

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!"

Daniel 7:21

Daniel said " As I was watching; the antichrist was making war against the Lord's saints, and the anitchrist prevailing against them, **until the Ancient of Days came**, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, **and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.**

With a solemn oath, The Lord will Perform His word

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace **There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

WHEN GOD TAKES A BREAK

III.) He gives His mandate to mankind

vv. 8-11

1st The Lord has given His Love in Righteousness

v.8-9

: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.**" :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.**"

"John, Know It, Take It In, Understand It, Digest It.

For You Will Experience That My Word is Pleasant and Wonderful to Your Taste Because I Love and Save and Redeem and Forgive.

But John, The Longer You Eat of My Word and Know it More, You will see that when it is rejected and ignored it brings terrible judgment and horrific destruction to mankind.

It will make you so glad and joyous because of My grace and mercy, and at times you will be filled with such sadness over evil and because man's rebellion.

AS A CHRISTIAN, AS A FATHER, AS A PASTOR
I SEE WHERE THE WORLD IS GOING, I KNOW WHAT'S COMING

As a Christian,
I am glad about... heaven and assurance
I am Sad about...evil and rebellion

As a Father,
I am glad about... daughters who know the Lord
I am Sad about... the world that is theirs

As a Pastor
I am glad about... what God is doing with us
I am Sad about... that faith is dying in many hearts

WHY SWEET TO THE TASTE

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good;

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

WHY BITTER TO THE STOMACH

Acts 17:30

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, :31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

2 Corinthians 2:15

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. :16 To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?

Ezekiel 2:8

Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." :9 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. :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. *And if you keep reading Ezekiel gets sick to his stomach with bitterness...*

THE BIBLE IS EITHER SWEET TO YOU OR IT IS BITTER

He gives His mandate to mankind

2nd The Lord has ordained truth and justice v.10-11

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

A Personal Address from My Heart - Where I have been for several month now is an almost unbearable care for you, the church.

1. I am concerned about your Faith.
2. I am concerned about the World.
3. I am concerned about America.
4. I am concerned about your Children.
5. I am concerned about Cults.
6. I am concerned about the Bible.

In my life, I do preach and teach to many people, this broadcasts into nations and I know that our sermons have made into the White House, *but how is it received?*

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