

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #47: Little Book & Seven Thunders**  
**Revelation 10:4-11**

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Review in summary

Remember, Revelation chapter 10 is the interlude or break in the action between the sixth and seventh trumpet. It not only gives us an interlude but end time events that are revealed in the seven thunders. It is a message for the last day people of God, especially for the 144,000. In Revelation 10:1-3 Jesus gives another symbolic picture of Himself that reveals His character, purpose, and mission. Jesus is depicted as a mighty angel from heaven covered with a cloud with a rainbow upon his head. His face shined as bright as the sun and his feet were like two pillars of fire. Here we learned that Jesus is reminding us that He is coming again in a cloud as He promised and that the light of His truth will shine bright as the sun all over the world. The pillar of fire reveals that Jesus is a consuming fire. Those who totally submit to Him will be purified spiritually through the fiery trials of this life, but those who reject Jesus and remain in sin will be totally consumed by His fire!

Also this picture of our Redeemer in Revelation 10 reveals to the faithful that He is the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that is leading us through this wilderness of sin, worldliness, and the seven last plagues to the Heavenly Canaan.

Jesus is also depicted as standing with his right foot on the sea and his left on the earth revealing that he has full jurisdiction and authority over all the earth as our Creator of the heavens, the earth, and the sea.

Jesus has an open little book in His hand, which we learned is the book that was sealed with seven seals in which Jesus was the only one authorized to open it. This little book contains end time prophecies and events that were sealed in the book of Daniel but are revealed in the sister book of Revelation.

We also learned that Jesus cries with a loud voice, as a lion, the prophetic messages contained in the open messages of Daniel and the three Angels' message of Revelation 14. These are the same urgent messages we must give now!

Revelation 10 is the symbolic picture of Christ as depicted in the first angel's message! "The hour of His judgment IS come and worship Him that made the heaven the earth and the sea and the foundation of waters."

**The 3 angels message is an urgent message that has been given since 1844, but it will swell into a ROAR or LOUD CRY as the "Mark of the Beast" is in full force (study later ).**

**The opened little book that Jesus has in His hand as he stands on the earth and the sea MUST go forth as a roar to the whole world. But as we get closer to the end of time it will swell into A LOUD CRY. The last urgent message to God's people to get OUT of Babylon!**

**Seven Thunders**

Revelation 10:3

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

**In Revelation 10:3, as Jesus cries aloud like the roar of a lion, seven thunders uttered their voices.**

**What are seven thunders?**

**Usually the voice of God is associated with the sound of thunder.**

**Revelation 14:2**

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

**Job 40:9**

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou **thunder with a voice like him?**

**John 12:28-29**

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it **thundered**: others said, An angel spake to him.

**Seven: God's favorite number**

The number seven is God's favorite number that is associated with completion and perfection. Since the seven thunders are associated with the open little book in the hand of Jesus, it is obvious that the message of the seven thunders are related to the end-time prophecies of Daniel and the three angels messages of Revelation 14. *(We are going to study this deeper later in this study)*

**When John was about to write what the seven thunders said what was he told to do?****Revelation 10:4**

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.

***Why was John instructed to seal up and not write what the seven thunders uttered? Is God saying that we should never know? No.***

Don't miss this. The seven thunders were **revealed** to John, but he was only told not to write it because these seven thunders were only intended for those living at the very end of time.

**Remember, the instructions that John was given in Revelation 22:10?****Revelation 22:10**

10 And he saith unto me, **Seal not** the **sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand**.

**"Time is at hand" is key.**

As we mentioned in our previous study in the Greek the word "time" has various Greek words that is more descriptive in its meaning.

Remember the Greek word for "time" in Revelation 22:10

**kairos [kahee-ros'] (G2540)**

An occasion, that is, **set or proper time**: - X always, opportunity, (convenient, due) **season**, (due, short, while) time, a while. - Strong's Dictionary

In other words, "kairos" time is a set or specific time or season or an appointed time. **The prophecies of Revelation including the seven thunders will be understood at its appointed time as end time prophecies are fulfilled.** Prophecies that were revealed to John are revealed and understood by the people of God who diligently study end time Bible prophecies. They would see many already fulfilled. Those who have studied in the past died before many of these prophecies came to their fulfillment. The last day generation will have a perspective that others throughout history did not experience or see.

**After John hears the seven thunders, what did you see Jesus do next?****Revelation 10:5 - 7**

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And **sware** (take oath) 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.

**Here we see Jesus take an oath or declares unto Himself as Creator that “there should be time NO longer.”**

**What is Jesus referring to when he says “there should be time NO longer?” What “time” is Jesus referring to in Revelation 10:6?**

*(Repeat, the Greek the word “time” has various Greek words for time that is more descriptive in its meaning.)*

**Time is Revelation 10:6 is not the Greek word “kairos” which is referring to a set time or season.**

**Time (Greek) – Revelation 10:6**

**“Chronos” (G5550) [khron'-os] - a space of time** (in genitive case, and thus properly **distinguished from G2540 [kairos,] 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.

Chronos is a specific “space of time” that is distinguished from all other time. Chronos is part of our compound English word, “chronological” which “is the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time.” - Wikipedia

In other words, Chronos can apply to a space of time with a series of events within that space of time that happen in chronological order that relates to the establishment of dates and time sequences.

The specific “chronos” of time that Jesus is referring in Revelation 10:6 relates to the longest time prophecy that denotes a space of time with a series of prophetic events that must happen in chronological order of the prophecy.

**What is the longest time prophecy given in Daniel?** The 2300 year prophecy revealed in Daniel 8:14 and fulfilled in the first angel’s message of Revelation 14:7 that we are living in the time of judgment! The 2300 year prophecy reveals the beginning of the “end of time.”

**Time of judgment prophesied:**

Daniel 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. (Remember day / year principle, 2300 days = 2300 years.)

“Sanctuary be cleansed” is to referring to the, Day of Atonement, cleansing of the sanctuary in Heaven in which the High Priest Jesus moves from the Holy to the Most Holy Place to begin the judgment.

The details of the specific events that must take place in chronological order on the 2300 day(year) prophecy are given in Daniel 9:24 – 27. (Studied in detail when we studied Daniel 8:14.)

**Prophecies on the 2300 prophecy timeline (highlights):** *(show graphic)*

1) **490 years (34 AD):** Probation for Israel to make an end of sin = 490 years (Daniel 9:24)

2) **Fall of 457 BC:** Start time of 2300 prophecy at King Artaxerxes decree to restore and build Jerusalem. (Daniel 9:25)

3) **483 years (27 AD)**: The Messiah “anointed one” anointed at his baptism the start date of His public ministry (Daniel 9:25)

4) **31 AD**: Jesus began to minister only seven years left to the end of Israel’s probation (490 years), in the “midst of the week”, seven years, they murdered Jesus on the cross. Jesus ratified the everlasting covenant caused all oblation to cease. (Daniel 9:26, 27)

5) **October 22, 1844**: On the day of atonement, Jesus began the cleansing of sanctuary in Heaven, the beginning of time of judgment (2300 years from 457 BC)

All these events happened in the space of 2300 years in chronological order as prophesied!

“**Time No Longer**” that Jesus announces in Revelation 10:6 is referring the chronos space of time in relation to the 2300 year prophecy that terminated in 1844. 1844 marks end of the prophetic time of the 2300 year prophecy and the official beginning of the “end of time.” That is about 175 years ago! How much more time? The judgment will soon end.

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the **seven thunders** was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages**. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. **In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work.** This is represented by the Angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

**This time**, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is **not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord.** That is, the people will not have another message upon **definite** time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no **definite** tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.” {Ellen White, Manuscript Release Volume 19, p. 320.4} (we will be coming back to this)

Even though we are not given the “definite time,” day nor hour at this present time, Jesus instructs His faithful to watch for his second coming. That we should know when Jesus is “even at the doors.”

### **Matthew 25:13**

13 **Watch** therefore, for ye know neither the **day nor the hour** wherein the **Son of man cometh**.

### **Matthew 24:32-33**

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, **even at the doors**.

Even though a message of giving a specific time is not to be given as our message, notice that it does not say that God’s people at the end of time will NEVER know the day and hour. When you trace the testimonies of the Bible, God never keeps His faithful in the dark when it comes to time and significant events. He told Noah 120 years til the flood. He told Israel that they had 40 years in the wilderness because of their rebellion. He told them as captives in Babylon that they would be there 70 years. No one knew the definite or exact day and hour until they came close to the time of its fulfillment. For those who are watching, the coming of the Lord will not be a surprise.

“Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, we are instructed and **required to know when it is near**. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to **know when His advent is near**, will be **as fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah** not to know when the flood was coming. And the parable in the same chapter, contrasting the faithful and the unfaithful servant, and giving

the doom of him who said in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming," shows in what light Christ will regard and reward those whom He finds watching, and teaching His coming, and those denying it. "Watch therefore," He says. "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." Verses 42, 46. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3. {Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 370.2} –

**In Revelation 10:7 it says that after the seventh angels sounds, “the mystery of God should be finished”. What is “the mystery of God?”**

### **1 Timothy 3:16**

16 And without controversy great is the **mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit**, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The mystery of God is the manifestation of God in the flesh which is Jesus Christ. So the mystery of God or godliness is the fulfillment of God's great plan of salvation through His son Jesus Christ to deliver all who believe in Jesus from this sin sick world. So the plan of salvation or deliverance will be complete and finished when that last and seventh angel sounds.

The mystery of God is also the revealing and fulfillment of all Bible prophecy. It will all end at when the seventh angel blows his trumpet. We will study the seventh trumpet at a later study.

**Mystery (Hebrew): mustērion (moos-tay'-ree-on) = secret. Strong's dictionary**

### **Remember, who does God give His “secrets” to?**

#### **Amos 3:7**

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

#### **Seven Thunders**

**We know that thunders is associated with the voice of God. We know that seven is a number associated with completeness and perfection.**

#### **Let's go deeper!**

**What did God say before he announced in Revelation “should be time no longer” referring to the prophetic time of the 2300 days?**

**Revelation 10:6** “And **sware** (take oath) by him that liveth for ever and ever...”

Remember, what is the meaning of “sware” in Hebrew?

**Sware** (Hebrew) = shâba' [shaw-bah']- “**to seven oneself, that is, swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times)**: - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full...take an oath” - Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

God swore or sevened oneself when He gave the everlasting covenant.

#### **Deuteronomy 7:12**

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he **sware** unto thy fathers:

**When God swears something it is a declaration as if by repeating it seven times!**

**What does God do in Daniel 12:6, 7 that is VERY similar to Revelation 10:6?**

**Daniel 12:6-7**

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and **sware** by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half (1260 days); and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

**Seven Thunders = Swearing (seven) of God's voice (thunders) of end time prophecies, such as the 2300 prophecy and the literal timelines of Daniel 12, will be fulfilled.**

Seven thunders – God's voice swearing “what is revealed will be fulfilled”

Do you see a connection with what God swears in Revelation 10:6? Daniel 12 is end time prophecy for the wise in the last days that is part of the seven thunders which point to the three literal timelines of 1260, 1290, and 1335. ***Should we be studying to understand these timelines?***

Repeat: Manuscript Release Vol. 19, Ellen White

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the **seven thunders** was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages**. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. **In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work.**”

We are that generation! Jesus is even at the door! Further light is to be revealed as the first and second angels' messages are proclaimed. As we studied in the past and in great detail in “Timeline for the Faithful”, these three timelines; 1260, 1290, 1335 in which God swore in verse 7, brings us to the “very eve of the great consummation which is the coming of Jesus Christ.”

“In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire. The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the last generation.” - Ellen White, Review and Herald, September 25, 1883, par. 6

“Eve” means “the day or period of time immediately before an event or occasion.” - Google Search Dictionary  
The “very eve of the great consummation” is the period of time that is immediately before the second coming of Jesus.

**What did God instruct John to do with the little book in the hand of Jesus?****Revelation 10:8 - 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.

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 (or unpleasant).

John was instructed to eat the little book! He obeyed the command. As soon as he ate the book it was sweet to taste, but made his belly bitter or ache. **Jesus did not have John eat the book because he was hungry, he was teaching a very profound spiritual lesson about the urgent prophetic messages in the little book.**

**Why was John instructed to “eat” the little book?**

The little book contains the last day urgent prophetic messages of Daniel and Revelation. In order for our physical bodies to receive nourishment we need to eat healthy food that will give energy and strength to the body. No body can eat for us. We have to eat for ourselves to receive all the benefits of the food. The same is true with God's Word. Jesus says in John 6:35 that He is the Bread of Life. We must eat God's word daily for ourselves to receive the spiritual power and energy to do God's Word and be obedient to ALL His commandments. John had to eat the little book to receive power and energy to give the urgent message within the book.

**We MUST eat ALL of the little book ourselves spiritually.**

**Why was the little book that John ate sweet to his mouth, but made him sick to the stomach?**

This powerful little book contained the end time prophecies that revealed both the love and judgments of God. This is a sweet and bitter experience for the one who is inspired to share this message with others.

**Prophet Ezekiel's Sweet Bitter experience**

For example, in Ezekiel chapters 2 and 3, God instructed Ezekiel in a vision to eat a book like John in Revelation. Ezekiel had a sweet and bitter experience when He shared God prophecies and judgment with the rebellious people of Israel. Those who rejected the words that Ezekiel spoke, ridiculed him. Even though God's word was sweet to Ezekiel, the ridicule and rejection he received from those who he gave the messages to gave him some bitter experiences with the rebellious people of Israel.

**Prophet Jeremiah's Sweet Bitter experience**

The same was true for the prophet Jeremiah. In Jeremiah chapter 15 Jeremiah shares with God how sweet the words of God was to him, but he also shares that he had some bitter experiences as a result of sharing God word and prophecies to the rebellious people of Israel. As a result of sharing God's truth with his own people, Jeremiah was persecuted, ridiculed, and abused.

**After John ate the little book what was he instructed to do next?**

**Revelation 10:11**

11 And he said unto me, Thou must **prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

This is the three angels messages of Revelation 14 that we will study in detail later. This message is for every nation, tongue and people.

John is instructed to share these end time prophecies with all people even though they contain judgment against those who rebel against God's word. We are to do the same today. The time is now to share these vital prophecies of Daniel and Revelation to the world. The prophecies are sweet but you will experience some bitter times as you share the truth. Family, friends, and even church members may ridicule and persecute you. But you must remember that it is better to obey God than to obey man.

**Conclusion: The SWEET and BITTER EXPERIENCE of a Church movement of God.**

Do know when you look at church history it went through a sweet and then bitter experience because of study and the application of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

**What warning did Paul give to the young church movement during his time?**

**Acts 20:29, 30**

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.  
30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4**

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

The young church movement went through great persecution as they shared the message of Christ. It was sweet, but bitter persecution followed. But as time went on the movement compromised the word of God in order to stop the persecution and receive the honors of men. As a result, the movement was not longer a movement but a church who rebelled against the word of God. Any time a people rebel against God they go into a prison of darkness. As prophesied in Daniel and Revelation, the church was in darkness for 1260 years under the rulership of Papal Rome from 538 to 1798 AD. Papal Rome mixed the things of God with paganism. The word of God was lost among the masses. Even in the midst of gross darkness there were some pockets of light such as the Waldensians. Millions were slaughtered and killed under this cruel system. This time was known in history as the DARK AGES. It was illegal to have a Bible.

**Truth replaced by lies**

The vital truths such as righteous by faith was replaced with indulgences, penitence and pilgrimages. Confession to Christ was replaced by confession to a priest. Jesus was replaced by the Pope. The seventh-day Sabbath was replaced with a false Sabbath, Sunday. The Bible which is God's Word was replaced by the words of the Pope, priest and cardinals. Baptism by immersion was replaced with sprinkling. Jesus holy communion was replaced by a blasphemous communion mass which is an adopted pagan sun god ceremony. They also adopted the annual celebration of the birth of the sun god on December 25 and substituted it as the celebration of Christ's birth and called it Christ-mass, Christmas for short. A special Catholic mass is given on Christmas.

For 1260 years from 538 to 1798 the church movement was halted in gross darkness, but God did not allow his church to die. He rose up reformers during this time as lights of truth to help God's church to go from darkness to light. ALL the light did not come at once but it came gradually over time as the time for Papal Rome to lose its power.

Gradually, over time as the reformers gave the light of truth that they knew, God's church was able to reclaim vital truths that were at one time lost. Such as righteousness by faith, baptism, Jesus as our only advocate, holy communion, and eventually the seventh-day Sabbath.

After Papal Rome lost its grip in 1798, Jesus set people free from spiritual darkness into light. God's Word was able to be shared world wide. America was a hub of religious freedom and a place where God's Word could flourish. In the mid 1800's God begin to open the eyes of His people that He is soon to come the second time as promised. 1833 to 1844 was known in Christian history as the Great Advent Movement. Reformers, such as William Miller a baptist American farmer, studied the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. He studied the time prophecy in Daniel 8:14 and its interpretation in Daniel 9:24 – 27. He thought, as well as many other Protestants, that the earth is the sanctuary and that it would be cleansed by fire. They concluded that Jesus would come October 22, 1844. This was preached all over the world. Many accepted it and also many rejected the message. It was sweet for those who accepted the message. But October 22, 1844 came and went, no second coming of Jesus. Oh what a bitter disappointment. This was known as the GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. A great majority of the movement left! They were ridiculed. But there were a group of faithful believers from Methodist to Baptist who did not lose the faith in the soon coming of Christ. They studied and restudied the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and God revealed to them their error. They got the date right, but the event was wrong, Jesus went to the Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary – a time of cleansing and judgment. Why did God allow the Great Disappointment? To weed out the fake with wrong motives. They were not truly ready for the second coming of Christ. God wanted to test and prepare a people to give God's last day message. The Seventh-day Adventist Church Movement was birthed from this.



Here we are today about 175 years later since 1844. Do you still believe that Jesus is coming again? Have you eaten the little book for yourself?

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**“Those who minister to others will be ministered unto by the Chief Shepherd. They themselves will drink of the living water, and will be satisfied. They will not be longing for exciting amusements, or for some change in their lives. The great topic of interest will be, how to save the souls that are ready to perish. Social intercourse will be profitable. The love of the Redeemer will draw hearts together in unity.” Ellen White, Desire of Ages, p. 641.1**