

# The Angel With the Small Book

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Revelation deals with Christ reclaiming all that was lost due to the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. His ultimate end will be to set up His eternal kingdom where heaven and earth will be one.

Though His plan began before the foundations of the world, Colossians 2:20 tells us that Jesus set in motion an important facet of this reclaiming work when He

**“made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”**

**And one day soon He will** subdue all things unto Himself,

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth” – Phil 2:10.

Revelation 6 commences with Jesus opening a seven sealed scroll which reveals how He will subdue all things. The first five seals begin with the Antichrist making his move to consolidate the whole earth under his rule. He (the Antichrist) begins by forging a false peace plan which would ultimately subdue the world’s leaders and overthrow God. This quickly turns into a war and is followed by famine, death and the persecution of the saints. In this year and one-half period, we discover that 25% of those on the earth will perish.

**This is followed with the sixth seal where God responds with the first outpouring of His wrath.**

**Chapter 7** begins with God sealing 144,000 Jewish witnesses. They go out into the world and bring a great multitude of people unto a saving faith during the great tribulation period.

**In chapter 8**, four cosmic events fall upon the earth: hail, fire (lightening), blood followed by two meteoritic like objects impacting the earth. These combined plagues destroy one third of the trees, one third part of a sea, and a third part of the rivers and fountains.

This is followed in Revelation 9 with men being tormented by swarms of demonic like creatures with the ability to strike with a pain similar to a scorpion's sting for five months. After which, one third of the people on the earth are killed by another demonic army over a 13 month and one-hour period.

**This is where we left off in last week's study. We are now at the midpoint of the tribulation period.**

At this juncture we are presented with a series of images surrounding the middle part of the tribulation. All of which is impossible to describe in just one message. It will take at least three, if not four messages to cover just this portion of time. So, you will have to tighten your seat belts for what we will be covering in the next few studies.

Before I go into any more detail, allow me to highlight what we will be seeing.

In Chapter 10: **We will see** an angel with a small book commissioning the apostle John to proclaim what he sees. Furthermore, the angel declares that there will be no more delay in the Lord's reclaiming of the earth.

Chapter 11: The measuring of the tribulation temple takes place, plus two unique witnesses are commissioned to proclaim the Lord for 1,260-days. Also, we are reminded that the outer court of the temple and the city of Jerusalem will be given to the Gentiles to trod underfoot for 42 months (Rev. 11:2; Matt. 24:15-16; 2 Thess. 2:3-4).

Chapter 12: Here we find the supernatural battle for sovereignty ending with Satan being cast out of heaven to earth. The covenant with Israel will be broken (Dan 9:27), and the nation of Israel flees into the wilderness for 1,260-days.

Chapter 13: The 10 regional kings over the earth will be viewed. There will be a revolt against the Antichrist where he is wounded with a deadly wound, but he is revived. The antichrist dethrones three kings and consolidates his power and supreme rule. During this time the false prophet arrives and institutes the mark of the beast.

Chapter 17: The demise of the false world's religion takes place. The worship of the beast is unchallenged.

## THE MIGHTY ANGEL

We are at an interlude which stretches from chapters 10:1 to 11:14 and includes features surrounding the mid part of the tribulation. More is also found in chapters 12 to 15. This pause allows John, and us to assimilate the startling truths that have been revealed to him.

As mentioned before this is the longest of the three interludes given in the book of Revelation. It covers a lot of material.

Believers alive during this period will endure unimaginable horrors and a demonic assault, from a sin-mad world. They will fear being swept away by the divine judgment that rages upon the earth. In this interlude God will comfort and reassure those that come to Him. He will not forget them. He is still in control of the events to come and is able to protect His own.

**Chapter 10** prepares us for the final trumpet blast which occurs in Revelation 11:14. It will bring forth the remainder of God's wrath (known as the seven bowl judgments). The mighty angel emphasizes the coming events.

**Revelation 10:5-7** - "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, <sup>6</sup> 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:*** <sup>7</sup> ***But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, (Rev. 11:15) the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.***"

**Several things we learn in this passage:**

### THE ANGEL'S APPEARANCE - REV. 10:1-2A

He came from heaven **clothed with a cloud**. The cloud typifies his power. As the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did when Israel was in the wilderness. **The rainbow** upon his head typifies God's covenant of mercy in the midst of the judgment to come. **His face was as the sun** typifying his power and holiness. **His feet** are pillars of fire representing his unbending

holiness that will stamp out injustice. He is holding open a **little book** in his hand. We assume it is the prophecy that John is to assimilate and share.

### **Who is he?**

First, he is an angel. Note the wording in Revelation 10:1 where it says, “I saw **another** mighty angel.” Clearly John understood him to be an angel, not the Lord Jesus Christ. There are other angels of similar glory found in Revelation 5:2; 18:21. Furthermore, in Revelation 10:6 he makes an oath to the Creator of the heavens and earth. Daniel describes a similar angel in Daniel 10:5-6.

### **THE ANGEL’S ACT - REV. 10:2B-3**

His right foot is upon the sea, his left foot is upon the earth. Therefore, this angel is huge and represents God’s sovereign rule over the sea and land. Notice that the fact of his feet standing on the Sea and Land is mentioned three times in this chapter (Rev. 10:2, 5 & 8) emphasizing the fact of God’s sovereignty over the earth.

### **THE REMARKABLE THUNDER AND ANSWER - REV. 10:4**

The angel has a loud voice like a lion’s roar. When he cries out there are seven pearls of thunder with a voice. The thunder is the harbinger of the judgment to come. John is told not to write what he heard in the thunder. This is to be sealed until they come to pass.

### **THE ANGEL’S ANNOUNCEMENT - REV. 10:5-7**

He swears by Him who created heaven and earth that the prophecies that went on before will now be fulfilled. There will be no more delay.

### **THE ANGEL’S ASSIGNMENT - REV. 10:8-11**

John is given the little book to consume and then told to prophecy to the nations what he hears. “Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”