

Chapter 10

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. 2 He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land,

1) Legs are not correct, see Young's Literal Translation *And I saw another strong messenger coming down out of the heaven, arrayed with a cloud, and a rainbow upon the head, and his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire,*

1) Arrayed/wrapped is the same word for clothed. Here the angel is clothed with a cloud, in 11:3 the two witnesses are clothed in sackcloth, and in 12:1 the woman is clothed with the sun. Also in 17:4 the Woman on the beast is clothed in purple, in 18:16, the great city was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls, in 19:8 the Bride was clothed in fine linen and finally, in 19:13 the one on the white horse was clothed in a robe dipped in blood. These examples show how clothing identifies the status and purpose of the wearer.

1) The cloud of softness (as opposed to a raging storm cloud) relates to prophecy. False prophets were a mist, see Jude 1:12-13 and 2 Peter 2:17, a cloud full of water would be full of the Spirit, see Isaiah 44:3, John 3:5.

1) The rainbow was a sign of the covenant as seen in Genesis 9:12-17. Here the covenant covers the head of the prophetic, mighty angel, in the place where a crown would sit.

1) Face like the sun is described in the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13. See also Daniel 12:3 *Then the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.*

1) The pillar of fire is like the glory of God at the tabernacle in Exodus 14:24. Feet deserves it's own study, see Strong's 4228 to work through the example verses. Jesus washed the disciples feet, if your feet causes you to stumble, blessed are the feet of those who bring good news are a few examples.

2) The little scroll is different than the scroll in chapter 4, see Strong's *biblaridion: Little book, small scroll*. In chapter 12 we will see how the printing press changed Christianity.

2) Land and sea - In Revelation 17:15, the sea is a multitude of people, nations, languages. We see the Holy Roman Empire fit this description which is the former eastern half of the Western Roman Empire. The land would be the western half. The following chapters will prove this out.

3 and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. 4 When the seven thunders had spoken, I was about to put it in writing. But I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." 5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven 6 and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, 7 but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

3) Here is the roar of the lion, and in Revelation 5:5 the lion of Judah opened the scroll. Prepare to see the fall of kingdoms just as that scroll had prophesied.

4) The seven thunders are a bit mysterious. Thunders are the rumblings that precede a strong storm. From biblehub topical "thunders" - *In the New Testament, thunder continues to symbolize God's voice and authority. In the Book of Revelation, thunder is often associated with the unfolding of divine mysteries and judgments.* Think back to the prophets in the Old Testament, speaking out against the sin of Israel and Judah. Those would be considered rumblings. The thunders see the angel is a prophetic angel, it's covered in a cloud, and the angel has feet as pillars of fire, like shown in the tabernacle. In verse 7 it shows that whatever they said - the "mystery of God, that were announced to his servants, the prophets" - would be fulfilled (Ephesians 1:9–10; 1 Corinthians 2:7). These thunders carry the prophecies of the Old Testament. We know that God will bring back his tribes to the land, and the imagery of the angel and the roaring of the lion prompts the thunders to speak their prophecy. The voice of God called out and ordered this to be sealed until the time of the 7th trumpet/the vial judgements, and also their words were not written down so we will have to look these prophecies up ourselves. There are dozens of prophecies in the Old Testament and spoken by Jesus that shows how God will bring his mystery to pass.

8 Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." 9 So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." 10 And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. 11 And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

11) The fullness of the age of the Gentiles was not complete, see Luke 21:24. Hosea 3 explains this as well in verse 4 *For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.*

10) Ezekiel 3:1-11 has the same words as above. It would be easy for him to prophecy to his own people, but their hard forehead and stubborn heart makes the word bitter.

See the blog post "Who are the players at the end of days" for a list of what we are going to see in this next prophecy.