

Revelation Chapter 10 Bible Study Notes

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:4

‘As stated in our last study on **Revelation 9**, ‘The 5th as well as the 6th trumpets show us that there is a numbering of satan’s followers ever since the period of the Roman Catholic Empire came to a **temporary end**. **Revelation 13:3** tells us that this power will be revived, ‘it’s mortal wound will be healed, and all the world will wonder after the beast.’ Evil will persist and increase in this world until God withdraws his protection and hands the willingly ignorant over to a reprobate mindset.

This is in contrast to **Revelation Chapters 7&10**, where God’s people are sealed and also numbered & empowered to stand under His divine protection.’

Both **Revelation chapters 9 & 10** cover the same period, however as mentioned above, **chapter 9** covers the numbering of the wicked from the blowing of the 6th trumpet until the close of probation for mankind, whereas **chapter 10** covers the numbering of the righteous from the blowing of the 6th trumpet until the close of probation.

As we noticed in our study of **Revelation chapter 9**, ever since the blowing of the 6th trumpet, the devil has been permitted to go out into all the world with more effort to gather the wicked on his side as the numbering of both the righteous and the wicked are taking place. We also noticed that sin during this period will increase and get worse and worse until the time of the close of probation, just before the 7th trumpet shall be blown by the 7th angel. We are seeing these events transpiring day after day in our lifetime, surely probation will close for mankind very soon, and the final events in prophecy will be rapid.

Says Jesus, speaking about the time of the end, “*And because iniquity (sin) shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*” **Matthew 24:12**

The Apostle Paul also reiterates this in **2nd Timothy 3:1**, saying: “*But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.*”

Says the Prophet Daniel, speaking of this time, “*And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.*” **Daniel 12:1**

It is during this period of the 6th trumpet that we see the devil working with earnest for he knows that he has but a short time, **Revelation 12:12**, and he will succeed in gathering a multitude to his side as Bible prophecy shows us, for the whole world shall wonder after the beast, all those whose names are not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, **Revelation 13:3, Revelation 17:8, Revelation 16:13-14**.

However, God also has a numbering and a sealing of His people as we saw in **Revelation 7** and shall further see throughout the study of this chapter, and it is those, along with all of the righteous from the past ages, whose names shall be written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. It is they who shall be victorious and shall gain eternal life through Christ Jesus.

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**.'*

John in vision, seeing the time period of the 6th trumpet sees a *mighty angel* coming down from heaven clothed in divine glory.

As the diligent Bible students as we are called to be, we will not notice that this description is the same description given of Jesus in other parts of the Bible.

*'Now after six days **Jesus** took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and **His clothes became as white as the light**.'* **Matthew 17:1-2**

*'His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace**, and His voice as the sound of many waters.'* **Revelation 1:14-15**

*'**Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day**, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.'* **Ezekiel 1:28**

Now one might say, am I saying that Jesus is an angel, no I am not, Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour and He is the Commander of the armies of the Lord.

*'Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And **He who sat on him was called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and makes war... He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and **His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, **followed Him on white horses**.'* **Revelation 19:11,13,14**

'And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

*So, He said, "No, but **as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come**."*

*And **Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped**, and said to Him, "**What does my Lord say to His servant?**"*

***Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy."** And Joshua did so.* **Joshua 5:13-15**

We must first understand what the word angel means in the original Hebrew & Greek. In the general sense of the word, it refers primarily to those heavenly beings which dwell in Heaven, yes, but in the secondary sense of the word an angel is a messenger.

In the original Greek, the word angel comes from the word **AGGELOS**, meaning **MESSENGER** which brings tidings. It can be a messenger of God or of the devil. The word **AGGELOS** is used **179 times** in the Bible to refer to the heavenly beings which dwell in Heaven, such as Gabriel for example, but it is also used **7 times** in the Bible referring to a messenger that is sent by God with a message for His people.

By implication, the word **AGGELOS** can refer to any messenger which is sent by God, for example, a prophet, a pastor and in the case of **Revelation 10:1**, this mighty angel is referring to **Jesus**, who is revealing these visions and prophecies to the Apostle John from the Father, **Revelation 1:4,5**.

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

Setting his right foot upon the sea and His left foot upon the land, showcases His mighty power and authority over the entire earth. It signifies the fact that this message which is about to be proclaimed is a message that will go across the entire world, it is a worldwide message which must be preached before the 2nd Coming of Jesus; it will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in all countries with power and authority.

*'And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world** as a witness to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**' **Matthew 24:14***

*'Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.**' **Revelation 14:6***

This message which first went out from the blowing of the 6th trumpet, at **the end of the 2,300 prophetic day/year prophecy**, **Daniel 8:14**, was first proclaimed from 1844 and it will be proclaimed until the close of probation, just before the 7th trumpet is blown. This period started **the time of the end** as we see in Daniel and also as we shall see in this chapter study; note I said the time of the end and not the end of time.

It is the 3 angel's messages as seen in **Revelation 14:6-12**. The final message for this time which God has given to His remnant Church in these last days to proclaim to a dying and sinful world.

It is the everlasting gospel of the kingdom of Heaven: the proclamation that the Lord is the Creator, that we are to worship Him and Him alone and keep all of His Commandments, it is the proclamation to all the world that Babylon has fallen, that is, the unification of **the dragon [satan], the beast [the papacy] & the false prophet [apostate Christianity in America]**, **Revelation 16:13-14**, it is the proclamation that if any man, woman or child, worship the beast and its image and receives its mark in their forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink the wine of the wrath of God, for to worship the beast is to worship the dragon which gave power unto the beast. **Revelation 14:6-12, Revelation 13:3-4.**

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."***

'The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them. After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.' E. G White SDA Bible Commentary V.7

John is given a continuation of the visions which Daniel had, relating to the last age of this earth's history. As Daniel was bidden to seal up the words of the prophecy, relating to the time of the end, so John who heard and understood what was revealed in vision, was told not to write what was revealed to him.

'But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase... Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?" And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Daniel 12:4,8,9

This unsealing of the book and the revealing of the message which John was told not to write down was to be proclaimed after the blowing of the 6th trumpet, commencing in 1844, as we will see later in the study. This was the proclamation of the 3 angel's messages as seen in **Revelation 14:6-12**.

v.5-6

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

Here the Apostle John is given the same message that was given to Daniel as we will shortly see. Here Jesus says to John that **time shall be no longer**, signifying that from the time that the 6th trumpet blew, time, in this instance, prophetic time shall cease. What this means is that once the 2,300 prophetic day/year prophecy came to an end [in 1844], when the 6th trumpet blew, there will be no more time prophecies left to come to pass. Yes, there are many other prophecies in the Bible, but I am referring here to prophecies which cover a span of time, time prophecies.

This 2,300 prophetic day/year prophecy commenced when the command was given and executed by the Medo-Persian Empire to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in the year **457 BC** after the Babylonian conquest and subsequent captivity of Israel, **Daniel 9:25, Ezra 1:1-3, 6:1-12,7:1-28**, until the time of the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary, **Daniel 8:14**, at the blowing of the 6th trumpet in **1844**, comprising a total of **2,300 prophetic days or literal years**.

Numbers 14:33-34 & Ezekiel 4:5-6, give two other examples of time prophecies mentioned in the Bible where we see that one prophetic day in prophecy represents one literal year.

*And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfilment of these wonders be?" Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished." **Daniel 12:6-7***

Notice the similarities between the message given to John and that given to Daniel. As we can see they were both receiving the same vision, and where Daniel's vision ends, it resumes and is revealed to John more than 500 years later.

The time, times and half a time, represent the prophetic 3 ½ prophetic years, which is the same as 42 months or 1,260 prophetic days, which is the same as 1,260 literal years. And from our previous studies, which I don't have time to go back to in detail, we will know that this time period here is the time of papal dominance over the European Kingdoms from the year AD 538 – AD 1798. This is the time when the Papacy (Roman Catholic Church) ruled the world for 1,260 years exactly as prophesied by Scripture. This is covered more in my study on **Revelation 13 pt. 1 & 2**.

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.

As we see here, when it is time for the seventh and final angel to blow his trumpet, just before he is about to blow, the mystery of God will be finished.

From reading about the blowing of the seventh trumpet in **Revelation 11:15-18**, we see that at that time, the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Jesus, we see that the wrath of Jesus has come, and He shall pour out destruction upon the unrepentant and the wicked and He shall reward the righteous saints, both the dead and the living. It is at this time that **1st Thessalonians 4:16-17** is fulfilled. This blowing of the seventh & final trumpet represents the 2nd Coming of Jesus. As we know from our prior studies, that seven in the Bible represents fulfilment and completion. It is at this time that Jesus shall return and repay both the wicked and the righteous for their deeds done on this earth.

*'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet of God** [7th trumpet]. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.'* **1st Thessalonians 4:16-17**

However, it is at this moment when the angel is **about to sound his trumpet**, before it is blown, shortly before Jesus comes, that the mystery of God will be finished.

What is the mystery of God?

And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables..." **Mark 4:11-12**

'And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.' **Matthew 24:14**

*'The **mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now **has been revealed to His saints**. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach**, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.'* **Colossians 1:26-28**

Brethren, the mystery is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the everlasting Gospel that must be preached unto all the world as a witness to all nations, tribes, tongues, and people before the Second Coming of Jesus. Thus, in the days when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet, signalling the glorious 2nd advent of Jesus, in a short space of time before his trumpet is blown, the gospel would have been preached unto all nations and would have done its work.

The righteous would have been sealed by Christ in their foreheads and the wicked would have received the mark of the beast in the foreheads or their right hand as a result of rejecting God and worshipping the beast and by implication the devil. There will therefore be no more work left for the gospel of Jesus to do in mankind because all mankind would have made their choice.

It is at this time that Jesus proclaims with a loud voice, *'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy*

still. And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
Revelation 22:11-12

It is then at this time, that the seven last plagues are poured out upon the wicked as seen in **Revelation 16**, as a reward for their rejection of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ. Then after this is accomplished, the 7th trumpet is blown and Jesus returns, **Revelation 6:14-17**.

v.8-10

*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.**”*

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.** 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.**”*

John takes the little book, which was once sealed, and now was open [unsealed] in the hand of Jesus, the *mighty angel*. He takes the book and eats it. He is told that by eating this book, it will be sweet like honey in his mouth but bitter in his stomach.

What do all of these symbols mean?

Firstly, in order to understand what is being said here we must go back to the Old Testament, where this same language is used.

*‘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. **Jeremiah 15:16***

*Moreover, He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; **eat this scroll**, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So, I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.*

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.

*Then He said to me: “Son of man, **go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.**’ **Ezekiel 3:1-4***

As we can see in the Old Testament accounts, eating the book/scroll represents taking the Word that God has given, digesting it, understanding it and going out into the land to preach that word which was given. The book represents the words or the message which God has given to His people to proclaim.

Therefore, in vision, John, who at this time represents God’s faithful remnant of believers, living in the time of the 6th trumpet as John was long dead since this time, is told to take the message which He is given, which was once sealed but now it is open and unsealed and proclaim it with power and authority to all the world. It is the proclamation of the 3 angel’s messages as mentioned earlier found in **Revelation 14:6-12**, which must be proclaimed to all the world.

But the message was to be sweet in the mouth but bitter in the stomach. What does this represent?

It was a sweet, fulfilling message that was to be preached, however, it left a bitter and sad feeling in the hearts of those who preached it. Why is this?

As mentioned before, this proclamation went to the world at the blowing of the 6th trumpet, commencing in 1844. It was at this time when those Christians of that day came to understand the prophecies of Daniel & Revelation more deeply [**Daniel 12:4**], which were now open to the minds of the faithful believers that they started to

understand that Jesus was truly coming soon. Many Christians from many different denominations came together to proclaim the everlasting gospel and the righteousness of Christ and His soon return. It was a sweet experience like honey as many were converted to Christ and the message was going out with power, however, those Christians of that day misunderstood the prophecy of the ‘**Sanctuary being cleansed**’ as we read of in **Daniel 8:14**, showcasing that there was to be a major event at the end of the 2,300-year prophecy. They misinterpreted this to mean that Jesus was about to return and that He would cleanse the earth at His Second Coming and thus they ended up setting a literal date for Jesus’ return to be October 22nd, 1844. Obviously, they were wrong for setting a date as we are told no man knoweth the day or the hour and as a result when Jesus did not return it became a truly bitter experience for all those in the Church. This came to be known as [the Great Disappointment](#).

However, it was at this time that many of those who did choose to remain faithful and not draw back after this experience, decided to get into more Bible study to understand what they had misinterpreted. It was at this time that they realised that yes they were wrong about the event, Jesus was not to return on October 22nd, 1844, when the 6th Trumpet blew, however, by diligent Bible studies they realised that that Sanctuary being cleansed was a reference to the Old Testament sanctuary in the days of Moses and by comparing Scripture with Scripture, line upon line, and precept upon precept, they saw and understood that Jesus was cleansing the Heavenly Sanctuary of all record of sin and that He had at that time, entered the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary to complete His work as High Priest, to prepare a people in these days of the 6th trumpet. It is only after this time, just before the blowing of the 7th trumpet that the message of the Gospel shall be completed and then and only then shall Jesus remove His Priestly robes and put on His Kingly robes, to return as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, at the blowing of the 7th trumpet.

v.11

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

Because of this bitter experience which occurred in 1844 at the blowing of the 6th trumpet, many in the Church were sifted out and only those true, faithful Christians remained. The proclamation of the soon return of Jesus was as sweet as honey in the mouths of those at that time, but when Jesus did not arrive when they had expected Him to, then it was a truly bitter experience in the stomach.

Here is a lesson to us all in the Church, we should not be setting dates, for no man knoweth the day or the hour of Jesus’ return, but we are to watch and pray and live our lives in obedience to Him as we see the Day of His coming fast approaching by the signs all around us.

It was after finding out their mistakes and where they misinterpreted the prophecies that after coming to a full understanding of the truth and the meaning of the cleansing of the Sanctuary that they were to prophesy and to preach again to all nations.

The message which was eaten and digested into the hearts of minds of the faithful remnant of believers was to go out with power and authority by the grace of God to many peoples, and nations and tongues and kings, fulfilling what we read earlier in **Matthew 24:14**. The gospel must first be preached to all the world as a witness unto all nations, the truth of the book which was sealed now is unsealed. It is an open message, that is, the proclamation of the 3 angel’s messages, must be proclaimed to this last day Church of Laodicea, as we studied in our notes on the 7 Churches. The message, which was given by the seven thunders, **Revelation 10:4**, must be proclaimed until the time when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, at that time, the mystery of the gospel shall be finished and the close of probation shall come upon all mankind.

Truly brethren the 7th trumpet is soon about to blow. Jesus is coming soon.
Therefore, choose ye this day, whom you will serve.