

The Extraordinary Preparation Needed to Finish God's Work!



Revelation
10–11



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Lesson One

Revelation 10–11

“Heaven Prepares for the End”

Many Bible students conclude that earth's final message is limited to the "Three Angels' Messages" of Revelation 14.



That is an important "evangelism" outline that deals with the gospel, God's law, judgment, His wrath, apostate Christianity and the antichrist.

Stunning! However, something is missing. Another profound missive, that begins in Daniel and finishes in Revelation, must be united with the voice of those angels!

Expositor White observed that challenging issue and noted:

“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 [Revelation 10] was the message in relation to time.” (19MR 320)



The obvious questions that must be asked:

- What part of Daniel is this referring to? Certainly not the whole book!
- Are there prophetic instructions on how to merge the two?
- Does John the Revelator have any insight in this area?
- What “time” does that “little book” refer to?



The search for these answers is part of this Revelation 10 and 11 study!

Unquestionably, there is a “sealed” and now an “unsealed” part of Daniel – a “little book!” The details are part of another wonderful PRI study on Daniel 8–12.

A vital part of this inquiry begins with John even before he talks about those Three Angels’ Messages! This is where our investigation begins.

John

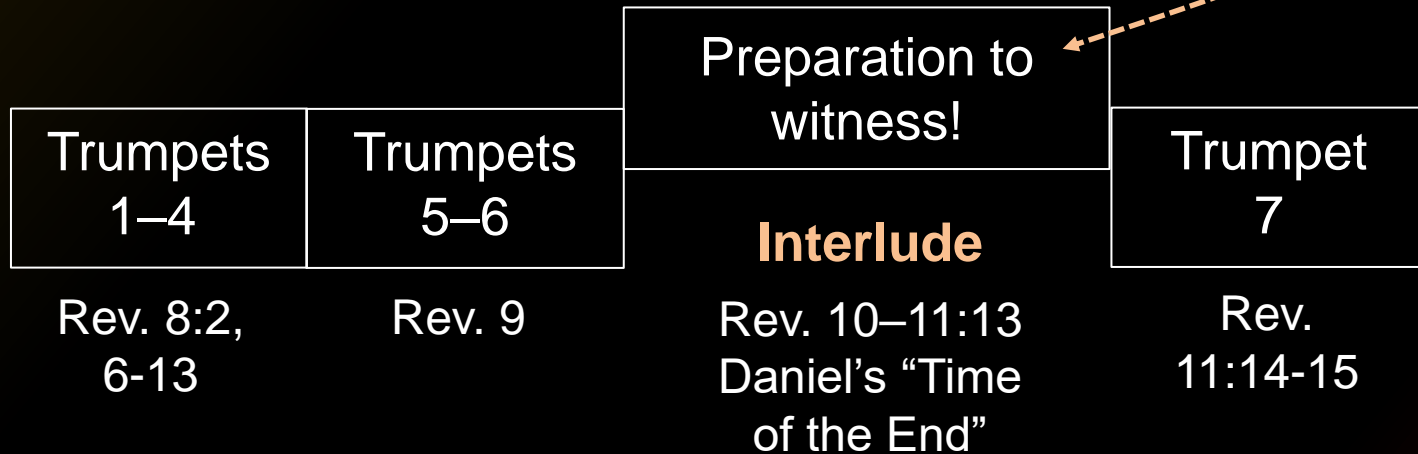
- Does refer to Daniel!
- He also reveals that Daniel is part of the final message!

The special “link” between
Daniel and Revelation’s
end-time deliberations begins
in Revelation 10.

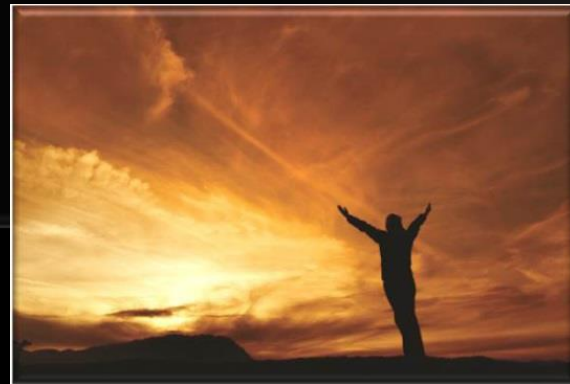


The Book of Revelation has several major pauses in its prophetic narratives called “interludes.” They are “breaks” within the prophecies and are always loaded with vital information!

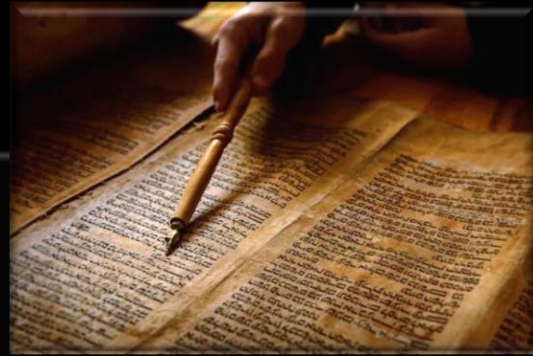
In the middle of the Seven Trumpet narrative comes one of those **interludes**:



Though this “interlude” comes between the 6th and 7th Trumpets – that is not “when” its information predominantly applies! The many such “breaks” or “interludes” represent “advanced studies” of things God wants us to know about the whole prophecy before it is completed!



This interlude tells us what part of Daniel to study, when it must be known, the time period the gospel goes to the world, a Holy Spirit promise and a warning of Satan's opposition. This is amazing Biblical material!



This is how it begins:

“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:” (Rev. 10:1)

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan.” (1MR 99)



Mighty Angel = Jesus
Comes down = to help God's
people prepare for giving the last
message in earth's closing
scenes. (19MR 319, 17MR 9)

White cloud = angels

Rainbow on Christ's head =
affirmation of His grace and
covenant

Face as the sun = His glory and
power

Feet as pillars of fire = protection
and guidance

Jesus and His angels have come down to work with God's people during earth's last scenes. Also, they begin to counter the influence of Satan and his people!

The latter is expressed especially in the “ministry” of the first five trumpets.



“The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.”

(1MR 99)

The prophecy continues:



“And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,” (Rev. 10:1)

The “little book” characterizes something small and contained. The word “open” suggests that it had been closed. John will eat it shortly, which will help him understand and then “prophecy” or witness. Let’s build on these clues.



There are two sealed “books” or scrolls in Bible prophecy:

1. The collective portion of Daniel 8–12, made up of the *ha hazon* visions (mainly of chapters 8, 11 and 12).
2. The seven-sealed scroll of Revelation 5 and 6.

The latter isn’t opened until after Christ comes, the former before. It is number “1.”

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end:”

(Dan. 12:4; cf. vs 9)

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days....

The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge [related to that unsealed book] a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.” (2SM 105)



“The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history.” (TM 115)

Since the seal could not be broken until the “time of the end,” what is recorded in Daniel could not be understood until recently! A collective understanding of Revelation 17, Matthew 24/Luke 21 and that portion of Daniel makes pristine clear that that “time” began ±1978 (another major study).

Christ set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth.



This represents His authority and dominion over the whole earth. It is not a “kingdom” representation as yet (as noted in Daniel 7:14 and Revelation 11:15). This does begin, however, a grand finale of heaven’s preparation for that moment in time!

Because the little book is open, the world is now placed under an obligation to understand and accept the guidance of that Danelic scroll!
So important!

The prophecy now moves deeper:

“And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.” (Rev. 10:3)

This “lion” imagery echoes the recent words of one of the 24 elders around the throne in response to John, who was crying because a different scroll couldn’t be opened: *“Weep not; behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed.”* (Rev. 5:5)

Jesus is referred to as the
“Lion of the Tribe of Judah.”
That Tribe was located to
the east of the Tabernacle,
a direction associated with deliverance!
God’s voice is related to the sound of a lion.
(e.g., Isa. 31:4, Amos 3:7-8).



The word “voice” means something judicial
is expected, somehow related to some
deliverance! Christ is about to speak. The
whole world is to hear! “Listen up, world!”

This picture should immediately call up our most solemn attention. Something sacred and urgent is about to be spoken!

Stunning! As soon as Jesus cried out (we will see what He said shortly), seven thunders actually spoke. What is going on?

“Thunders” means that some legal or judicial decisions have been made. Since there is an article before the word “thunders” in the Greek, it means that this is something already known!!!



Since there is now an open book, it relates to information there! This drama continues!

“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.” (Rev. 10:4)



The “seven” suggests that they came in sequence! “Voices” means there was a distinct message! John assumed it was to be recorded! (Rev. 1:11, 19)

But John was not to write that message onto a scroll, but seal it! God said: “*write them not*”!



What then does “seal up” mean? John is to keep that information in his heart and mind. It is to be private, not shared. Why?

Because that message had already been written in Daniel or will continue to unfold in his book. It is not to be understood until the “time of the end!” John will shortly reveal to us *how* it is to be understood!

Somewhere in Daniel, plus what is being revealed to John, seven “judicial” rulings, thunders or decrees must be identified. They would be expected to have a major impact on everyone on planet earth!

The clues for those “sequenced thunderous words” are mainly found in this “little open book” of Daniel¹ but God does something to help us:



1. Fowler, Franklin S., Jr.; *End -Time Secrets of Daniel 8 – 12* (2005); *Scripture's Most Important “Time” Prophecies, a Commentary on Daniel 12* (2010); *The Coming Battle Between Two Apostate Powers – Again* (2010) (Christian Heritage Foundation, Lucerne Valley, CA).

He gives to us what the first and last
thunders are in John's apocalyptic
book of Revelation!



After the vital messages to the seven *end-time* churches were completed and, we assume written down, John was taken to heaven's "throne room" in vision. His "host" was the "trumpet-like voice" of Jesus. He said something significant to John:

"I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." (Rev. 4:1)



These words introduce the rest of the book (4:2 to 22:5) as eschatological – for the time surrounding the Second Coming of Christ! (Beale, G. K.; *The Book of Revelation*, p. 317)

As part of that “throne room” experience, Jesus begins to break the seals of a seven-sealed scroll. This is how that story begins:

“And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder.” (Rev. 6:1)

That is the “first” of those thunders. What “judicial decisions” began at the time the first Seal was broken? Though another study specifically focusing on the “Seven Seals,” it is the “Judgment of the Living.”

The last “thunder” is heard when the seventh Vial or Plague is poured out on the earth, just before Jesus comes:



“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.” (Rev. 16:17-18)

It is not part of this study to review those key areas of Daniel. That is done in separate books and PowerPoint presentations by PRI. But here is an “outline” of the seven “legal” events within Daniel and part of Revelation which identify those important thunders:

1. Judgment of the Living (Rev. 4:1-2, 6:1, 11:1)
2. Sabbath removed, false Sabbath instituted (Dan. 12:11)
3. Enforcement of false Sabbath (Dan. 12:7)
4. Fifth Seal, then onset of first four Trumpets (Rev. 6:9-11; 8)
5. Michael stands up (Dan. 12:1)
6. Saints delivered (Dan. 12:1)
7. All things finished (Dan. 12:7, Rev. 16:17-18)



“These [the seven thunders] 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 [timing] 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.” (1MR 99 – 1900)
(Looking into the future when the Three Angels’ Messages would be given to the world)

“As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention.... With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures.” (PK 547)



Of these prophecies, Christ told Daniel to write: “*The wise shall understand.*” (Dan. 12:10) That is an important promise. Clearly, after they are unsealed, with God’s help, they should become truly an “open book.”

The same is true of Revelation.
Early in the book come these words:

“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.” (Rev. 1:3)



To follow and “keep” the words in John’s book means they would have to be understood! Our journey now is to identify the contemporary purpose of this prophecy.

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The End



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