

Revelation 10 Ginormous Confidence for a Gargantuan Calling
John, APOSTLE of Jesus Christ > Sent Picture BOOK to 7 CHURCHES

As it was carried thru Asia/Turkey 7 Churches gathered READ Letter from Jesus
All SMILED when HEARD PROMISE of Blessing thru this REVELATION
Perhaps INVITED Friends & Families – Seekers for TRUTH – OPEN Minded

Msg NOT All Seeker-Friendly: Some More FRIGHTENING than FEEL-GOOD
6 TRUMPETS Sound > Divine Pronouncements of GRIM JUDGMENT
Hail, Fire, Blood, Smoke STRIKE Mountains, Rivers, Seas, Skies, Stars
Woe and Misery to those on the EARTH – Some will LONG to Die, but Cannot
INTERMISSION – Pause BEFORE 7th/FINAL Trumpet will Sound – 11.15
Important MESSAGE from GOD to Church > PREPARE for Final BLAST!

Friends & Neighbors in LITTLE Churches > HIDING under the PEWS!
Don't want to THINK about GOD & His Judgments > or TALK about THEM
SCARED into SILENCE > NO WIND in Sails – NO Zeal for Good NEWS

2000 yrs LATER – Church of 21st C faces SIMILAR Challenges // 1st C
Sidelines of Global Conversation on Family & Sex ARCHAIC, HATEFUL
Belief that GOD is CREATOR is ANTIQUARIAN, UNSCIENTIFIC
Trying to bring HOPE of Jesus Christ to NEEDIEST Lands > Prison, DEATH
Warning WORLD about Judgment Day is PUNISHABLE HATE-CRIME
Want MAKE Friends & GET Ahead in World? Keep Mouth Shut about Jesus!!

When John, Early Church, Modern Church, You, and Me – Throw IN Towel!
RETIRE from the WORK of WITNESSING > Given a VISION of Ch 10...

1. Enormous Messenger

a. Mighty

v. 1 another mighty angel // ANOTHER: Like Trumpet Blowing Colleagues

I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice... Revelation 5.2

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Psalm 103.20

v. 2 he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land

BIBLE > What your FEET Stand upon BELONGS TO YOU

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you”
Joshua 1.3

5 AMORITE Kings ATTACKED People of God – CAPTURED by JOSHUA

Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out...Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings.” Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.”
Joshua 10.20-25

v. 3 called out with a loud voice...seven thunders sounded // 7 X’s God’s Voice

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. *The voice of the LORD* is powerful; *the voice of the LORD* is full of majesty. *The voice of the LORD* breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon...*The voice of the LORD* flashes forth flames of fire. *The voice of the LORD* shakes the wilderness...*The voice of the LORD* makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
Psalm 29.3-9

v. 5 raised his right hand to heaven > SOLEMN OATH to Living GOD

Abram: “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth”
Genesis 14.22

b. Majestic

NO Question – Person is AWESOME, but are they EVIL? Dark Side?

MAJESTY > POWER & AUTHORITY of MESSAGE Comes from GOD

v. 1 mighty angel coming down from heaven

I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!...I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll...?”
Revelation 4.1,5.2

v. 1 wrapped in a cloud > thru ALL Bible: GOD comes in CLOUDS

God LED Israel by Cloud – APPEARED to MOSES in the Cloud

Risen Jesus ASCENDED into CLOUD – Will RETURN Again in Clouds

“He makes the clouds his chariot...” Psalm 104.3

v. 1 with a rainbow over his head > TODAY in West SIGN of PERVERSION
SIGN from GOD > Promise of PROTECTION – No GLOBAL Flood Again

Even in WRATH God Remembers MERCY

And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. Like the appearance of the *bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain*, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.
Ezekiel 1.26-28

v. 1 and his face was like the sun

“his face was like the sun shining in full strength” Revelation 1.16

v. 1 and his legs like pillars of fire // PILLAR of FIRE that led ISRAEL at Night
 Faithful God of Old Covenant is God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 “his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace” Revelation 1.15

v. 3 loud voice, like a lion roaring

“behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah” Revelation 5.5

vs. 5,6 raised his right hand to heaven 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

RAISING the HAND and Swearing is SOLEMN PROMISE of Judgment

SONG of MOSES > WARNS Enemies of God of ISRAEL of their DOOM

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever, if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me.*” Deuteronomy 32.39-41

c. Mysterious

v. 1 another mighty angel – MORE than 60 references to ANGELS in Revel.
 Jesus NEVER Called MERE ANGEL – is this Angel (Messenger) or Messiah?
 If NOT Jesus - it is ANGEL who brings FULL AUTHORITY of Jesus Himself

“...We cannot know for sure. But we are duly warned that for some of the locked doors of Revelation, keys may be hard to find.” Michael Wilcock

v. 4 And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”

SEVEN Seals Opened > Unleash Judgments / 7 TRUMPETS > Warnings!

Still 7 BOWLS of Wrath to Come

Perhaps God wants to SPARE us More WOE, Bad News > Revelation: HOPE!

...the thunders are sealed...that is a warning against the kind of date-fixing that has characterized some of the schemes of prophecy...God has kept some things back from us. Let us not proceed as though all has been revealed. Leon Morris

CALLED to WALK by FAITH NOT by SIGHT > Trust God even in Darkness
Revealed ENOUGH to be CONFIDENT > Not to become ARROGANT

VERY SAD to Hear from Sunday School Teachers, What heard from OWN Sons
We KNOW THAT Story Already – Heard THAT Before – It's BORING to Me!

PROVES Kids have SINFUL Natures even tho they're CUTE and FUN!

Just HOPE NOT Parroting Mom's & Dad's BORED with GOD

As WE remain CHILDLIKE before God – Kids more HUMBLE before God too!

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us...”
Deuteronomy 29.29

GOOD Not to HEAR all Grim Warnings > Even more AFRAID to Preach

The last days, no less than the first, are in His hands. Martin Kiddle

vs. 6,7 there would be no more delay, 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.

vs. 6 there would be no more delay > ECHOES of Prophet DANIEL 6 C B.C.

...behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude....“I came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the *latter days*. For the vision is *for days yet to come.*”
Daniel 10.5-14

“...you, Daniel, *shut up the words and seal the book*, until the time of the end.
 “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?”...it would be for a time,
 times, and half a time “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and
 sealed until the time of the end.” Daniel 12.4-9

“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the
 prophets” Amos 3.7

when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son... Galatians 4.4

What was DISTANT from Daniel’s Perspective has been DELIVERED in X
 We GAIN ETERNAL Victory even when it comes thru PHYSICAL DEFEAT
 The persecution of the church is thus the secret weapon by which God intends to
 win his victory over the church’s persecutors. G.B. Caird

Now these things...were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of
 the ages has come. 1 Corinthians 10.11

Just like Jesus WINS thru SUFFERING & DEATH so will HIS CHURCH

...have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to
 come Hebrews 6.5

Wiersbe: Bible MYSTERY “SACRED Secret” – Revealed to God’s PEOPLE

Stott: “OPEN Secret” – Shrouded in OLD Covenant, SHOUTED in the NEW

...*mystery* not because it is something entirely unknown, but because it would
 have remained unknown if God had not revealed it William Hendriksen

Jesus: IT IS FINISHED! / Jude: FAITH ONCE FOR ALL Delivered to Saints
 CANON of Scripture COMPLETE – Warning of Revelation: Don’t ADD to it

DANGER > People calling themselves APOSTLES Today

Claims made by MUHAMMED & JOSEPH SMITH > ADD to God’s Book

Need APOSTOLIC Gifts? PIONEERS GO to UNREACHED People? SURELY!
 Those who make SACRIFICES of Going Dangerous, Unpopular Places LITTLE
 interest in TITLES and ACCOLADES of being Called APOSTLES!

People who DEMAND Title APOSTLE > PROFIT and POPULARITY

NO MORE DELAY > Great News for those LONGING for His Appearing
 Solid HOPE for those CITIZENSHIP in HEAVEN > Waiting for our SAVIOR
 WARNING to Sinners > PATIENCE of God has an EXPIRY DATE
 DOOR of Mercy will ONE DAY CLOSE – SHUT for ETERNITY!

2. Everlasting Mandate

a. Scroll > Mighty, Majestic, Mysterious ANGEL is Carrying LITTLE Scroll

v. 2 He had a little scroll open in his hand.

ANGEL who Resembles Christ > Furthers Great Commission of Risen Christ

...in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within
 and on the back, sealed with seven seals...he (*the Lamb*) went and took the
 scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne Revelation 5.1,7

Some Commentators SURE they know what is IN these Scrolls – Ch's, Vs's

Can SAFELY SAY – VERY WORD of God!

Differences and Similarities between these 2 Scrolls – Chapters 5 & 10

BOTH – Scroll that is OPENED – Ch 5 tells HOW & WHO

Ch 5 – PRAISE Results when Scroll is Opened > SCENE is HEAVEN

Ch 5 – GOD Holds Scroll / Ch 10 – ANGEL (described like Jesus) HOLDS it

Ch 5 JESUS TAKES Scroll from Father / Ch 10 JOHN TAKES it from Angel

BOTH Scrolls (5 & 10) – SYMBOLIZE God's Plan of Judgment & Redemption

Which has INNAGURATED thru the DEATH and RESURRECTION of Jesus

Span of Revelation > FIRST to FINAL Century / CROSS to NEW CREATION

The Creator's worldwide sovereignty has now been handed over to Jesus.
Therefore the book held by the cosmic angel has a message relevant for all living
on earth.
G.K. Beale

b. Sweet and Sour – God SERVING Up CHINESE Food

WORD of God: BREAD of Life, MILK of Word, MEAT for Mature, HONEY
Like EZEKIEL called to WARN IDOLATROUS Israel of their Coming DOOM
He ALSO takes and EATS Very Words of LIVING GOD

vs. 9,10 ...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." 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.

"...the rules of the LORD are true...sweeter also than honey and drippings of the
honeycomb"
Psalm 19.9,10

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"
Psalm 119.103

JOY of New Birth > TASTE and SEE the Lord is God > SWEET SAVIOR!
BITTER Pain when REJECTED & DESPISED by Loved Ones, Friends
Even VALIANT SOLDIERS like EZEKIEL & JOHN feel BITTERNESS
Work of the GOSPEL is BITTER even for MATURE SAINTS of God

I WANNA be LIKED, FRIENDLY, HAPPY > Live w/OUT Conflict, Trouble
Warning of Revelation – Warning of Jesus & Apostles – EXPECT Conflict

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore
whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
James 4.4

Here Thursday to Talk w/ Management about RENTING Space for Another Year
Nice Lady > My Manager does NOT WANT you Here!

Loud SINGING, Too much NOISE, Too many PEOPLE – Hurt our BUSINESS!

Spinning BUDDHIST Prayer Wheel – Fit in JUST FINE!! – PRAY we STAY!

No ROOM for Baby Jesus – Son of Man NOWHERE to Lay Head – Hung Cross

Jesus: “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
John 16.33

Words of ONLY Person – Totally LOVING, RIGHTEOUS, HOLY, GOOD

Mercilessly BEATEN, TORTURED, CRUCIFIED

SWEETNESS even in WOE, by SUFFERINGS we COMMUNE with JESUS

We ALSO see this SWEET WORD turn BITTER in the Heart of JEREMIAH

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?” Jeremiah 15.16-18

Preached on Revelation recently in USA “Are we going to suffer Tribulation?”

Worried > Don’t want to LOOSE their place in the BUFFET LINE!

Ask Brothers & Sisters – N. Nigeria, Chad, CAR, Iraq, Iran, Syria, N. Korea

How is the PROSPERITY Gospel working for them THERE?

First PERSON to Receive MESSAGE > Apostle John – serving now 50 yrs

OLD, PRISON – prison without Library, Sports, and Soft Mattresses

OVERWHELMING Vision / REVELATION of Jesus Christ – sees OLD Friend

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last” Revelation 1.17

Goes ON – Jesus message for 7 Churches – John LIFTED into Throne Room

Do NOT HEAR much ABOUT JOHN: Reflecting – “I looked...heard....saw”

MIDST of WORSHIP of REDEEMED, GLOBAL Church

Man STEPS OUT of DREAM and asks JOHN Strange Question...

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, *“Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”* I said to him, *“Sir, you know.”* And he said to me, *“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7.13,14*

LONG-TIME, Faithful Servant of God, BELOVED Apostle, Author of Scripture

Many Years of OBEDIENCE, Carried WOUNDS & SCARS – INSIDE & OUT

John cannot SIT on SIDELINES, DONE w/ Earthly Service when you're DEAD

Elder asks John in HEAVEN > What does this MEAN TO YOU??

vs. 8,9 *“Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land”...“Take and eat it...”*

If APOSTLE John has NO PLACE in Retirement Home – Neither do I or YOU

Call to Follow Jesus, Carry Cross, Preach Gospel > NO EXPIRY DATE

Bible knows NO LOUNGE CHAIR Christianity – Get off your butts and Serve!

The true preacher of God's word will faithfully proclaim the denunciations of the wicked it contains. But he does not do this with fierce glee. The more his heart is filled with the love of God the more certain it is that the telling forth of 'woes' will be a bitter experience. Leon Morris

c. Summons

v. 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.”*

Another Evidence that Message of Rev is not LINEAR > Chronological Plan

NOT Events FOLLOWING ONE ANOTHER from chapters 1-22

HERE Chapter 10 – Call of APOSTLE JOHN to Write Book // ISAIAH 6

LITTLE SCROLL – We Each have SMALL Part in Grand, Global DRAMA
 Work & Worship in SHADOW and STRENGTH of MIGHTY ANGEL
 SOVEREIGN God TOWERS of Heaven & Earth – Rules, Reigns, Returning

MESSENGER of God must TAKE the WORD of God > Not PASSIVE
 NOT Something SOMEONE ELSE does FOR YOU

Word NOT SHOVED into our MOUTHS We need to TAKE AND EAT!

“...take up the whole armor of God...put on the breastplate of
 righteousness...take up the shield of faith...take the helmet of salvation, and the
 sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...” Ephesians 6.13-19

Woe unto that preacher or teacher who merely echoes God’s Word and does not
 incarnate it, making a living part of his very being. Warren Wiersbe

v. 11 And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations
 and languages and kings.”

Translation “prophesy ABOUT” is NOT Wrong / “prophesy AGAINST” Better
 Emphasis TEXT > Immanent JUDGMENT on UNREPENTANT = TRUMPETS
 7th TRUMPET is About to be SOUNDED – NOT Dark Yet, but Getting There!

Well, I’ve been to London and I’ve been to gay Paree

I’ve followed the river and I got to the sea

I’ve been down on the bottom of a world full of lies

I ain’t looking for nothing in anyone’s eyes

Sometimes my burden seems more than I can bear

It’s not dark yet, but it’s getting there

“Not Dark Yet” by Bob Dylan

John must PREACH AGAIN > 6 Trumpets Sounded, STILL ONE More!

LAST HOUR – VERY LATE on God’s Clock of Redemption – NOT TOO Late!

NOT a PROVINCIAL Gospel, for Jews, Americans, Rich, White > ALL People

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”
Jeremiah 1.9,10

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The lion has roared — who isn't frightened? GOD has spoken — what prophet
can keep quiet?
Amos 3.8, *The Message*

Revelation 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. ²He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.” ⁵And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶and 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, ⁷but 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. ⁸Then 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.” ⁹So 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.” ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”