



A Quick Review:

Chapter 8 – First four trumpets

- First trumpet = hail and fire – third of the earth burned up
- Second trumpet = blazing mountain into the sea – 1/3 sea died
- Third trumpet = star (Wormwood) falls on rivers – 1/3 water bitter
- Fourth trumpet = sun, moon, and stars darkened

Chapter 9 – The last three trumpets

- The angel in charge of the Abyss (Abaddon) opens the abyss
- Fifth trumpet = locusts tormented people for five months
- Sixth trumpet = 200,000,000 men army kills 1/3 of mankind
- All remaining people refused to repent and turn to God
- *NOTE: The seventh trumpet is not blown until the end of chapter 11.*

I. The Angel and the Little Scroll (10:1-7)

Verse 1

Then I saw (horao)

another mighty (ischyros = physical strength) angel

Three angels are referred to as “mighty”. Rev. 5, 10, and 18

Angels are mentioned 66 times in Revelation!

Question: Who or what is this angel?

10 hints to help us interpret:

- 1) coming down from heaven (location) [I Thess. 6:16]
- 2) He was robed in a cloud, (dress) [Matt. 17:5; 24:30; Rev. 1:7]
- 3) with a rainbow above his head; (head dress) [Rev. 4:3]
- 4) his face was like the sun, (face) [Rev. 1:16 = “son of man”]
- 5) his legs (pous = feet) were like fiery pillars (feet)
[Rev. 1:15–like bronze; 2:18=“burnished bronze”–“Son of God”]

Verse 2

- 6) He was holding (authority)
a little scroll (biblardion = little book/booklet),
which lay open (anoigo) in his hand.

anoigo = unsealed, ready, unveiled

- 7) He planted (ownership)
his right foot on the sea
and his left foot on the land,

Verse 3

- 8) and he gave a loud shout (voice) [Rev. 1:10,15; 4:1]
like the roar of a lion.

[Rev. 5:5 – “the lion of Judah”]

When he shouted,
the voice of the seven thunders (bronti = pearls of
thunder) spoke,

Verse 4

And when the seven thunders spoke,

I was about to write:

but I heard a voice from heaven say,
“*Seal up what the seven
thunders have said
and DO NOT write it down.*”

There are some things in Revelation that are not revealed!
There will always be some mystery about the future.

Verse 5

Then the angel

I had seen standing on the sea
and on the land

- 9) Raised his right hand to heaven. (Authority)

In Daniel 12:7 – angel raises both hands

Verse 6

- 10) And he swore (omnyo = promise) (Sincerity)
 - i.) by him who lives forever and ever
 - ii.) who created the heavens
and all that is in them,
 - iii.) the earth and all that is in it,
 - iv.) the sea and all that is in it,

The
Trinity
Gen.1:1,2;
Col. 1:16

And said,

“There will be no more delay (chronos = time)!”

Verse 7

*But in the days (period of time)
when the seventh angel
is about to sound his trumpet, (before or after?)
the mystery of God (mystery = not revealed)
will be accomplished (teleo = perfected) ,
just as he announced to his servants
the prophets”*

Key verse in all of Revelation!

The revelation of Jesus Christ = There is a time coming when all will be finished!

The “Mysteries of God” mentioned in the Bible:

- *The ultimate conversion of the Jews – Rom. 11:25*
 - “I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in”
- *God’s purpose for the church – Eph. 3:3-11*
 - “In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,...
 - and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.”
- *The presence of Christ within the believer through the Spirit – Col. 1:27;2:2*
 - “To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
 - My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,”
- *The gospel was a mystery that was revealed in Christ! I Tim. 3:16*
 - “Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:
 - He appeared in the flesh,
 - was vindicated by the Spirit,
 - was seen by angels,
 - was preached among the nations,
 - was believed on in the world,
 - was taken up in glory.”
- *Our purpose on earth – I Cor. 4:1*
 - “This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.”

II. The Little Scroll Eaten (10:8 – 11)

Verse 8

Then the voice
that I had heard from heaven
spoke to me once more:

*“Go, take the scroll
that lies open in the hand of the angel
who is standing on the sea
and the land.”*

John now is involved in the revelation process!

Verse 9

So I went to the angel
and asked him to give me the little scroll.

He said to me,

*“Take it and eat it (katesthio = to devour) .
It will turn your stomach sour (pikraino) ,
but in your mouth
it will be sweet as honey.”*

The little scroll is for John himself.

*Like Ezekiel 3:1-3 – Ezekiel the prophet consumed the scroll
and then went out to proclaim the truth of God to the people.
Why does it taste sweet? Why does it turn his stomach sour?*

Verse 10

I took the little scroll
from the angel's hand
and ate it.

It tasted as sweet as honey
in my mouth,
But when I had eaten it,
my stomach turned sour.

By John's personal experience the revelation becomes real!

Verse 11

Then I was told,
“You must (emphatic) *prophesy again*
about (epi = concerning) *many peoples,*
nations, languages and kings.”

Ezek. 2:5-10,3 – The call to prophesy among Israel
John writes the Revelation of Jesus Christ in fulfillment of this
command. This visitation in heaven is not just for him, but for
and about the entire world! His little scroll is part of larger
plan of God for the world as he ate it he became aware of his
part of God's will for all of us.

Prayer Concerns: