

# The Unveiling of Jesus Christ



Announcing the End  
Revelation 10

Seven-headed Beast from the Luther Bible

Previously in Revelation

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- In **Chapter 1**, we saw **John** on the island of **Patmos**, where **Christ** appeared to him in a dramatic vision.
- In **Chapters 2 & 3**, Christ dictated **7 letters** to John, which were sent to **7 specific churches** in Asia.

## Previously in Revelation

- In Revelation 4 & 5, we saw John caught up into the very throne room of God.
- We saw both angels and men engaged in a powerful outpouring of worship.
- We saw a seven-sealed scroll given to the sacrificed Lamb, the Lion of Judah, Jesus Christ.

## Previously in Revelation

- In Revelation 6, Jesus opened most of the seals.
- In Revelation 7, we saw that despite the horrible judgments, God has a people reserved for Himself.
  - There was a group of 144,000, gathered from the 12 tribes of Israel.
  - There was also a multitude no one could number, gathered from all the nations of the earth.

## Previously in Revelation

- In Revelation 8, Christ opened the final seal which introduced the seven trumpets.
- Throughout Revelation 8 & 9, we walked through six of the seven judgments associated with the trumpets.

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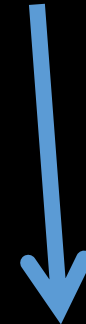
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Seventh Trumpet in Rev 11:15

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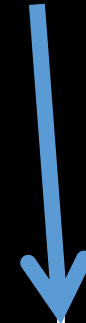
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### Seven Trumpets:

1, 2, 3 & 4 in Rev 8

5 & 6 in Rev 9

Seventh Trumpet in Rev 11:15



Seven Bowls in Rev 15 & 16

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- In **Revelation 10 – 14**, we enter a long interlude.
- We are now at the **midpoint** of the Tribulation.
- The forward motion of the **Seals, Trumpets and Bowls** pauses so we can better grasp what is going on.

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# I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2

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- 10:1 another mighty angel
- Due to some similarities with Christ in 1:12-16, some have concluded that this angel must be Christ.
- You may remember that Jesus sometimes appears as the “Angel of the Lord” of the Old Testament.

## I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2

- 10:1 another mighty angel
- A technicality in Greek allows for another conclusion.
- The word *another* (*allos*) normally refers to “another of the same kind.”
- This can imply that this is “another [angel] similar to those we have already seen”.
- This can be a more typical mighty angel.

## I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2



*I personally believe that the messenger described here is none other than Jesus Christ, the Angel of the Lord. He is clothed with a cloud. Jesus Himself said that He would return in clouds (Mark 13:26).*

*The rest of this description ...*

*– Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013),  
Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa*

## I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2



*... also sounds so much like the description of Jesus in Revelation 1. Also, He is holding a book, which is probably the scroll He took in chapter 5. Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that this mighty angel is Jesus Himself.*

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## I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2

- 10:1 another mighty angel
- Perhaps one of the more convincing bits of evidence that this is Jesus comes in the next chapter.
- It seems that this angel is the one who is speaking to John, continuing through the first few verses of Ch. 11.

# I. The Mighty Angel 10:1-2

- Revelation 11:3

And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.

- Only Jesus could say that, not another angel.

## II. The Seven Thunders 10:3-4



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- John was told not to write what the Seven Thunders said, so we simply don't know.
- While God has revealed much, there are still secrets, which He has not yet revealed to us.

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- Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

### III. The Angel's Announcement 10:5-7

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- The **Seventh Trumpet**, will sound in the next chapter.
- It includes the **Seven Bowls** of God's wrath, will bring us to the end of the age.
- We are currently at about the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

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- There are three and one-half years left before the Second Coming.
- During this time, the longing cries of the godly throughout history will finally be answered.

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- Job 21:7

Why do the wicked live,  
reach old age, and grow mighty in power?

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- Psalm 74:10-11

10 How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?

Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

11 Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?

Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them!

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- Psalm 94:3

O Lord, how long shall the wicked,  
how long shall the wicked exult?



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- Jeremiah 12:1-3

1 Righteous are you, O Lord,

when I complain to you;

yet I would plead my case before you.

Why does the way of the wicked prosper?

Why do all who are treacherous thrive? ...

### III. The Angel's Announcement 10:5-7

- Jeremiah 12:1-3

2 You plant them, and they take root;  
they grow and produce fruit;  
you are near in their mouth  
and far from their heart ...

### III. The Angel's Announcement 10:5-7

- Jeremiah 12:1-3

3 But you, O Lord, know me;

you see me, and test my heart toward you.

Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,  
and set them apart for the day of slaughter.

### III. The Angel's Announcement 10:5-7

- Revelation 6:9-10

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11

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- We find a similar scene in Ezekiel 3:1-4.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” ...

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- We find a similar scene in Ezekiel 3:1-4.

... Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. 4 And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11

- David, speaking of the Scriptures, tells us in Psalm 19:10,

More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.



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- See also **Psalm 119:103**, where an anonymous psalmist says,

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

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11

- And Jeremiah 15:16,  
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.

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11

- The **Word of God** is our spiritual food. We must take it in, digest it and let it become a part of us.
- It's like **milk** when we're young in the Lord.
- It's like **meat** as we mature.
- And it is like **manna** that we need to gather for ourselves each day.

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11



*The words of the book of Revelation—even with the realization of God’s wrath and judgment finally falling on our rebellious planet—are sweet to us because we understand that the God we know, love, and trust is working out His perfect plan ...*

*— Greg Laurie,  
Pastor, Evangelist, Author*

## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11



*The idea of God's righteous judgment is a bitter pill for many to swallow. Until these world-shaking events take place, however, we have the opportunity to declare a message of His forgiveness, grace, and salvation in Christ. It's a sweet message. It tastes like life.*

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## IV. The Little Book 10:8-11

- The eating of the book prepared John for his continuing ministry as a prophet.
- He was blessed by the **sweetness** of God fulfilling His promises.
- He also felt **bitterness**.
- This was likely because he grasped the severity of what was about to come.

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### 1. The Person of Christ

- Not all agree, but we may have just seen Jesus appearing as a mighty angel.
- He announced God's intentions to bring about the conclusion of his final plan.

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### 2. The Persistence of Sin

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- Here in **Chapter 10**, we see this only indirectly.
- The fact that more judgments are soon to take effect indicates that many, even most, have not repented.

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### 3. The Plan of God

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### 3. The Plan of God

- Revelation 10:5-7

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, ... 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.

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- Be content with not knowing everything.
- John was not allowed to record what the seven thunders said.
- There are many things we do not know and many things we do not understand.
- Sometimes we just have to be OK with that.

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- Learn to love God's Word.
- Not everyone enjoys the Bible.
- Yet the more we eat it, the more it will be sweet to our senses – just like it was to John.
- That was also the experience of Ezekiel, Jeremiah, David, and of the psalmist who wrote Psalm 119.

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- Cultivate a sense of urgency about God's work.
- In the chapter we just read, the angel announces that there will be "no more delay."
- God's prophetic plan is moving forward before our eyes even now.

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- Cultivate a sense of urgency about God's work.
- James gives us all a reminder of the shortness of life, when he says,
- James 4:14

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

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- Cultivate a sense of urgency about God's work.
- David, in **Psalms 39:5** declares the same idea.

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

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- Cultivate a sense of urgency about God's work.
- Whether Jesus comes during our lifetime or whether he delays, one thing is sure.
- We only have so much time on this earth and then we will be gone.
- Let's make each day count for eternity.
- Let's live each day as if it was the day Jesus comes.