

"The Little Scroll"

Part 2

Revelation 10:1-11

Introduction: Last week in our study of Revelation we looked at a very practical lesson from the mighty angel which John sees here in Revelation 10. Today we are going to look at the prophet message contained in this chapter. This chapter is an interlude between the 6th and the 7th Trumpet Judgments. We had seen another interlude between the 6th and the 7th Seal Judgments.

Chapter 10 of Revelation is one of great importance for it is in the chapter that we are permitted to see that God is in control of what is going to happen in the 2nd half of the Tribulation.

I. **Chronology**

The first thing I want to show you today is where these Trumpet Judgments fit in the timeline of the events during the Tribulation.

Revelation 8:1, 2

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

² And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

The silence which is spoken of here in Revelation 8:1 is a silence which occurs at the midpoint of the Tribulation in heaven. The Seal Judgments all occur in the first 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and the Trumpet Judgments begin at the MIDPOINT of the Tribulation and they will last until very close to the END of the Tribulation. Let me show you the 7th Trumpet Judgment.

Revelation 11:15-18

¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come: because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Now, this raises a question and the question is, **“Where do the Vial/Bowl Judgments [which we have no yet looked at] fit into this chronology?”**

They come at the very end of the 7-year TRIBULATION period. They will be the Grand Finale of the Judgements. Let me show you what Jesus said concerning the Tribulation.

Matthew 24:15-22

¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

¹⁷ Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

¹⁸ Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

I show you this to help you to see that the 2nd half of the Tribulation is called the GREAT TRIBULATION because the JUDGMENTS are far more severe. Back to Revelation, the Trumpet Judgments are far more severe than the Seal Judgments and the Bowl Judgments are even more severe than the Trumpets and the Seals. So, the Trumpet Judgements begin in the 2nd half which is 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years into the Tribulation.

So, in our present study we have looked at 6 of the Trumpet Judgments therefore we can understand that life on the earth is EXTREMELY difficult. For those who are alive during that time it will appear as though God has completely turned His back upon the world but that is not the case as we shall now see in Revelation 10. This chapter will help us to see that God is in complete control of all that is taking place.

II. The Feet of the Angel

Notice Revelation 10:1-2

Last week in our study we looked at the appearance and the attire of the angel. The rainbow speaks of the faithfulness of God, his face like the sun speaks of where he comes from which was from heaven so he radiates the glory of God, his feet were as pillars of fire and this speaks of the UNCOMPROMISING judgment of God.

Now, the placement of his feet is very important. He places his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the land. The land and the sea here represent 2 different people groups and it also is a reference to the JUDGMENT being worldwide.

1. **The Sea** - The sea in the Bible represents the Gentile Nations.

Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The Anti-Christ will rise out of the SEA which means he will rise out of the Gentile Nations.

Revelation 17:1, 15

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

¹⁵ *And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

Here is a reference to the APOSTATE CHURCH which will be worldwide.

2. **The Land** - The Land here represents the Nation of Israel for they are the stewards of the PROMISED LAND.

Genesis 13:14-15

¹⁴ *And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:*

¹⁵ *For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.*

Notice Revelation 10:2 again.

The fact that he places his feet upon both the sea and the land shows his authority over both.

Deuteronomy 11:24

²⁴ *Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.*

The setting of the feet shows possessions and authority. Therefore, this angel is given AUTHORITY over the Gentiles and over Israel.

Now there is more here.

His RIGHT foot is on the sea and his LEFT is on the land. The LEFT foot is the less favorable of the 2 so this tells us the JUDGMENT upon the Nation of Israel will be extremely severe. The reason is because they have the GREATER REVELATION. They were given the Scriptures, they had the prophets and from them came Jesus Christ. They are therefore more responsible for the Truth which they were given.

Romans 2:8-9

⁸ *But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,*

⁹ *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;*

Luke 12:47-48

⁴⁷ *And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

⁴⁸ *But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

So, Israel will experience severe judgment from God at this time and it will also be severe upon the Gentiles. This time on earth will be terrible!

III. The Sounds Associated with the Angel

Notice Revelation 10:3-4

There are 2 sounds here which we need to consider.

1. **The Roar**
2. **The Voices of the Seven Thunders**

Whatever the 7 thunders had to say John completely understood but he was not permitted to reveal their message. We have no idea what it was therefore we will not speculate about their message.

The ROAR however is significant. This ROAR takes us back to the words of Jeremiah which give us insight about what is happening at this very time. In Jeremiah 25 Jeremiah prophesies concerning the Babylonian captivity but he extends the prophesy to the Great Tribulation.

Jeremiah 25:30-38

³⁰ *Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.*

³¹ *A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.*

³² *Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.*

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried: they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

Joel also speaks of the ROAR and with it he gives to us more insight.

Joel 3:12-16

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Jeremiah and Joel both make references to the Battle of Armageddon and the reason is because when the ROAR is heard the battle is very close. The people are being gathered for the Battle of Armageddon. Let me take you back to the Words of Jesus.

Matthew 24:29-31, 37-41

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

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Luke 17:26, 34-37

²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

³⁴ I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

³⁵ Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

³⁶ Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

³⁷ And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Conclusion:

Why do we need to know this? It keeps us from falling for heresy. In 1993 76 people died under the leadership of David Koresh who placed his own twist upon the prophecy found in the book of Revelation.