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# Eat the Scroll

## Revelation 10



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. <sup>2</sup> He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup> and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup> 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, that there would be no more delay, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> So 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.” <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”



**Trumpets 1 thru 6**

# **Interlude**

**Ch 10 & 11**

**Trumpet 7**



# Revelation 10:1



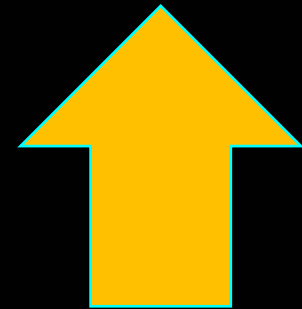
- Then I saw another mighty angel

**The previous  
mighty angel is  
from chapter 5**

# Revelation 5:2



- **And I saw a mighty angel**  
**proclaiming with a loud voice,**  
**“Who is worthy to open the scroll**  
**and break its seals?”**



**This is no  
ordinary  
angel.**





# Revelation 10:1

- 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.

**This description assures us that this Angel came from God.**

**another mighty angel. Like God on his throne, he is surrounded by a rainbow (cf. 4:3). Like the Son of Man, he comes with a cloud, and his face shines like the sun (cf. 1:7, 16). His legs like pillars of fire reflect the glory of God's presence in the wilderness.**

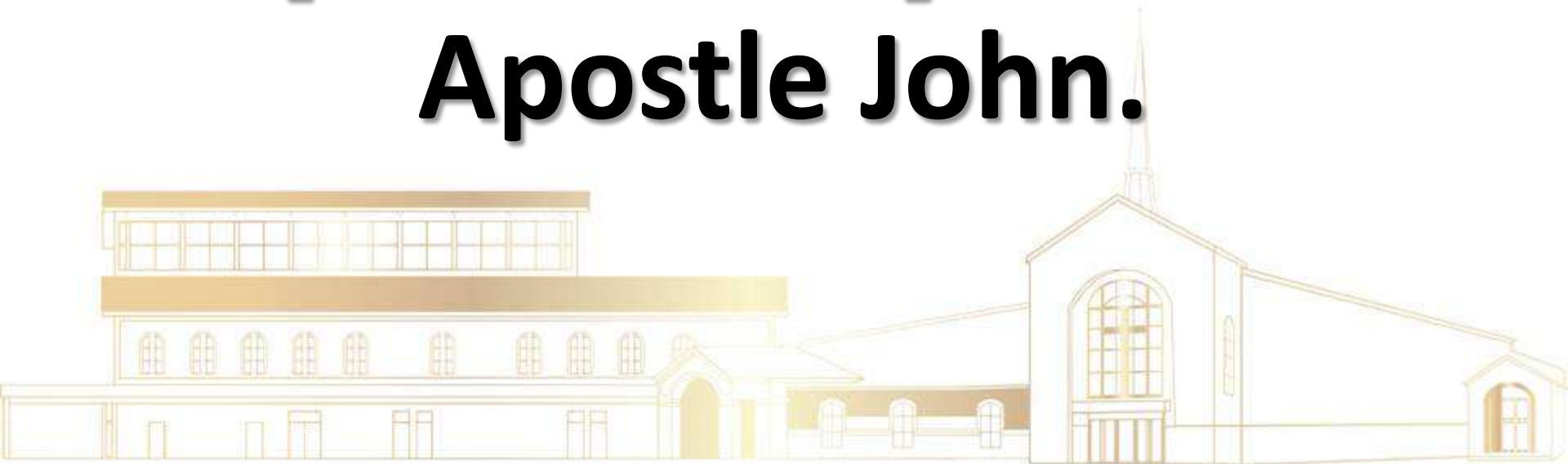
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**This is a vision of Christ  
sending His angel  
[NOT Christ] to the  
Apostle John.**



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# Proof

Revelation  
1:1-4 & 22:16



# Revelation 1:1



- The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

# Revelation 22:16



- “I, Jesus, have sent my  
angel to testify to you about  
these things for the churches. I  
am the root and the descendant of  
David, the bright morning star.”

**Look @ v. 2**

**This is the same scroll the angel had in his hand in chapter 5 with 7 seals.**

**There is nothing to indicate this is the book of Daniel.**



# Revelation 10:2



- He had a little scroll open in his hand.

The scroll is open because the 7<sup>th</sup> seal has been broken.

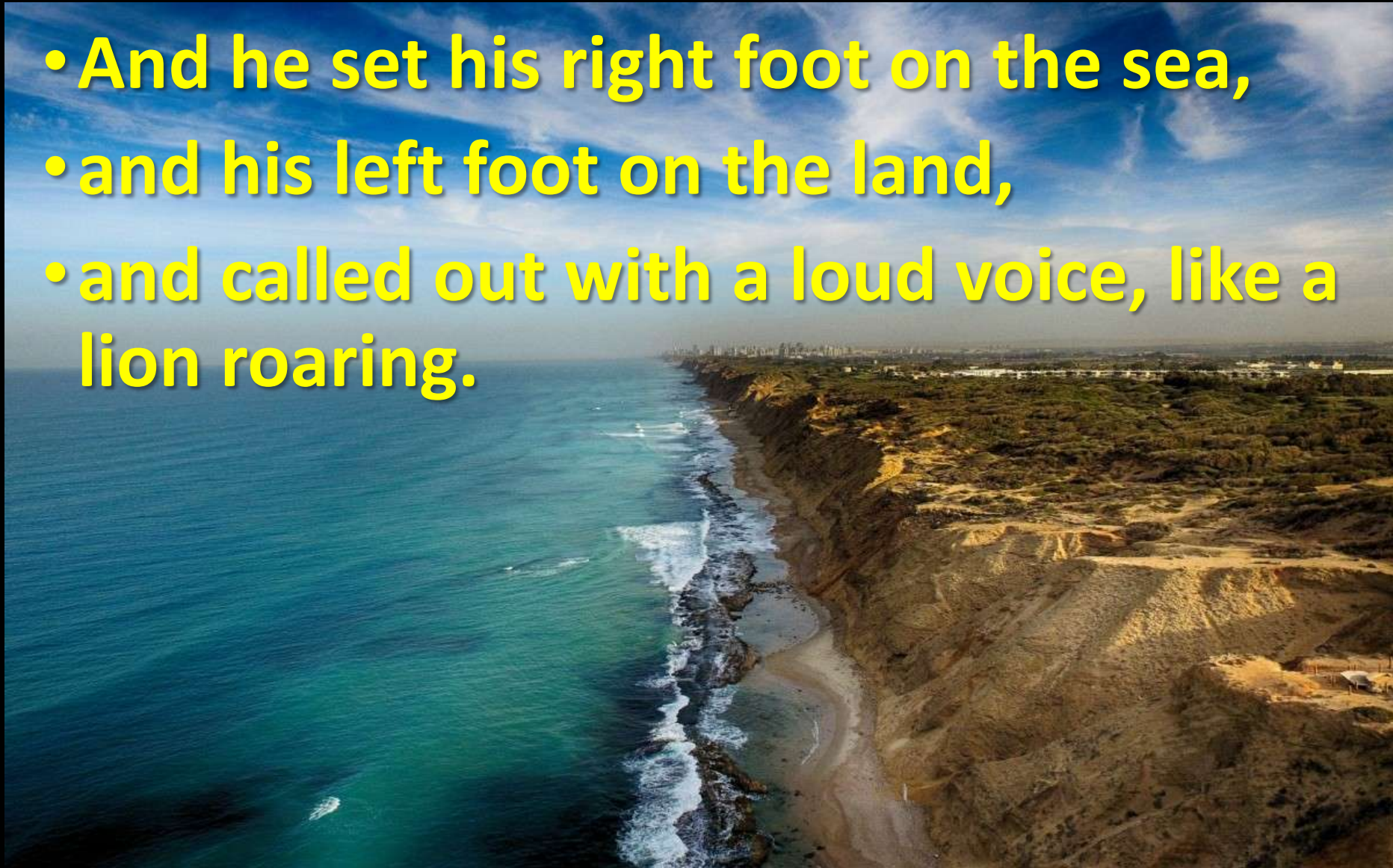
The scroll is little because the angel is huge.



# Revelation 10:2-3a



- And he set his right foot on the sea,
- and his left foot on the land,
- and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring.



**The vision of an angel having one foot on the land and another foot on the sea roaring like a lion clearly establishes authority to communicate truth concerning judgment and the future.**





# Revelation 10:3b



- **When he called out, the seven thunders sounded.**

**Seven thunders represent more judgment.**

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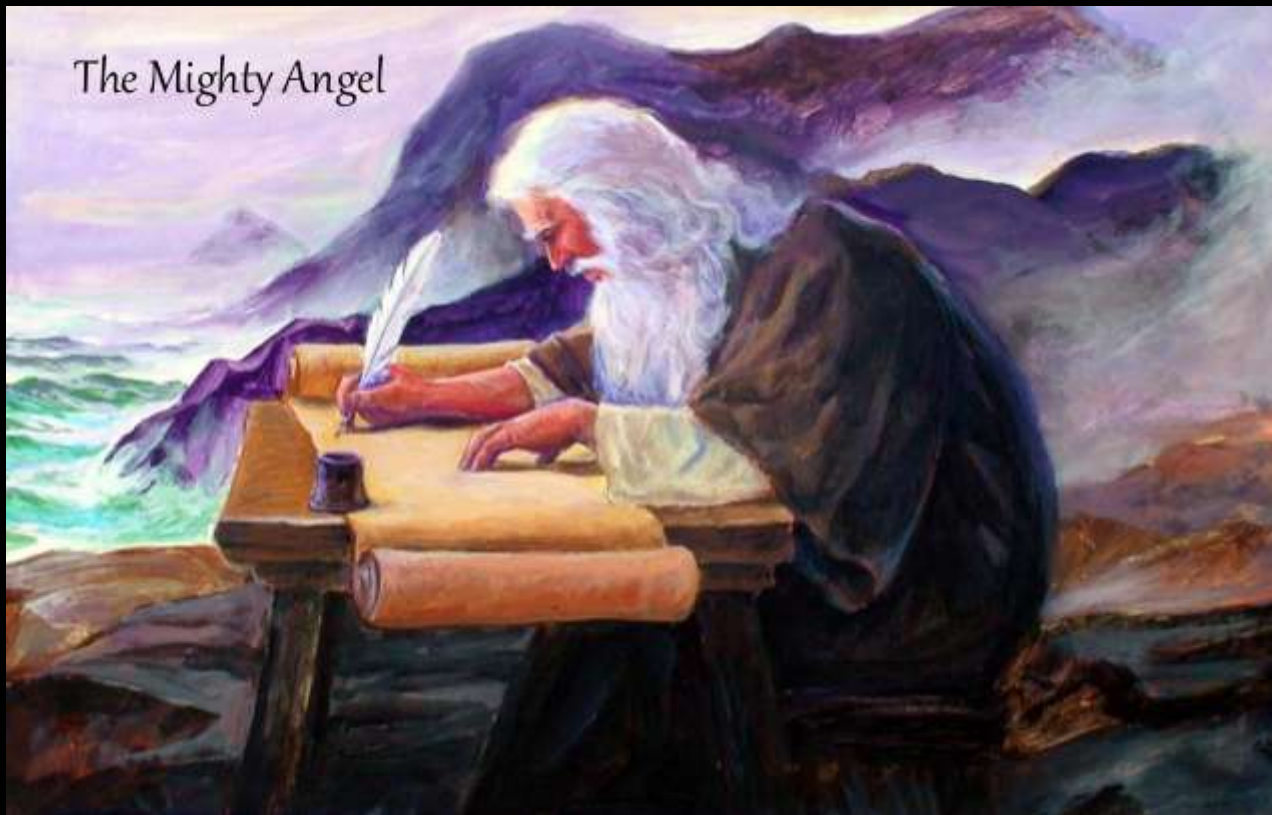
# SEVENS IN REVELATION

<b>1:4</b>	<b>7 churches and 7 spirits</b>
<b>1:16</b>	<b>7 stars</b>
<b>1:20</b>	<b>7 golden lampstands</b>
<b>3:1</b>	<b>7 spirits of God</b>
<b>4:5</b>	<b>7 torches of fire</b>
<b>5:1</b>	<b>7 seals</b>
<b>5:6</b>	<b>7 horns and 7 eyes</b>
<b>8:2</b>	<b>7 angels and 7 trumpets</b>
<b>10:1</b>	<b>7 thunders</b>
<b>12:3</b>	<b>7 heads and 7 diadems</b>
<b>15:1</b>	<b>7 angels with 7 plagues</b>
<b>15:7</b>	<b>7 golden bowls</b>
<b>17:9</b>	<b>7 mountains</b>

# Revelation 10:4



- And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write,



# Revelation 10:4



- 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.”

# Revelation 10:5-6a



- And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and **SWORE** by him who lives forever and ever,

**Raising the hand toward heaven  
and swearing symbolically  
authenticates the veracity of the  
messenger and message.**

**Notice the angel swears by he  
who created...**



# Revelation 10:6



- who created
  - heaven and what is in it,
  - the earth and what is in it,
  - and the sea and what is in it,

**Not set in motion an  
evolutionary process.**

**This is the second reference to God creating.**

**The first was in Rev 4:11:**

**“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”**

**God as the Creator is what establishes his Sovereign power to direct all things to a predetermined end as He sees fit.**





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# Look @ the

## Last part of vs. 6

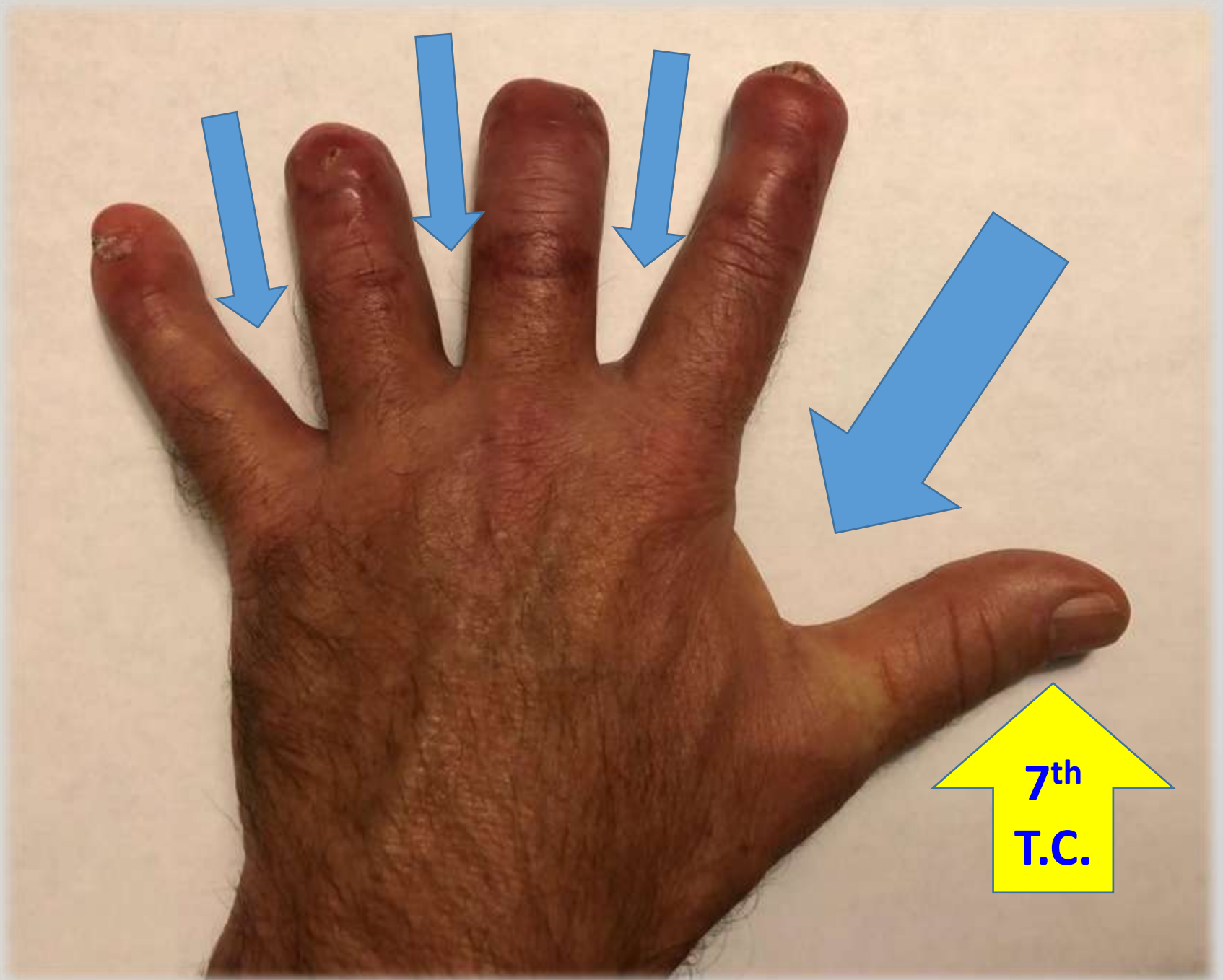


# Revelation 10:6



**The mighty angel with the  
scroll swears by God**

- that there would be  
no more delay,**



# Revelation 10:7



- but that in the days of  
**the trumpet call** to  
be sounded by the  
seventh angel,

**This promise of “no more delay”  
further emphasizes the reality  
that the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the END.**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the same  
trumpet call described by Jesus and  
the Apostle Paul.**



# Matthew 24:31

- 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.



# 1 Corinthians 15:52

- In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound,** and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



# 1 Thessalonians 4:16

- For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, **and with the trump of God:** and the dead in Christ shall rise first:





# Revelation 10:7



- 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.

**The Apostle Paul plainly  
explains this mystery of  
God in**

**Ephesians 1:9-10**



# Ephesians 1:9–10

- making known to us **the mystery of his will**, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> **as a plan** for the fullness of time, **to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**



**The mystery of God is Christ. (Col 2:2).**

**The mystery is that God has a Son. (Matt 3)**

**The mystery is that God's Son would be Lamb of God.**

**The mystery is that God's Son would be the Messiah.**

**The mystery is that it has always been God's plan for the Son to be exalted. (Phil 2:9)**

**The mystery is that it has always been God's plan to unite Jews and Gentiles in Christ. (Eph 3:6)**

**The mystery is that it has always been God's plan to unite heaven and earth under the Lordship of Christ. (Eph 1.10)**



# Revelation 11:15



- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

**Look at v. 8**

**John must “take the scroll” because there is much more to reveal concerning what will take place before the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet.**

**I built a chart to show you all that is left to be told.**

**All of this is figuratively on the scroll.**



# All that is Left to be Told

<b>11</b>	<b>Two Witness; 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Cosmic Struggle at the Birth of Christ</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>First and Second Beast</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>3 Angelic Messages; the Harvest of the Earth</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>7 Angels w/ 7 Plagues (Bowls)</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>7 Bowls</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>The Great Whore and the Beast</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>The Fall of Babylon</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>The Return of Christ</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Satan's Defeat; Great White Throne Judgment</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>A New Heaven and New Earth; New Jerusalem</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>River of Life; A Final Promise from Christ</b>

# Revelation 10:8



- 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.”



**Eat it!**



# Revelation 10:9



- So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it;

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**John is not the first to  
eat a scroll.**

**Turn back to Ezekiel 3.**



**<sup>1</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. <sup>4</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.**



# Revelation 10:10



- And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it.

**The Word of God  
must be  
internalized.**



**We must feed on the Word of God.  
We must take it in.**

**The Word of God must nourish our  
souls and guide our thinking.**

**The internalized Word of God must  
inform our decision making and direct  
our paths.**



# John 6:53

So Jesus said to them,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

**Literal or Figurative?**





# Psalm 119:11

- Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.



**Do you believe  
what Peter  
believed about  
the Word of God?**



# John 6:66–69

- After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”



**Do you believe Revelation 1:1 and 11:15?**

**Do you believe that the one true and living God of the Universe sent a mighty angel to the Apostle John to reveal how God is going to unite the kingdom of the world with the kingdom of heaven and give that United Kingdom to His one and only Son to reign forever without end?**

**People who believe this truth eat the Word of God up because they want to be in that United Kingdom under the Lordship of Christ.**



# Revelation 10:10

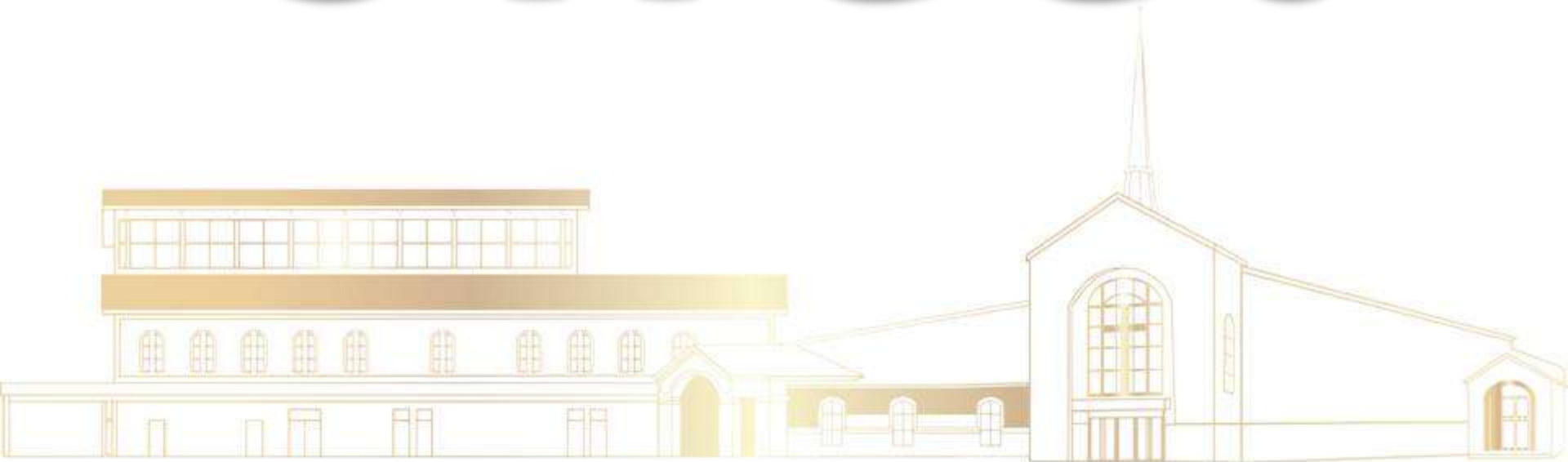


- **It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.**

**Sweet and bitter describe both aspects of what John will prophecy about.**

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# Sweet



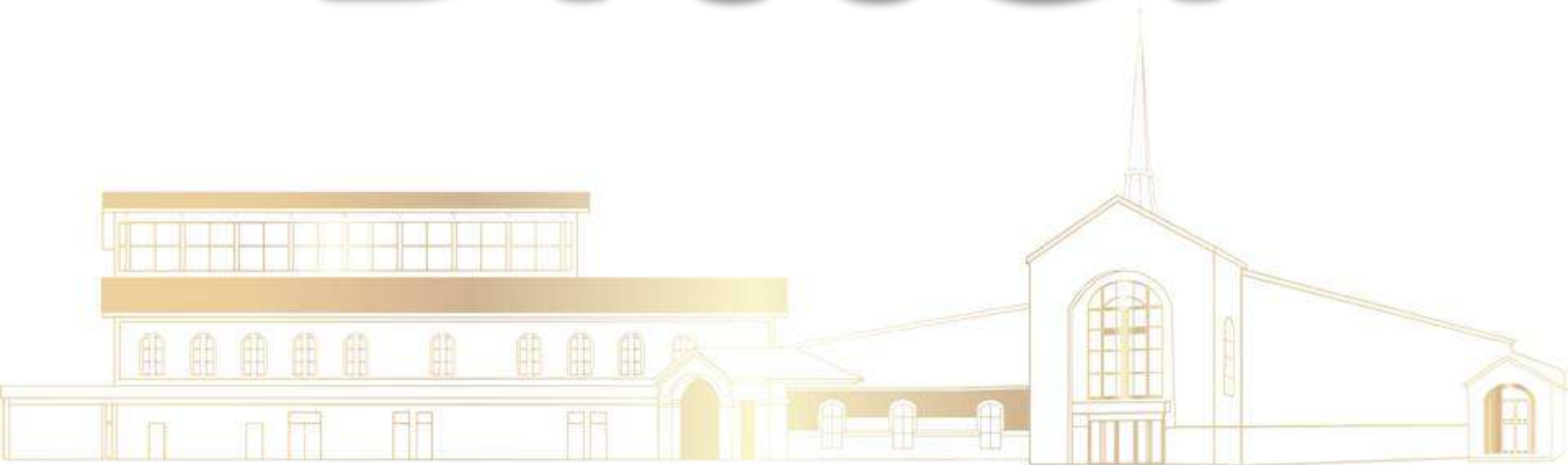
# Revelation 21:4



- He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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# Bitter





# Revelation 17:6



- And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.
- When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

**Verse 11 reveals why John must eat the scroll—the story is not over—the Revelation of Jesus Christ is not complete.**

**Like Ezekiel he must prophesy.**

**There is more to be written.**





# Revelation 10:11

- **And I was told,**

**“You must again prophesy  
about many peoples and  
nations and languages and  
kings.”**

**John is not done; more must be written.**

**In case you are struggling with John prophesying again being a reference to finishing the book and the contents of the scroll being the continued revelation of how God unites the kingdom of heaven with kingdom of the earth.**

**I have two charts to show you.**



1.	11.2	for it is given over to the <b>nations</b> ,
2.	11.9	<b>nations</b> will gaze at their dead bodies
3.	11.18	The <b>nations</b> raged,
4.	12.5	one who is to rule all the <b>nations</b>
5.	14.18	she who made all <b>nations</b> drink the wine
6.	15.3	O King of the <b>nations</b> !
7.	15.4	All <b>nations</b> will come and worship you,
8.	16.19	and the cities of the <b>nations</b>
9.	17.15	are peoples and multitudes and <b>nations</b> and languages.
10.	18.3	For all <b>nations</b> have drunk the wine
11.	18.23	all <b>nations</b> were deceived by your sorcery.
12.	19.15	a sharp sword with which to strike down the <b>nations</b>
13.	20.3	he might not deceive the <b>nations</b> any longer,
14.	20.8	and will come out to deceive the <b>nations</b>
15.	21.24	By its light will the <b>nations</b> walk,
16.	21.26	They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the <b>nations</b> .
17.	22.2	The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the <b>nations</b> .

1.	16.12	The <b>kings</b> from the east
2.	16.14	The <b>kings</b> of the whole world
3.	17.2	the <b>kings</b> of the earth
4.	17.10	They are also seven <b>kings</b>
5.	17.12a	Ten <b>kings</b>
6.	17.12b	<b>Kings</b> for one hour
7.	17.18	the <b>kings</b> of the earth
8.	18.3	the <b>kings</b> of the earth
9.	18.19	<b>kings</b> of the earth
10.	19.18	to eat the flesh of <b>kings</b>
11.	19.19	<b>kings</b> of the earth
12.	21.24	<b>kings</b> of the earth

**Why are we getting this message now, in chapter 10, in the middle of the book?**

**The rest of the book gets even more difficult to comprehend and imagine—so we get a reminder that John got all this from God through a mighty angel.**

