

Revelation Chapter Ten

- Chapter 10 represents an “interlude” between the sounding of trumpet #6 and trumpet #7.
 - John observes angelic activity as he had during the interlude in Chapter 7.
 - The effects of the 6th trumpet (the 2nd woe) do not come to a close until Rev 11:14.
- This chapter features a strong angel coming down out of heaven, magnificent in appearance [10:1].
- The angel is holding a little book that is open [10:2].
- The angel takes a stance and then cries out with a loud voice [10:2-3].
- The angel’s shout is met with a response from the seven peals of thunder [10:3].
- John was going to write down what he heard, but was instructed not to record the content of the seven peals of thunder [10:4].
 - This “sealing” is like that in Dan 8:26; 12:4, 9.
 - This message was not intended for us.
- The angel then lifts up his right hand and swears by the eternal God and creator of all things [10:5-7].
 - The angel proclaims that the 7th trumpet will sound without further delay [10:6].
 - The angel then explains that when the 7th trumpet sounds the fulfillment of what has been spoken to the prophets will take place [10:7].
 - This is different from the mystery of the Church which was not preached to the prophets [Col 1:26].
- John is then instructed to take the book from the angel and eat it [10:8-10].
 - The eating of the book is similar to an event where Ezekiel is asked to eat a scroll, but Ezekiel was instructed to speak the words to Israel [Ezek 3:1-4].
 - The message of the book was both sweet and bitter which indicates it could contain portions of the remainder of the book of Revelation – sweet for believers and bitter for unbelievers.
- John is then told that he must prophecy again concerning Jew and Gentiles alike, likely pointing to the remainder of the book of Revelation which reveals more of the events of the Tribulation as well as the 2nd Advent of Jesus Christ [10:11].