

TIME'S UP!  
(Revelation 10:1-11)

I. A Strong ANGEL

A. Is this CHRIST?

1. Coming down from HEAVEN
2. Clothed with a CLOUD (Acts 1:7, 11; Rev. 1:7)
3. Hooded with THE BOW (Gen. 9:13; Ezek 1:8; Rev. 4:3)
4. Face like the SUN (Rev. 1:15, 16)
5. Standing on LAND and SEA (Rev. 5)
6. Voice like a ROARING LION (Rev. 5:5)
7. Voice like THUNDER (Rev. 4:5; Ps. 29)

B. Is this an ANGEL?

1. Called "an ANGEL" FIVE times (Rev. 10:1, 5, 8, 9, 10)
2. Called ANOTHER STRONG ANGEL
3. Lifted his HAND toward HEAVEN to swear by the CREATOR (Heb. 6:13)
4. Voice from HEAVEN instructed JOHN

C. Probably AN ANGEL

1. Too EARLY for CHRIST to take possession of earth
2. Angels often have GREAT AUTHORITY
3. Angels often appear in GREAT GLORY (Luke 2:9; Acts 12:7; Rev. 18:1)

II. The Seven THUNDERS (Rev. 10:3-4)

A. A RESPONSE to the angel's ROAR

1. A REBELLIOUS reaction from the kings of EARTH?
  2. A REVELATION of further JUDGMENTS to come?
- B. A sealed MESSAGE
1. IGNORING the ranting of the WICKED?
  2. CONCEALING a portion of the PROGRAM?
- III. The Little BOOK (Rev. 10:2a; 8-11)
- A. Identifying it
1. Specifically called a “BOOKLET”, not the “BOOK” of 5:1ff
  2. No mention of BROKEN SEALS
  3. If this is not CHRIST, it could not be HIS book
  4. John could not LOOK AT the sealed book
- B. Considering it
1. John had to TAKE it from the ANGEL
  2. John had to EAT it (cf. Ezek. 2:8-34)
    - a. Found it SWEET in his MOUTH
    - b. Found it BITTER in his BELLY
- IV. The Message of this Chapter
- A. God is still in CONTROL of ALL THINGS (10:2b)
- B. Part of the program of JUDGMENTS is UNRECORDED (10:4)
- C. The time of the Gentiles is about to EXPIRE (10:6b)
- D. The SEVENTH trumpet is about to sound (10:7)
- E. The MINISTRY of the WORD is bitter-sweet (10:9-10)
1. SWEET in its promise of REDEMPTION
  2. BITTER in its proclamation of JUDGMENT