

**REV 9: 12-21**

*“12One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. 13And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. 16And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. 17And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. 18By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 19For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. 20And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”*



Satan took a third of God’s angels when he fell from Heaven. God bound them in the Euphrates River. They have been waiting for their “time”, and now it is here. The anger and hatred that have been bound up in them is going to be unleashed. It is not that God wants to punish anyone. He has given the people chance after chance to repent – which means a change of heart, mind and will, yet they still would not do it. Now God’s judgment is evident. Remember, the purpose of judgment is to bring repentance, but as we will see they would not repent.

**The worst is yet to come.** One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

**Voice:** The voice commanding the 6th angel is probably God ordering an angel. This is the 6th of the 7 angels who stand before God’s throne.

**Four horns** The golden altar is the altar before the throne of God referred to in **Revelation 8:3**. The coals from the altar were combined with incense which represented the prayers of the saints.



**Four angels bound** These four angels are part of the host of angels who rebelled against God following the fall of Satan. These are four commanding angels, who will command a demonic force of demons or men possessed by demons numbering 200,000,000. These fallen angels are no friend of man. They want to take as many men to Hell as possible.

Here, they are given the opportunity to do their work, by killing 1/3 of humanity. Angels work on command structure much like the angelic realms.

**Euphrates** When these angels first rebelled against God at the creation, they were held for the day of judgment. They are finally to be released to take command of demonic force of fallen creatures.

The **Euphrates river** has always been a very strategic area both militarily and spiritually. Along the “First” Euphrates river, was the **Garden of Eden**. After the flood, man as one tribe settled near the river and began construction of the **tower of Babel**, only to be scattered throughout the earth. On the Euphrates river was the greatest city of the ancient world, the **city of Babylon**. The capital city of the Neo-Babylonian kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. The Euphrates river was the eastern end of the Roman Empire.



On the Euphrates, in the city of Baghdad, was where the Caliphates (Successors) of Islam located the center of their power. And on the Euphrates, the city of Babylon will one day be rebuilt. (**Revelation 18**).

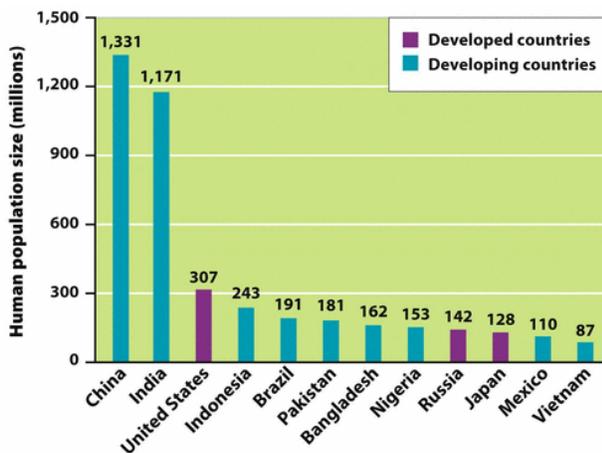
**Third of mankind** During the 4 seals ¼ of the Earth’s population is killed. Many more die before we reach the 6th trumpet. However, the 6th Trumpet judgment alone, kills 1/3 of the earth’s remaining population. If the earth’s

population is 7 billion at the start of the 7 years tribulation, then one quarter or 1.7 billion die in the opening of the first four seals. Here in the 6th trumpet, another 1.7 billion die from the 200 million forces.

These 200 million demonic warriors, must in some way urge humanity toward war, causing a continuation of hostilities in the first half of the tribulation to continue, leading to 1/3 of humanity in death. Daniel indicates the hostility towards the Antichrist will arise from the North and East.

**Daniel 11:44-45** *“**44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore, he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.**”*

**Rev 9:16-17** *“**and the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: (200,000,000) and I heard the number of them. 17 and thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.**”*



**Army...horsemen** After the sixth trumpet blast, four angels are loosed that are bound in the Euphrates River. This prophecy gives the number of the horsemen (cavalry men) that will now be allowed to pass to the east of the Euphrates to kill one third of men. The number John said he heard was two hundred million. There never was a time when such an army was possible before this generation.

Today such an army could come from the East; there are now more than three billion people east of the Euphrates River. China alone has more than two hundred million military fit men and recently there are reports they are preparing for war.

Abortion and infanticide of female children in China in this generation will create a disposable surplus of over one hundred million adult men who will have no chance for marriage and a normal family life. To a lesser extent for much the same reason there will also be surpluses of men in other countries of the Far East. It is as if these men were born for a special time to fulfill this prophecy.

That is exactly what the wording of this passage implies. There will be enough adult men to make up this army from just the surplus males of military age that will exist in China and other Far-East nations by 2025 2030 AD.

Some commentators think that this is an army of demons. In all cases, demons seek to possess bodies so a reasonable compromise is that two hundred million demons will come out of the pit and possess and control this two hundred million-man army. This army will cross the Euphrates and come into the Middle East and the West. This army will kill one third of all men that survived the previous disasters on the earth. By the time the prior judgments and this second woe is completed over half of the world's population will be dead.

Some commentators are hung up on the word **horsemen** thinking that all the men would have to be riding horses. Since these believe it is not possible to assemble two hundred million horses, they dredge up demons that look like men on horses. More likely, the wording simply means the leaders are mounted on horses or the men travel on something mobile (i.e. military vehicles).

**Plagues** The 1/3 of man is killed by the fire, smoke, and brimstone. Indicating the potential of another nuclear war, taking place in the earth. Literally the words used in **Daniel 11:44**, "**Great Fury**" lwdg *Gadowl hmx Chemah* meaning with "Great heat" many will be exterminated.

**REV. 9:18-19:** *"**18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.**"*

The description in this passage is probably only supernatural in the sense that angels were loosed for a specific time to allow this to happen and that demons are now free to deceive and inhabit those who dwell on the earth. The entire wording of this judgment makes it a strong possibility of a great all out world war between the West and the East.

The fire that comes out of the mouths of the horsemen could very well be every modern weapon of warfare like tanks, and artillery. The tails like serpents that had heads that did harm sound exactly like modern rockets and bombs with warheads. This will be an all-out world war using nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare and billions will die.

**REV. 9:20-21:** *"**20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.**"*

Even after mankind uses all the weapons of warfare they made with their own hands against one another, they still will not repent of the works of their hands.

**Five specific sins are given that men refused to give up and repent:**

1. **Idolatry** The ones who did not die up to this time will be forced to submit, the system the Antichrist will set up to control the world economies.
2. **Murder**...and violence were the same sins where God judged the Earth in Noah's day
3. **Sorceries**... (farmakeiva *Pharmakeia*) The word for pharmacy is derived from this word. Drugs will play a role in spiritual seduction of mankind.
4. **Sexual immorality**... (*porneiva Porneia*) The pace of sexual sins is increasing, and lines being crossed that were unthinkable 10 years ago. Print, Television, Satellite, and the Internet have removed any barriers to limits. Homosexual marriage is fast approaching the nations of the world. Transgenderism, pedophilia and more have become widely accepted, which is opposing everything God says.
5. **Thefts** with the current state of our country and the world, there is rioting and theft more than we have ever seen. After all of the death that takes place in this chapter, with all the dead, there will be a great quantity to steal than ever before.

Instead of trusting in God to save them, they trust and worship the creation instead of the Creator. Most of the East will still pray to statues that represent Buddha or countless other demon gods. Instead of obeying God's servants on earth, they will follow doctrines given by demons. Instead of coming to God to be changed and to be given a new heart they will continue in their insane practices. Instead of worshipping the God of heaven, they will now worship the image of the Beast possessed by Satan.

Because the world did not want to believe the truth, they will now be given a lie and they will accept Satan's counterfeit savior and his counterfeit kingdom (2 Th 2:11). This deception happens because these still love to murder, use drugs, commit adultery and steal. *They love evil* and that is why they will not receive the truth and be saved. How sad that the God that made man is despised. To go through all they do and not see the light, when they are given chance after chance. Let us give the light out while we can to a dark and dying world.

## REVELATION CHAPTER 10

*Rev 10:1-11 "1And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, 3And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. 5And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 8And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 11And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."*

## COMPARISON OF ANGEL IN CHAPTER TEN WITH JESUS

MIGHTY ANGEL IN REVELATION 10	DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST
RAINBOW ON HIS HEAD	Throne of God has a rainbow around it Ezekiel 1:28, Rev 4:3
FACE LIKE THE SUN	Jesus' glorified face was like the Sun...Matt 17:2, Rev 1:16
FEET LIKE PILLARS OF FIRE	Glory of Lord from the waist down.... Ezekiel 1:27-28
LOUD VOICE LIKE A LION'S ROAR	Jesus is called Lion of Judah....Rev 5:5

A similar description of an angelic being is given in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Daniel and many feel this is also Christ before the incarnation.

Jesus appeared as the "Angel of the Lord" in the Old Testament [Genesis 16:7, 22:11](#), [Numbers 22:22](#). *This is not Jesus as some claim - this becomes quite clear in verse six.*

Those who argue this is just "Another mighty angel" make the following points. "Another" means this angel is not unique... (*Allos*)...See [Rev 5:2, 7:2, 8:3](#) in fact the word (*Ischuros* meaning strong) is used to picture the angel in [Rev 5:2](#). The angel in [Rev. 5:2](#) is not Jesus.

Believers also, will shine like the "Sun" in the kingdom of their Father... [Matthew 13:43](#). [Revelation 18:1](#) has a strong angel with "Great power.... glory" and is clearly not Jesus. This angel swears by "Him" who created the "Heavens and all that is" ....

**Jesus Christ is the one who created the "Heavens and all that is" ...** ([John 1:3](#), [Heb 1:10](#), [Col 1:15-17](#))

**He had a little book** (*Bibliaridion*) unlike the scroll in **Rev. 5:2** which is called (Gr. *Biblion*...scroll) this book is a smaller form of the same word. This is not the same scroll that the lamb opened from the throne but a small scroll.

*The little book has more information about end time prophetic events.* The angel puts one foot on the sea and the other on the land. This could mean the angel is proclaiming control over all the gentile nations (the sea) as well as the land of Israel. *The angel apparently is claiming authority over the whole earth in the name of Jesus.*



**He set his foot...** The size of this angelic being must be immense. We see all 3 aspects of the Earth being claimed by this angel, clothed with the clouds, one foot in the sea, and the other on the Earth. The angel is claiming possession for his King. A similar picture is in **II Kings 18:19**, where Rabshakeh, the Chief of Staff for the King of Assyria announces Jerusalem's conquest for the King of Assyria, Sennacherib.

**Cried with a loud voice...** What the angel cried is not known. Only what happened after he cried. The Lion cries in nature to assert authority over his territory and in the same way, the angel is telling all creation the time is near.

**Seven thunders uttered...** In response to the "Mighty" angel's cry, the "Seven thunders" uttered their voices. Who are the seven thunders? And what did they say? The number seven demonstrates completeness such as 7 seals, 7 spirits, and 7 trumpets. Thunder has been used to describe the voice of God throughout the scriptures in connection with Judgment. (**Job 37:5, 40:9; Psalm 77:18,104:7**).

James and John were called "Sons of thunder" in rebuke because they wanted the Lord to judge the Samaritans with fire (**Luke 9:54**) after they refused to allow Him to enter their city. The voices of the "Seven thunders" could be the voice of God or the Seven angels who were about to pour out the bowl judgments after the Seventh trumpet is sounded.

**was about to write...** John is functioning as reporter. He is writing down what he sees and hears.

**I heard a voice...** John is specifically told to not write what he heard down. The reason why John was not allowed to reveal the message is pure speculation; four possible reasons could be:

1. The utterances were too specific.
2. They would be misunderstood
3. The time was not right
4. What they said was only for John to hear

**Seal up the things....** Daniel, 600 years earlier, was in a similar situation in the prophecy revealed in Daniel chapters 10 through 12. Daniel did not understand what he was writing about, so he asked the angel, what all this means? He was told, in **Dan 12:9** *“Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”*

Since the thunders are not told and are sealed it is not for the Church to know at this time. The seven thunders are proclamations of some sort that tell the world the truth about the deception they were under but there is no use speculating about what we cannot know. Those who claim to know the messages of the thunders are *simply guessing*. Scripture teaches that some events are sealed until the time they are ready to be revealed *if God chooses to reveal them*.

**Deut. 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.”*

**Daniel 12:7** *“Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.”*

The angel in **Daniel 12:7** was swearing that after 3.5-year period, *“Time, times and half a time”* when the power of the Jewish people has been completely shattered all things will be finished. In other words, there will be no more delay. This is exactly what the “Mighty angel” here is also referring to at the “Midpoint” of the tribulation period.

**There should be time no longer** (crovno Chronos ...delay) “No more time”, The time will be finished. This reflects the message in **Daniel 12:7**, “All things shall be finished”, also the 70th week of Daniel would be complete....

The 7th trumpet in **Revelation 11:15** starts the 2nd half of the tribulation- the last 3.5 years. Some think because it says in the King James that there should be time no longer that it means that time will now cease.



What the Greek actually implies is that there will be no more delay. The final wrath of God will now be poured out against all the enemies of God and it is now time for the Kingdom of God to come to earth.

**In the days of the seventh angel...** The seventh angel is the angel who holds the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet's sounding takes place in **Rev 11:15** following the resurrection of the two witnesses killed and laying dead in the streets of Jerusalem. "***In the days of***" is the sounding of the final trumpet, the last 3.5 years, the final woe. The sounding of this trumpet will bring a conclusion of God's plan of redemption revealed in the scriptures.

**He declared to His servants the prophets...** God has already revealed parts of his plan in the scriptures through his prophets. We are told in **Daniel 12:10**, those who are wise will understand God's plan, but none of the wicked will understand. Understanding God's end-time plan is a blessing and a sign of wisdom according to the scriptures. (Rev **1:3**)

Understanding the Messiah was to suffer and die for men's sins before ruling and reigning on Earth was part of God's plan (Mystery) revealed through the prophets but hidden from understanding till the time was right. (**Matt 16:21, Mark 8:31, Luke 24:45-48**)

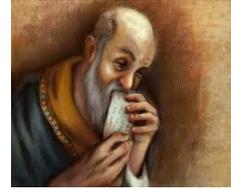
When the seventh angel begins to blow his trumpet the mystery of God about His plan to restore the Jewish Kingdom under Jesus will be known to all. This statement makes it very clear that God foretold that these events would occur when He spoke them to His prophets. These prophecies are mainly found in the major and minor prophetic books of the Old Testament and the book of Psalms. Those who come against Jerusalem will not be totally deceived because the truth was given to them in the thunders. They will come against the God of Israel because they want to believe a lie and do not want Jesus to rule the earth.

**Voice which I heard...** The same voice which commanded John to not write down the utterances of the seven thunders is the voice that could be from God or one of the living creatures standing before the throne commanding John what to do with the book.

### **What is the little scroll?**

Go, take the little book... The "Mighty angel" holds in his hand the "Bibliaridion", a little scroll, referred to earlier in the chapter. John must be back on earth witnessing the events about to take place at the Midpoint of the tribulation regarding the two witnesses and the Beast and False Prophet.

**So I Went to the angel...** John approached the “Mighty angel” in the spiritual realm, “Being in the Sprit” John commanded the “Mighty angel” to give him the little book (scroll) as he was instructed.



**He said....** John is commanded to eat the book much in the same way Ezekiel was commanded to eat the scroll or book almost 700 years earlier.

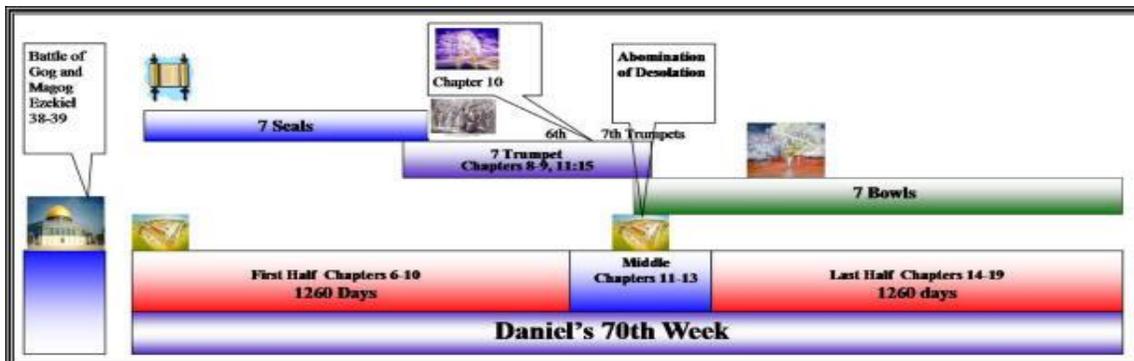
The message was one of judgment on the children of Israel (**Ezk. 2:1-3:3**). Israel, and Jerusalem were about to be destroyed by the Babylonian armies. Ezekiel, beholding the “Glory of the Lord” was told to proclaim the Lord’s message to a disobedient people. When Ezekiel ate the scroll, it was sweet in his mouth. Like Ezekiel, John is told to consume the little book which is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach.

**Sweet as honey...** God’s word is sweet to those who consume and understand the message and meaning. Psalm **119:103** describes God’s word as sweeter than honey.

**Stomach became bitter...** As the word of God is sweet to those who taste it, proclaiming the message can be a bitter task. Knowledge of the God’s wrath and judgment is not sweet but bitter, it is gloom on the world.

**You must prophesy...** (*Propheteuo*) John for the preceding 10 chapters has been prophesying about future events from the “Church age” to the first half of the tribulation. John is about to prophesy about the Midpoint to the end. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week through the 1000-year Millennium to the New Jerusalem.

The scroll was the food John needed for strength to accomplish the task assigned to him. Elijah after the slaughter of the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel Elijah escapes from Jezebel into the wilderness of Beersheba. Elijah exhausted by his escape wants to die. The “Angel of the Lord” provides him with food that will lasted forty days and forty nights enough for the journey ahead.



In digesting this Bible Study on Revelation, we are finding that there is a sweetness to the illumination of scripture, yet it has a bitter taste also. We are being prepared for the future events of Revelation however close it may be. It is not pleasant to anyone's taste to know they may lose their life for Christ, yet to give up our lives for Him is gain for ourselves.

Death is not the worst enemy. The second death is. To know Christ as savior is to know we have eternal life. Our life is hidden in Him, and in Him we live and move and have our being. We must not fear, we must hear, then digest what we have heard and go forth by God's Spirit, whatever our future may hold.

Always remember, the future is as bright as the promises of God!

Stay tuned. More Revelation is about to come next week.