

Revelation 10: Interlude / Mighty Angel vs. Usurper

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 9 Review: Trumpet Judgments Continue/Demonic Plagues

- Trumpet One: Trees Burnt
- Trumpet Two: Salt Water becomes Blood
- Trumpet Three: Fresh Water become Bitter
- Trumpet Four: Sun, Moon and Stars Smitten
- **Trumpet Five:** Demonic Locusts
- **Trumpet Six:** Unleashed Angels/Demonic Army



Unrepentant
Vessels of Wrath

Chapter 10 Introduction:

- **Interlude** between 6 and 7 of the series
- This *Interlude* between Trumpet Six and Trumpet Seven lasts all of Chapter 10 and up until Chapter 11:15, the Seventh Trumpet!
- **Interlude is a subsidiary** [supplementary] subject and not necessarily in chronological order:

Example:

- **2 Witnesses in Chapter 11 divide Sixth and Seventh Trumpet** which chronologically occur just before the **end of the Great Tribulation**
- ***Chronologically these witnesses are on earth at the beginning of the Tribulation from the First Seal to the end of the Fifth Seal!***
- **Seventh Trumpet:** Shows up in **Revelation 11:15 after the interlude**

Revelation 10

- I. **Mighty Angel vs. Usurper**
- II. **Little Book**
- III. **Prophecy:** Bitter Sweet

I. Mighty Angel vs. Usurper

¹ I saw still another **mighty angel** coming **down from heaven, clothed**

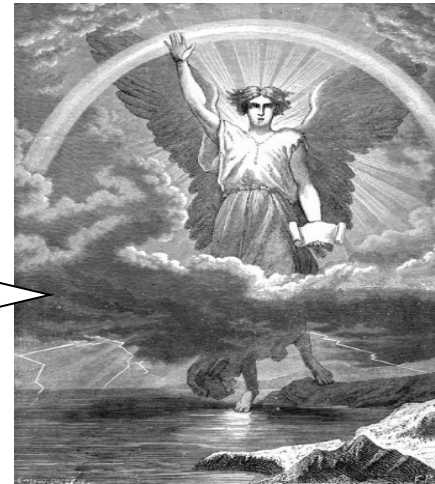
with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

▪ **Another Mighty Angel** Description:

1. **Came down** from **Heaven**
2. **Clothed** with a **Cloud**
3. **Rainbow** on his **Head**
4. **Face** like the **Sun**
5. **Feet** like Pillars of Fire

Who is he/He? ----- 2 Views

- a) **Angel**
- b) **Christ**



Angel Rational: JV McGee

- a) **Description:** Connects him with the person of Christ
- b) "Another": the first strong angel is clearly not Jesus [Rev. 5:2 "Who is worthy..."]
- c) Not coming "in the clouds" but "clothed with a cloud"
- d) Announces the 2nd Coming as angels announced His 1st Coming
- e) Moses face also shone after being in God's presence [Ex. 34:29]
- f) John would have fallen down in worship
- g) Command in v. 8 comes from Christ
- h) This angel takes an oath [vv. 5,6]

Christ Rational: H. Morris

- a) **Description:** Clothed with a cloud, Rainbow on his head, Face like the sun [Rev. 1:16] , Feet like pillars of fire [Rev. 1:15]
- b) Known in the Old testament as "the Angel of the Lord"
- c) Came down from Heaven to "lay claim to earth"
- d) He would come back as he left [Acts 1:9-11]
- e) Rainbow first seen by John above the throne, now on the "angel's" head
- f) Definite article in Greek; i.e. *the* rainbow, and especially associated with God [Gen. 9:15 and Ex. 1:28]

Daniel: Daniels's prayer **delayed** by **demons** and **answered** by **angels**; i.e. **Warfare**

Daniel 10:13 ...the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me**, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*"

- Michael is a **Fighter**
- Michael is *God's Arch[first]angel* and a *fighter for Israel* :

Daniel 10:20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to **fight with the prince of Persia**; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except **Michael your** [Israel's] **prince**.)

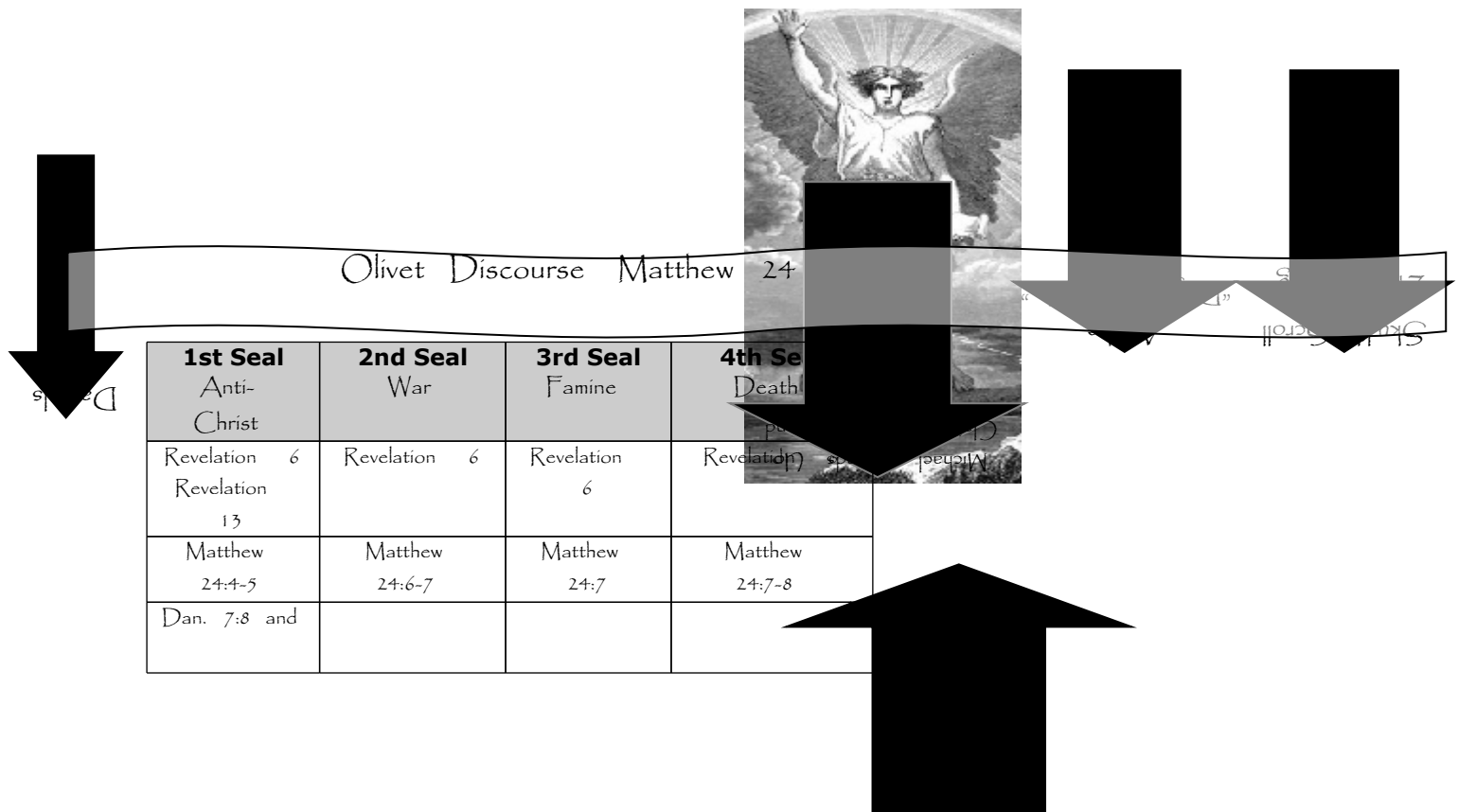
- Daniel prophesies that in the distant future Satan-possessed antichrist will attack the land of **Israel** [Luke 21:24] and lay claim to the **entire world**; i.e. **Sea and Land**

Daniel 11:41 He [antichrist] shall also **enter the Glorious Land**, [Israel] and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels. 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. [End of Chapter]

Daniel 12:1 "At that time **Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people**; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time **your people shall be delivered...**

- **Michael vs. Satan:** After this, a provoked Michael will confront his brother [Satan] the **usurper** by claiming the world for Christ as he spans both **Sea and Land**:

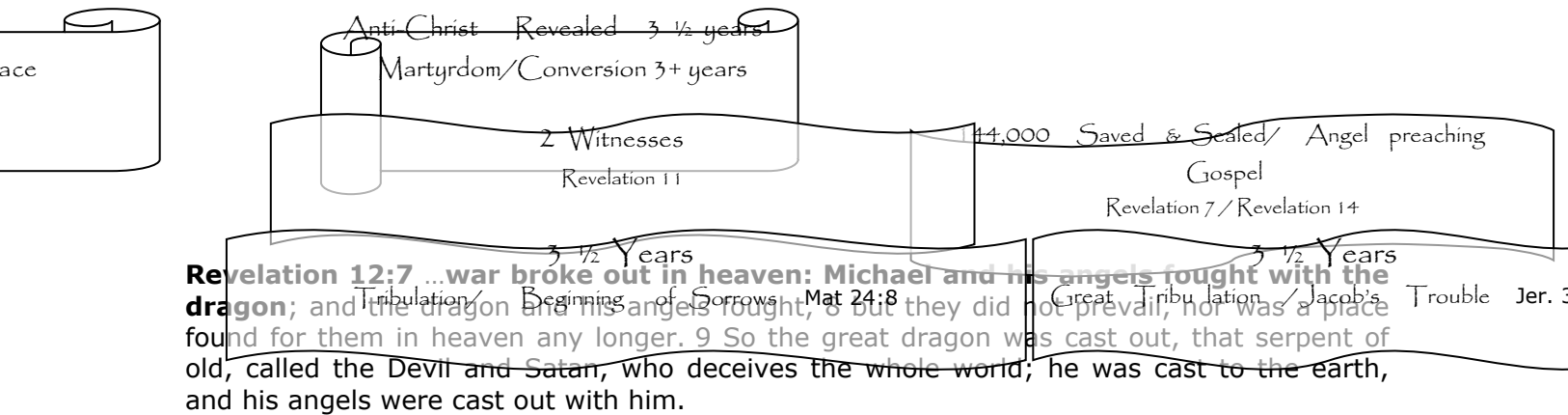
² [Angel] He had a **little book open** in his hand. And he set his **right foot on the sea** and **his left foot on the land**,



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5th Seal Dragon Attack	6th Seal Cosmic Disturbances
Revelation 6 & 12	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:8-28	Matthew 24:28-31
Daniel 7:21, 25 Daniel 12:11	

Abomination
Desolation
Dan. 11:31-36,
9:27, 12:1
Mat. 24:15
Rev. 12:7-9
13:5-6



- **Jesus Reigns** and the war will soon be over:

Hebrews 2:5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? 7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor And set him over the works of Your hands. 8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that **He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.**

II. Little Book

- **The “little book”?**

Daniel 12:4 “But you, Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for **the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end**. 10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. 11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. 13 “But you, **go your way till the end; for you shall rest**, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

- It is now “the time of the end” and the rest of Daniel’s book is opened!

³ and **cried with a loud voice**, as *when* a lion roars. **When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.**

- Angel cries with loud voice *AS when a lion roars*
- **Seven thunders:** God’s business

Job 37:5 God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things *which we cannot comprehend*.

- **Seven Thunders Utter Voices:** Set off by the angel cry

⁴ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was **about to write**; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “**Seal up** the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

- John *immediately* grabs his pen as always:

Revelation 1:11 [Jesus said to John] “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and, “**What you see, write in a book...**”

- **Voice from Heaven** regarding the seven thunder voices:
 1. **Seal them up**
 2. **Don’t write them down**

NOTE: Only place in revelation where anything is sealed [hidden]

Revelation 22:10 [The angel]... said to me, “**Do not seal the words of the prophecy** of this book, for the time is at hand.

⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by **Him who lives forever and ever**, who

created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

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.

- Swears by Eternal Creator that there should be **NO MORE DELAY to finish the "mystery of God"**; Glad announcement for the Tribulation Saints:

⁷ but in the days of the **sounding of the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, the **mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.**

- **Seventh Angel/Trumpet:** Bowl Judgments...the End and the Beginning

Revelation 11:15 Then the **seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world **have become *the kingdoms of our Lord*** and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: " We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then the **temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple**. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

- Mystery of God would be finished as declared to the prophets: [JVM]

1. Nation Israel
2. Suffering
3. Judgment
4. Injustice
5. Silence of God
6. Coming Kingdom
7. _____

"Why did God permit evil and why has He tolerated it for so long a time?"

III. Prophecy: Bitter Sweet

⁸ Then the voice which I heard from heaven **spoke to me again** and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." ⁹ So I went to the angel and said to him, **"Give me the little book."** And he said to me, **"Take and eat it; and it**

will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

- **Eat:** To receive the Word of God with **Faith**

Jeremiah 15:16 Your **words were found, and I ate them**, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Ezekiel 3:1 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; **eat this scroll**, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

- **Word of God Tastes Sweet**

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

- **Application:** Sometimes nauseating as perhaps a life-change is in view?

2 Peter 3:10 ...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁰ Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my **stomach became bitter**.¹¹ And he said to me, "**You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.**"

- John eats the scroll of Daniel and prepares to finish The Revelation; i.e. John receives the Word with Faith and begins to write

Aerial View: Revelation Chapters 1-10

Chapter 1	I. Person of Jesus Christ [The Judge]
Chapters 2-3	II. Possession of Jesus Christ [The Church on Earth]
Chapter 4	III. Program of Jesus Christ: Church gone; John sees the Future
Chapter 5	Lion and the Lamb: Worthy to Open the Scroll

Chapter 6 **Olivet Outline** / Tribulation Overview [6 Seals]

Chapter 7 **Remembering Mercy in Wrath:** God Leaves a Witness
Interlude between Seal 6 and 7; i.e. 144,000/Great Multitude

Chapter 8 **Seventh Seal...Trumpet Judgments Begin**

- Trumpet Judgments Begin: 4 of 7 Trumpet Judgments Begin; Trees Burnt, Salt Water becomes Blood, Fresh water become bitter, Sun, Moon and Stars smitten
- Terrifying Announcement to Earth Dwellers; 3 Trumpet Judgments Left

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Chronology

I. Seals One through Four:

1. **Anti-Christ brokers** peace deal, War, Famine, Death
2. At the same time **2 Old Testament Saints witness w/ little to no results**
 - a) **Make life-miserable** for unbelieving world [conviction]
 - b) **Killing those who would oppose** [fire from mouths]
 - c) **No one can kill them** [until possession of antichrist]

II. End of Seal Four through Five

1. **Anti-Christ makes his move** as world dictator claiming Israel/ World
2. **Michael stands up** and claims the world for its rightful owner...**Jesus**
3. **Michael takes on Satan** himself in heaven and casts him down to earth
4. **Satan possesses antichrist**
5. **Antichrist kills two witnesses at the end of the first 3 ½ years**
6. **Antichrist sets himself up as God** in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem
7. **2 Witnesses rise/ascend** to heaven leading many to believe

8. **144,000 first fruits sealed**...Great Multitude
9. **Enraged Satan** working through antichrist begins the fifth seal; i.e. Dragon Attack [Martyrdom] against Israel/Saints at the beginning of last 3 ½ years

Olivet Discourse Matthew 24

1st Seal Anti-Christ	2nd Seal War	3rd Seal Famine	4th Seal Death
Revelation 6 Revelation 13	Revelation 6	Revelation 6 for Land	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:4-5	Matthew 24:6-7	Matthew 24:7	Matthew 24:7-8
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Anti Christ Revealed 3 ½ years
Martyrdom/Conversion 3+ years

2 Witnesses
Revelation 11

144,000 Saved & Sealed/ Angel preaching Gospel
Revelation 7/ Revelation 14

3 1/2 Years

Tribulation/ Beginning of Sorrows Mat 24:8

3 1/2 Years

Great Tribulation / Jacob's Trouble Jer. 30:7