



## Route 66, Revelation

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### Revelation 10 — The Angel and the Little Scroll

*“Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.” Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.” Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”*

### Revelation 10:1-4 — The Angel and the Little Scroll

*“I saw another angel, a mighty one, coming down out of heaven, clad in a cloud, and with a rainbow on his head. His face was as the sun and his feet were like pillars of fire. He had in his hand a little roll which was opened. He put his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and he cried with a loud voice as a lion roars, and, when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write and I heard a voice from heaven saying: ‘Set a seal on what the seven thunders said, and do not write it.’”*

Revelation 10 and Revelation 11:1-14 is a kind of interlude between the sounding of the sixth and the seventh trumpets. The sixth trumpet has already sounded, but the seventh does not sound until Revelation 11:15, and in between, there are terrible things.

The mighty angel in this passage is described in terms which show that he came straight from the presence of God and the Risen Christ.

He is clad in a cloud and the clouds are the chariots of God, for "God maketh the clouds his chariot" (Psalms 104:3).

He has a rainbow on his head and the rainbow is part of the glory of the throne of God (Ezekiel 1:28).

The rainbow is caused by the light of the angel's face shining through the cloud.

His face is as the sun which is the description of the face of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:2).

His voice was as the roar of a lion which is often used as a simile of the voice of God, "the Lord roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem" (Joel 3:16; Hosea 11:10; Amos 3:8).

Clearly, this angel has come from the very presence of God; some think that he is none other than the glorified Christ himself.

The angel has one foot on the sea and one on the land. This shows his size and power, in his hand, the angel has a little roll, unrolled and opened. He is giving John a limited revelation about a small period of time.

### **Revelation 10:5-7 — THE DIVINE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE END**

*"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 for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there was no time left; but that in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he would sound his trumpet, there would be completed the secret purpose of God, the good news of which he announced to his servants the prophets."*

There is no time left, no further delay. The Antichrist is about to burst upon the scene in all his destructive terror. As the writer to the Hebrews had it: The hour has struck when the man of sin shall be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

When this happens, the whole purpose of God in human history will stand revealed.

God and the Antichrist, good and evil, will face each other; final and total victory will be won, the questions will find their answers and the wrongs will be righted.

History is moving towards the inevitable triumph of God and that, though evil may flourish, it cannot in the end be triumphant.

### **Revelation 10:8-11 — THE JOY AND THE SORROW OF THE MESSENGER OF GOD**

*"And I heard the voice which I had heard from heaven speaking again to me and saying: "Go, take the little roll which lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." And I went away to the angel and asked him to give me the little roll. He said to me: "Take it and eat it. It will be bitter to your stomach but it will be as sweet as honey to your mouth." And I took the little roll from the hand of the angel and ate it; and it was as sweet as honey to my mouth and, when I ate it, it was bitter to my stomach. And they said to me: "You must prophesy in regard to many peoples and nations and languages and kings."*

Ezekiel was told to eat the roll and to fill his belly with it (Ezekiel 3:1,3). In both pictures, the idea is the same. The messenger of God has to take God's message into his very life and being.

The sweetness of the roll is a recurring thought in Scripture. To the psalmist, the judgments of God are sweeter than honey and the honey-comb (Psalms 19:10). "How sweet are thy words to my taste! sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalms 119:103).

When a Jewish boy was learning the alphabet, it was written on a slate in a mixture of flour and honey. He was told what the letters were and how they sounded. After the original instruction, the teacher would point at a letter and would ask: "What is that and how does it sound?" If the boy could answer correctly, he was allowed to lick the letter off the slate as a reward! When the prophet and the psalmist speak about God's words and judgments being sweeter than honey, it may well be that they were thinking of this custom.

To John, the roll was sweet and bitter at the same time. It was an infinite privilege to be admitted to the secrets of heaven but at the same time, it was bitter to have to forecast the time of terror.

## **ANTICHRIST**

Christ is the Holy One and the Anointed King of Good.

Antichrist is the Unholy One and the King of all evil.

Just as Christ is the incarnation of God and goodness, so Antichrist is the incarnation of the Devil and of evil.

Antichrist is Satan, the Devil. Sometimes Satan is identified with Lucifer, the son of the morning, the angel who in heaven rebelled against God and was cast down to hell. "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!" (Isaiah 14:12).

It is easy to find instances in which Satan--the very name means the Adversary--acted in such a way as to overturn the purpose of God, for it is his very nature to do so.

But though Satan is the direct opponent of God, he remains an angel, whereas Antichrist is a visible figure upon the earth in which the very essence of evil has become incarnate.

Here again, the main connection of Antichrist is with heresy. Antichrist is the spirit of falsehood which seduces men from the truth and leads them into mistaken ideas which are the ruin of the Christian faith.

Revelation 11:7 there is the picture of the beast from the abyss, who is to slay the two witnesses in Jerusalem and who is to reign for forty-two months. The Antichrist is coming from hell, to have a terrible and destructive, but limited, time of power.

In Revelation 12 there is the picture of the great red dragon, who persecutes the woman clothed with the sun, the woman who begets the man's child. This dragon is ultimately defeated and cast out of heaven. The dragon is definitely identified with the old serpent the devil (Revelation 12:9).

In Revelation 13 there is the picture of the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns, which comes from the sea, and the other beast with the two horns, which comes from the land. There is no doubt that what is in John's mind is the terror and the savagery of Caesar's worship, and in this case, Antichrist is the great begetter of persecution of the Christian Church. Here the idea is of cruel, persecuting power, bent on the utter destruction of Christ and his Church.

In Revelation 17:3 we have the picture of the scarlet-colored beast, with the seven heads and the ten horns, on which the woman called Babylon is seated. We are told that the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. In the Revelation, Babylon symbolizes Rome and Rome was built on seven hills. Clearly, this picture stands for Rome and Antichrist is Rome's persecuting power unleashed upon the Church.

### **Revelation 11:3-6 — The two witnesses**

*“And I will appoint two witnesses and they will prophesy for 1,260 days (3 ½ years), clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.”*

Two witnesses possibly Moses and Elijah out of which the 144,000 come.

Matthew – transfiguration Moses-law, Elijah-Prophets

Malachi 4:5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.”

John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah  
Elijah and Noah only two that didn't die.

### **Revelation 12:1-6**

*“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. (called the dragon 13 times in Revelation and v.9 the devil) Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. (Birth to Coronation in one verse) The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. 3 ½ years. The last 3 ½ years of the great tribulation”*

### **Genesis 3:14-15**

*“So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

Satan has been fighting back ever since:

- Cain to kill Able
- Mankind corrupted so badly - The flood – except Noah
- Jacob and Esau
- Pharaoh has all the Jewish baby boys killed
- Saul attempted to kill David
- Herod the Great tried to kill all the babies in Bethlehem
- Jesus death

### **The sign of this persecution — Matthew 24:15-16**

*“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation, ‘spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*”

### **Revelation 12:7-14**

*“Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, (3 ½ yrs) out of the serpent’s reach.”*

God’s protection: Exodus 19:4 *“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.”*

### **Matthew 24:3-16**

*“...and of the end of the age?” Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the*

kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

## **We have an adversary — Ephesians 6:10-12**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

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## **Revelation 13 — The beast. The Dragon**

Anti-Christ. (actually 50 different names in the bible)

“The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.”

Revelation 6:2 - The white horse - *I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.*

The antichrist will come in bringing peace, he’ll set up a peace treaty with Jerusalem and the Arabs for seven years – halfway through it he will break that treaty and set himself up to be worshiped.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:4**

*‘He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.’*

## **Revelation 13:16-18**

“It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.”

Today we talk about a globalism more and more.

Globalism gets ride of dogmatism.

Dogmatism gets rid of truth