

Revelation 10 The Strong Angel



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Rev 10:1 I saw another
Strong angel coming
down **OUT** of **Heaven**,
clothed with a **CLOUD**

Strong Angels — **Three** seen in Revelation

5:2 One said: “**Who** is worthy?”

10:1 This says: “**Delay** no longer.”

18:21 Last: “**Babylon..** shall be thrown down



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*..coming down
out of Heaven
clothed with a cloud.*

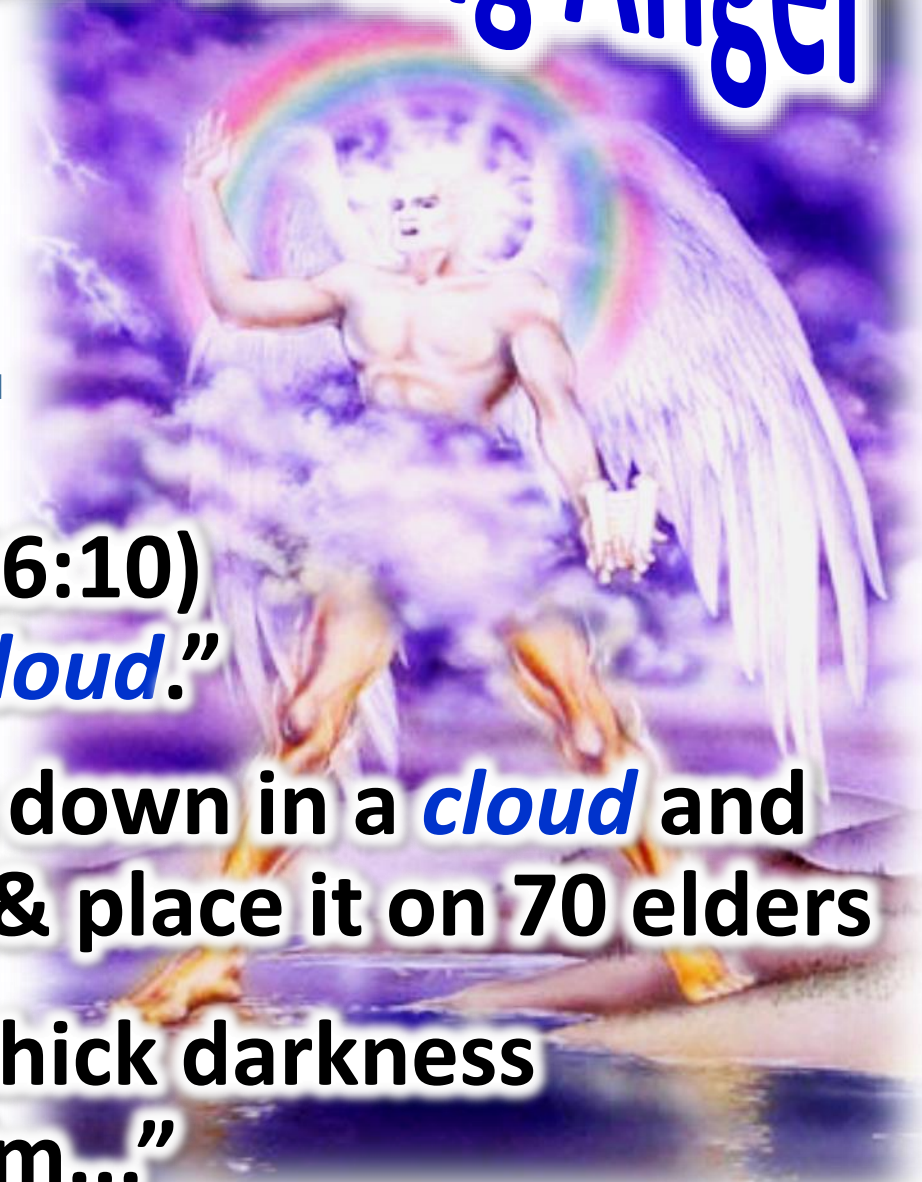
Clouds often signify:

Divine Presence (Ex 16:10)

“Lord appeared in a *cloud*.”

(Nu 11:25) Lord came down in a *cloud* and took Spirit on Moses & place it on 70 elders

Ps 97:2 “*Clouds* and thick darkness surround Him...”



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Rev 10:1 The rainbow was upon his head...

***Rainbow:** Faithfulness of God !*

(Gen 9:13) Shall set
My *bow* in the clouds &
remember my covenant.

Rev 4:3) There was a
rainbow around the throne.



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Rev 10:1 ... And his face was like the sun...

*Sun: as the **Glory** of God !*

**Mt 17:2) Transfigured...
face shone like the *sun***

**(Rev 1:16) "His face was
like the *sun* shining in
strength.**



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*Rev 10:1 And his feet
like pillars of fire.*

*Like pillars of **fire**: Presence of God !*

*(Ex 13:21 “Lord went ahead
of them .. night in a **pillar
of fire** to give them light.”*

*The whole picture is one
of power and awesomeness !*



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Rev 10:2 He had
in his hand *a little*
book which was open.

A little book — [Biblion]
diminutive form. NT:975
“*A small book, a scroll.*”

Former was a *closed* book
(Rev. 5:1) “**SEALED** with seven seals”

This is **OPEN** (Rev 10:9-11)



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Rev 10:2 “And he placed his **right** foot on the **Sea** and his **left** on the **Land.**”

Universal Authority

(Ps 8:6-8) “Thou hast put all things **under his feet**... the beasts of the **field**... the fish of the **sea.**”

JFB: Claims both as God's.



Purpose of the book is revealed in v.10-11

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Rev 10:3 *[Strong Angel]* cried out with a loud voice, **as when a lion roars.**

Awe inspiring *power*

(Hos 11:10-11) “He will roar like a lion and *His sons will come trembling*”

(Amos 3:8) A **lion roared**, who will not fear?

Now He has everyone's Attention!



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Rev 10:3^b When [Angel] had cried out, the *seven peals of thunder* uttered their voices.

7 Peals of Thunder: Not previously mentioned.

Accompanying the Angel's proclamation!

*Their sound was NOT just **Thunderous Noise**.
John was about to reveal what the **thunders**
said but was told to seal them up
and **Not** write them.. (Rev 10:4)*

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Rev 10:4 I was about to write; and I heard a **voice** from heaven saying, "**Seal up** the things which the **7 peals of thunder have spoken** & do NOT write them."



Voice from heaven: Speaker is not identified if an angel, elder, Spirit, God or living beings, neither here nor in other places (Rev 14:13; 18:4).

Do not write: He generally was to write what he saw (Rev 1:11, 19). **Not** this time (10:4). God's has some judgments **not revealed** (Deut 29:29)

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*Since sealed, it cannot be known—
but it doesn't stop folks:*

1. Some supposed the thunders referred to the **Crusades** and nothing was to be written about them.
2. Others say it refers to the **Destruction** of Jerusalem & nothing specific was to be recorded.
3. Others say it refers to **Papal Anathemas** of which there was nothing worthy to write. *ie (Peter is prince; has successors, Pope rules church)*₁₃



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Rev 10:5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea & on the land *lifted up his right hand to heaven* v.6 & swore by Him who lives forever

Right hand: Gesture of oath-taking. (Dan 12:7)

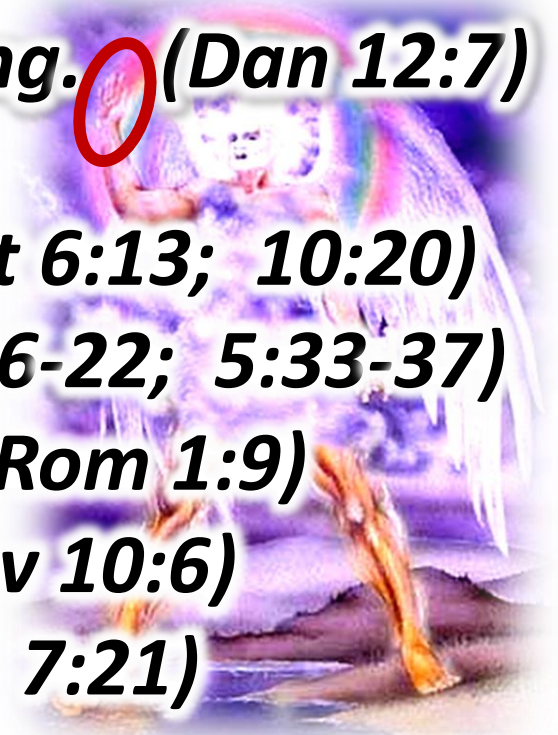
Oaths to be in God's name. (Deut 6:13; 10:20)

Jews dishonestly swore. (Mt 23:16-22; 5:33-37)

Paul swore by God. (2 Cor 1:23; Rom 1:9)

Angel did too. (Dan 12:7; here Rev 10:6)

God swore by Himself. (Heb 6:13; 7:21)



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Rev 10:6 Angel.. *Swore by Him who lives forever* and ever, who created Heaven & the things in it, and the Earth and the things in it, and the Sea and the things in it, *that there shall be delay no longer.*

Delay no longer: (Greek: Chronos)
“Time”

No more delay in the fulfillment of the 7th trumpet, in answer to the question, "How long?" (Rev 6:10). Robertson's Word Pictures



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Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound **[the 7th trumpet]**, then **The mystery of God** is **finished**,



Mystery of God is finished—final details for the destruction of **ROME** and the victory of the church are put in place.

Jim McGuiggan; cf Hailey p.246

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Rev 10:7 then the
mystery of God is finished,
as He preached to His servants the prophets.

There Are Many Mysteries in the Bible

- Col 2:2 Mystery of Christ Himself
- Eph 3:3-6 Mystery of Gentiles in kingdom
- Rom 11:25 Mystery of the Hardening of Israel
- 1Cor 15:51 Mystery of the Resurrection
- 2 Thes 2:7 Mystery of Lawlessness
- Rev 1:20 Mystery of the Seven stars
- Rev 17:7 Mystery of the Harlot & the beast.

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Judgment on Nations foretold in the OT

(Dan 2:44-45) Kingdom of God will crush & put to an End all these kingdoms.

(Dan 7:26-27) 4th Kingdom: [Rome] destroyed.

(Ps 2:8-9) You break the Nations with iron rod.

(Isa 60:12) The Nation that will not serve You will perish & the nations will be utterly ruined.

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Rev 10:8 Then the Voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "**Go, take the book which is open** in the hand of the **angel** who stands on the sea and on the land...

1. John saw the **Strong Angel** (v.1)

2. The Seven **Thunders** Spoke (v.3)

3. John forbidden to **record** it (v.4)

4. The Angel's **Oath—No Delay** (v.5-6)

5. Message: **Mystery is Finished** (v.7)

6. Now John is to **Take the book** (v.8)



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Rev 10:9-10 And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

There's the thrill of learning God's Word, but at times bitter when you have to apply it.

Same Message to Ezekiel—

(Ezek 3:3) Ezekiel says: "Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth."

But there was "lamentations, mourning & woe." 20



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Rev 10:11 And they said to me, “You must *prophesy again concerning many peoples & nations & tongues & kings.*”



They : “Who” is not identified !
(The Greek is the 3rd Per Plural.)
The 7 angels?

“Probably the charge to prophesy concerning many peoples, nations tongues and kings refers to prophecies *in Rev 11-22.*” Hailey

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