

Revelation Chapter Outline Review:

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The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 10

“The Mystery of God”

(v1-4) **Description of the mighty angel** – What does he look like? *Clothed in a cloud* (God’s divine **directive**), *a rainbow was on his head* (God’s divine **Mercy**), *his face like the sun* (God’s divine **holiness**), *his feet like pillars of fire* (God’s divine **judgment**).

- **What does he have?** A little **book**.

- **What happens when he cries out?** *Seven thunders uttered their voices and were **sealed**.*

(v5-7) **The angel answers the three greatest questions in all of human existence!**

#1 – HOW DID WE GET HERE? God **CREATED** heaven, earth and the sea and all things in them.

#2 – WHY ARE WE HERE? *The mystery of God* – What is the “mystery of God?” We are told in Romans 16:25-27 - *Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of **Jesus Christ**, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.* Paul declares this mystery in Athens, Greece (Acts 17:16-34).

#3 – WHERE ARE WE GOING WHEN WE DIE? The PROPHETS have SPOKEN – Jesus is the Christ the one and only **Savior**! Jesus unveils the declaration of the prophets in **Luke 24:25-27; 44-48; John wrote in John 3:36** - *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

(FYI – There are other “**MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE**” to be solved, such as: (1) mysteries of the **Kingdom** (Matt. 13:11); the mystery of **Israel’s blindness** (Rom. 11:25); the mystery of the **Rapture** (1 Cor. 15:51); the mystery of **lawlessness** (2 Thess 2:7); the mystery of **Christ** (Eph. 3:4) and of Christ and the **church** (Eph. 5:32); the mystery of Christ in the **believer** (Col. 1:26-27); the mystery of the **incarnation** (1 Tim. 3:16); and the mystery of the seven **churches** (Rev. 2 & 3); and mystery **BABYLON** (Rev. 17:5).)

(v8-10) **What is the little book? This little book was “sweet” and “bitter”**, Warren Wiersbe writes, “God’s Word is compared to food: **bread** (Matt 4:4), **milk** (1 Peter 2:2), **meat** (1 Cor 3:1-2), and **honey** (Ps 119:103). The Prophets Jeremiah (Jer 15:16) and Ezekiel (Ezek 2:9-3:4) knew what it was to “eat” the Word before they could share it with others. The Word must always “become flesh” (**John 1:14**) before it can be given to those who need it. Woe unto that preacher or teacher who merely echoes God’s Word and does not incarnate it, making it a living part of his very being. God will not thrust His Word into our mouths and force us to receive it. He hands it to us and we must take it. Nor can He change the effects the Word will have in our lives: there will be both sorrow and joy, bitterness and sweetness. God’s Word contains sweet **promises** and assurances, but it also contains bitter warnings and prophecies of **judgment**. The Christian bears witness of both life and death (**2 Cor 2:14-17**). The faithful minister will declare all of God’s counsel (**Acts 20:27**). He will not dilute the message of God simply to please his listeners (**2 Tim 4:1-5**).”

> **Could this little book be the book sealed in Daniel chapter 12 and now to be prophesied?**
Let's read and find out!

- **Daniel 12:4** – “*seal the book until the time of the end*”; C.I. Scofield notes, “In Daniel the expression “the time of the end” or its equivalent occurs in 8:17-19; 9:26; 11:35,40,45; 12:4,6,9. Summary: (1) The time of the end in Daniel begins with the violation by “the prince who is to come” (i.e. little horn, “man of sin,” “beast”) of his covenant with the Jews for the restoration of the temple and sacrifice (9:27), and his presentation of himself as God (9:27; 11:36-38; Mt. 24:15; 2 Th. 2:4; Rev. 13:4-6), and ends with his destruction by the appearing of the Lord in glory (2 Th. 2:8; Rev. 19:19-20). (2) The duration of the “time of the end” is three and one-half years, coinciding with the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel (7:25; 12:7; Rev. 13:5). And (3) this “time of the end” is the “time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7); “a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation” (Dan. 12:1); “great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Mt. 24:21). The NT, especially Revelation, adds many details.

- **Daniel 12:7** – Notice “*that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time*” which means three and a half years from the “*abomination of desolation*” performed by the Antichrist in the rebuilt Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (Mt. 24:22; Ro. 11:25-28; Rev. 11:2; 12:6). . . . “*and the holy people (Israel) has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.*”

(FYI – Understanding the number of days: (1) The Tribulation is 7 years in length; (2) in the first of the Tribulation the Antichrist is ruling and the Jews will rebuild their Temple in Jerusalem; (3) at the midway point the “abomination of desolation” will take place; (4) then in 1260 days the Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth and set up His 1000 year reign on earth; (5) Daniel 12:11 lists 1290 days, of which the additional 30 days will be a time of mourning and cleansing; (6) then in Daniel 12:12 we find 1335 days, most scholars believe this to be the time of separating the sheep and the goats found in Matthew 25:31-46.)

(Rev.10:11) – The mighty angel said to John - “*You must prophecy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.*” There’s more to come! What should we do? Every Christian must fulfill our Lord’s “Great Commission” – “*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*” (Mt. 24:14); also, “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I with you always, even to the end of the .*” Amen.”