

REVELATION CHAPTER TEN

The tenth chapter of the Book of Revelation is the happenings that begin to take place immediately after the Lamb breaks the seventh seal and comes to earth as the Mighty Angel. Reading again Revelation, chapter eight, verse one - *“And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”* The breaking of this seventh seal finishes another job of these seven angels. Now as they have come to earth with Christ, they utter their voices revealing the seven seals which have been previously opened in heaven prior to Christ’s descent back to earth. These spiritual angels utter their voices through the voice of the seventh church age messenger (William Marion Branham). This is the sounding of the seven thunders that John was told not to write..., and clears up the “mystery of God,” in Revelation, chapter 10:7. This mystery is the route that the Church took as it began to fall from its “first love.” This takes place **only** after the little book that has been previously opened in heaven and brought down to earth by Christ Himself, as the Mighty Angel of Revelation, chapter 10:1.

I want to deal with this chapter in a different manner than any of the other chapters, because of the nature of the happenings that are recorded here. I want to give you an explanation of the overall picture before we approach the scripture. Then as we read the scripture it will become very clear what John saw, and we can see that it’s Christ in His Church at the end-time.

As we studied the seals in the sixth chapter, we saw a scroll rolled up that had seven pieces of tape (or seals) around it. The scroll could not be opened as long as there was still one piece of tape left on it.

Each one of those first six seals that were opened in chapter six represented, amongst other things, a period of time. The seventh seal also represents a period of time. It represents the period of time that is pictured as being silent in heaven; but this period isn’t silence in the earth, because it represents the fact that Christ comes to earth in an angelic form after the seven seals have been broken in heaven. This causes great joy in the earth among the Bride, but silence in heaven because Her Bridegroom has come to get her prepared to go up in the Rapture. This all happens before the tribulation starts happening on the earth. Also, I want to place a special note right here: **In this chapter, we deal with the fact that Christ has come to earth. This is not in a bodily form. That man, Christ Jesus, is still sitting on the Father’s throne while this chapter is being fulfilled. Just as Christ was in His Church in a spiritual form before the Church fell away from the Word, so is He back in His Bride as She gets back to the full revelation of the Word. But the “bodily Christ” sits on God’s throne until the Rapture of His Bride, and all authority originates from there.**

Also, in this chapter there are three types of spiritual voices, and they are all subject to the Eternal Spirit. First, there’s the voice of the Mighty Angel

(Christ in angelic form) as He roars like a lion. Then, there are the voices of the seven (spiritual angels) thunders. Thirdly, there's the voice from heaven, which is the voice of the Eternal Spirit (God) which sounds through the bodily Christ Jesus that still sits in His Father's throne while this chapter is being fulfilled, even though Christ is here, but only in angelic form. Here is where some of God's saints think that Christ is no longer on the mercy seat, when this Mighty Angel comes to earth to fulfill this chapter. But Christ is still on the "mercy seat" while this chapter is being fulfilled.

Notice, it is very appropriate in this chapter to take a few moments for meditation on the seven Spirits of God that's spoken of in Revelation 1:4 and what they become to the Bride as they are assigned to their various jobs. **When John saw these seven angels for the first time, he saw them as seven Spirits not assigned to any certain job. Therefore they had no nature apart from Deity, but when they are given an assignment they take on a nature other than just Deity, showing an identity with the jobs they do.** For example, after the seven Spirits became the angels to the seven church ages, they are shown as seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. (Revelation 4:5) The seven lamp stands represent the seven church ages. Then, in Revelation chapter five, they take an identity of seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb as He takes the book to open the seven seals. Then, in this chapter, the same seven angels are called "**thunders.**" These are the same seven angels that are spoken of throughout the Book of Revelation. This is a very important key to understanding the Book of Revelation. It also helps us to know what time we are living in by knowing the various jobs that these angels do, and the time that each job is to be done. As the church ages are ending, the seals are **being opened in heaven**, and the uttering of the seven thunders are the "mysteries" that are to be cleared up to the Bride, through the seventh church age messenger. That is finished now, as the "thunders" revealed what happened in heaven as the seals were broke there. (Revelation, chapter 10:7)

Revelation 5:5-7 shows us a pictorial scene of the Lamb as He took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. Here, we see that the seven Spirits of God have become part of the Lamb by carrying out His work in the earth during the seven church ages, thus becoming part of the Lamb as seven eyes and horns.

Notice this, before the Church fell away from the Word in the early age, the Lamb was not seen having seven horns and seven eyes. He took on this identity during the church ages as He filled the office of the High Priest, and made intercession for the sins of His fallen Church. While He was in the office of the High Priest, the seven angels faithfully carried out His work in the earth, thus becoming a part of the Lamb. This means that anyone who gets a true revelation of the Lamb of God here at the end-time, will have to have a revelation of the seven workings of the Lamb throughout the seven church ages. Yes, Christ worked through the seven angels, or the seven Spirits of God to reveal the Word

for each age to that particular star messenger. Since the seven angels were under the command of Christ and faithfully obeyed Him, this qualified them to come back to earth with Christ. In this tenth chapter of Revelation, Christ brings the full revelation of Himself to earth for the final perfection of the saints. Brother Branham said, "The Holy Spirit sent down one of these messengers (angels) each night as he preached the seven seals." (This happened in 1963)

It is announced by the Mighty Angel that there is "time no more" of Christ having mercy on the wheat and tares growing together. The tares are now separated from the Bride of Christ, and that means there is no more intercessory work of that type for them; although, there's mercy for God's seed in other parts of His plan of redemption. The voices of these seven angels, or seven Spirits of God sound their thunderous voices together upon this arrival back to earth, to blend with the voice of Christ, to complete the plan of God for the Bride of Christ just before the Rapture. That clears up the mystery of the Mighty Angel that roars like a Lion and the voices of the seven thunders, or the seven spiritual angels. They are seen as part of the Lamb in the fifth chapter of Revelation. The One that's shown as a Lamb with the seven horns and seven eyes, is the One that took the book. He is shown in this tenth chapter on earth as the Mighty Angel with the book open **after all the seals have been opened in heaven**. The revelation of these seals are given to the seventh church age messenger, by seven angels that sounded. These seven angels uttered their voices through the seven church age messengers, showing the route the Church came through time, but here (in chapter ten), all seven utter through the seventh church age messenger to clear up the "mystery" of God.

May I reiterate that these seven angels through time, gave God's Word to the star (earthly messengers) in their particular time and areas, but at the end time, they all sound through the seventh church age messenger **again**. That cleared up the "mystery" of Revelation, 10:7. Notice, also in verse 11 of this chapter..., John, who is a type of the Bride and the ministry (he set a double type), is told that he must prophesy again before many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings. This shows that the end-time work of this ministry, **after the thunders have uttered** their voices in clearing up the seals, is a world wide witness.

In 1963, when God spoke to Brother William Branham concerning the seven seals, He told him in a vision to go west (he lived in Indiana) to meet the seven angels that had the seals. This he did. Then after he returned back to Indiana to preach the seven seals, each one of the seven angels revealed a seal unto him. The seventh spiritual angel that had the seventh seal meant more to Brother Branham than any of the other angels. When the seven angels came, **the seventh one flew straight to Brother Branham, who was the seventh church age messenger**. This fulfilled a special part of the ministry of Brother Branham, because prior to this time God had told him that there would be three parts, or pulls, to his ministry. In order to differentiate between the pulls, God showed him a vision of a group of small birds, which represented the first pull. For the

second pull he was shown a larger group of birds like doves. When God showed him what represented the third pull, he saw these seven angels of the Book of Revelation, and they uttered their voices right through the prophet, thus clearing up **all the seven seals**.

Under the first pull Brother Branham could take the people by the hand and tell them what was wrong with them; and many were healed as he prayed for them. Under the second pull he was able to discern their thoughts and tell people what was wrong, or what they wanted, without taking them by the hand. This greatly increased their faith and many were delivered from whatever was wrong with them. Under the third pull Brother Branham was able to speak the Word, and whatever he was inspired to say came to pass. This is the ministry that the seven angels represented. This is very important in this chapter, because the **same** seven angels that came to Bro. Branham are the same seven angels that are shown in this chapter. Under each of the three pulls the Word of God was preached, it just came greater with each pull.

THE REASON I'M BRINGING THIS IN ABOUT BROTHER BRANHAM'S MINISTRY IS THAT THIS THIRD PULL MINISTRY THAT WAS SHOWN BY THESE SEVEN ANGELS IS THE SAME TYPE MINISTRY THAT IS SHOWN IN THIS TENTH CHAPTER OF REVELATION, VERSES 8-11., ONLY NOW IT'S THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY OF EPHESIANS 4:11-16, THAT CARRIES THIS MINISTRY.

At this point, we must consider the fact that Brother Branham had the spirit of Elijah upon him, and that his ministry was not of the Ephesians 4:11 type ministry. **In the order of the five-fold ministry, a New Testament prophet is second to the apostle.** So in order to give Brother Branham his scriptural position, we must see him as the Elijah that's spoken of in Malachi 4:5-6 (fulfillment part B; John the Baptist fulfilled part A). That's to restore the Church back to the early Church setting. He was not sent to perfect the saints; that's for the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4:11. That was not to be applicable until after the death of the prophet, Brother William Branham. If the New Testament ministry was set in order while Brother Branham was here, he would have been second in the ministry and being second, he could not have been the messenger to the age. But when we see he was a prophet in the Old Testament order; then we can place him in the scripture correctly. Now we can understand what God did by sending us Elijah the prophet, here at the end time.

THE NEW TESTAMENT ORDER of the ministry is first apostles, secondarily prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; this is the divine order of the New Testament ministry.

In the Old Testament, God dealt much in the realm of using only one man at a time to bring His Word to the people. This accounts for the fact that, (though the New Testament ministry is a five-fold ministry and not a one man ministry like in the Old Testament), Brother Branham said many times that the Word comes only to a prophet, and that God only uses one man at a time. Without

proper understanding that would be completely contrary to the scripture. But with proper understanding of the scripture, and having an understanding that an element of the Old Testament ministry was manifested in Brother Branham, this lets us know he made those statements because he had the spirit of Elijah, an Old Testament prophet's spirit, on him. So since the spirit of Elijah was upon him, those statements, which would otherwise be contrary to the scripture, especially for one in the five-fold ministry to make. But now they actually magnify the scripture when spoken by, and applied to, Brother Branham, whose ministry was somewhat of an Old Testament type.

This brings us in time to the place, where God has begun to set in motion the New Testament ministry like the early church had. God let Brother Branham see enough about what would happen as the seals were being revealed, to let us know that Christ will be on earth working through His many membered Bride. This is to perfect Her for the Rapture.

Notice also, when the thunders uttered in John's day, he understood perfectly what was said and was about to write what they said, but was told not to write it. Instead, he was to seal it up with seven seals, but now thank God, the seals have been removed and the book has been opened here at the end time, but only to the Bride of Christ.

I want to deal further with this chapter by breaking it into four parts. Verses 1-4 is part one, and is the coming of Christ in an angelical form, and also shows the thunders uttering their voices. Verses 5 and 6 is part two, and deals with the pronouncement that *"time is no more"* for organized religion. Verse 7 is part three, and deals with the seventh church age messenger and what his message has accomplished. Verses 8-11 is part four, and deals with the message that is preached to the Bride that has been called out of denominationalism by the seventh church age messenger. Now may God help us as we read the scripture.

Part One

Verse 1: "And 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:"

Verse 2: "And 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,"

Verse 3: "And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."

Verse 4: "And 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."

This is a vision. John saw a big angel come down from heaven. In fact, the angel was so big in this visionary scene that the earth appeared smaller, because

he put one foot on sea and one foot on earth; also notice, the little book is open in His right hand.

Actually, there isn't a literal book. John couldn't see what was in the mind of God, so God let him see a book in order to convey His thought to us. It's the understanding of what the apostle Paul meant laid upon what he said. The **"meaning" is what was sealed, because we already had what was said (the written Word) before the seals and the book was opened. Now we have the understanding.** The Mighty Angel (who is Spirit) can only bring a spiritual book, so it is the **"understanding" that we see in the angel's right hand.** John had to see it as a literal book, as it would be impossible to see **"understanding."**

In the beginning of the Church, Paul could tell whose names were in the book of life by what they believed. This is recorded in Philippians 4:3. Paul said, *"My fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."* This shows that what you believe determines whether you are in God's mind or not. In I Corinthians 1:10, Paul tells the Church to *"be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."* In other words, everyone will believe this same Gospel and follow the same revelation at the end-time, if their names are in the book of life, just as they followed what the apostle Paul taught. It has to be the same now.

The cloud, rainbow, face as the sun, and feet as pillars of fire, tells us who this is. It is Jesus Christ in a revelational, spiritual form coming to the earth before the Rapture takes place. **He is clothed with a cloud to keep those that are not ordained to see Him from seeing Him.** This is especially true in this last day when only the true Bride is to know what is going on spiritually. *"His face was as it were the sun,"* lets us know that even though He's shrouded in a cloud, those that have a revelation can see Him clearly. It's like it was in the days when Jesus walked here in His human body. **He spoke in parables to form a spiritual cloud to hide Himself from all but the elected;** but to Peter His face shown like the sun when he said, *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Jesus knew that the only way Peter could have known this was for God to show him. Jesus was clothed with a spiritual cloud and only those with a God given revelation could know who He was or see *"His face as it were the sun."* It's the same thing today! Jesus said in Matthew 16:17-18 (paraphrasing) that flesh and blood hath not revealed the *"Face as it were the sun,"* but my Father which is in heaven has revealed it unto thee. Jesus said that *"upon this revelation"* I will build my Church and the gates of hell (unrevealed denominational churches) shall not prevail against it. Why? It is because the Bride has a revelation from God and nothing can keep her from doing the will of God.

One more thing on *"Clothed with a cloud"* and *"and His face was as it were the sun."* His face shined as it were the sun more in the Book of Acts than it has any time since then; for many sick folks were healed as the shadow of Peter passed over them. (Acts 5:15) Also Acts 5:16 says, *"and they were healed every one."* But in this last day Christ comes shrouded in a cloud, and is hid from the

unrevealed..., but to the Bride His face *“shines as it were the sun.”* His face certainly *“shined as it were the sun,”* in the ministry of Bro. Branham.

This Mighty Angel has a rainbow upon His head, showing that He comes to earth with God’s New Covenant to be ministered by His five-fold ministry. That is why the rainbow is upon his head.

Now, the feet as pillars of fire: Pillars of fire show the presence of Christ in the earth.

Notice, verses 1-4 show Christ coming back to earth in an angelical form. Just as soon as He arrives He cries with a loud voice as when a Lion roareth. This lets us know that redemption is over in the *“church age manner,”* and that He has come for His Bride.

Now, we get to the place where the revelation of the seven thunders is shown to be the revelation of the seven seals. **THE THUNDERS ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL ANGELS THAT WORKED WITH CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES.** So the mystery about the thunders is not who they are, that’s very clear. The mystery is *what they said* when they uttered their spiritual voices through the earthly voice of the seventh church age messenger; and now we know it relates to the seven church ages that we have come through, and was cleared up by the seven thunders.

THE MIGHTY VOICE OF CHRIST AND THE VOICES OF THE SEVEN ASSISTING ANGELS MAKES CLEAR THE BOOK OF REVELATION BY REVEALING THE SEAVEN SEALS. That’s why the ministry of Ephesians 4:11 is brought into divine order, as Christ is here to back up the Word that is spoken by the live ministry. This will also bring into fulfillment I Corinthians 1:10, all speaking the same thing, but John was told not to write what was said, but thank God it’s revealed by the opening of the **seven seals.**

Part Two

The second part of this chapter is the Mighty Angel telling us that time is over for these denominational systems.

Verse 5: *“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His hand to heaven,”*

Verse 6: *“And sware 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.”*

Revelation 2:18-23 deals with Jezebel which is the Catholic Church, the mother whore. The Bible says that she was given space to repent in, and she repented not. She committed fornication and daughters were born unto her. God said that He would kill her children (Protestant churches) with death. That’s what verses 5 and 6 mean.

Read very prayerfully now, *“time no longer,”* is saying that there’s no more mercy for the denominational systems as it was during the church ages, for Christ is on the outside in this last church age. **There is not a religious system upon the earth that has the blessing of God upon it in this hour.** The life of God was in many denominational systems in the church ages, and God allowed the wheat and tares to grow together as Matthew, chapter 13 tells us, but that day is definitely over as this chapter comes into fulfillment. Christ swears that *“time is no longer,”* or that wheat and tares can grow together no longer. One translation reads that *“time shall be delayed no longer.”* In other words, He’s no longer dealing in that realm of Christianity. He’s now perfecting His Bride, as all of them (the Bride) will be called out of organized religion as this time period closes out.

After Christ, who is the anointed Word, leaves the denominational systems, they become the habitation of devils. By the middle of the 70th week of Daniel, devils will have completely taken over the whole church system, as Revelation chapter 18 shows us.

After God sent the seventh church age messenger and he preached the Word of God, the denominational churches rejected it, and turned it down. Then that Mighty Angel came right there with the seventh church age messenger, and raised his hand to heaven and said, *“time is no more”* for Catholicism and Protestantism. Therefore, it is safe to preach *“Come out of her, my people.”* She’s no good. She’s filthy. She’s fallen; this means all denominational systems. That’s the meaning of verses 5 and 6, and is the second part of this chapter.

Part Three

Verse 7: *“But 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 (or by) his servants the prophets.”*

This is the third part of the tenth chapter. *“But in the days of the voice of,”* what does that tell us? In effect it’s saying, *“When the voice of the seventh angel was here.”* We could say, *“In the days when the seventh angel sounded his voice from Jeffersonville, Indiana, U.S.A,”* he took the Bible and by the help of the Holy Spirit and those seven spiritual angels, revealed the mystery of those seals. He took the Bible and showed us what the seven church ages were.

What is the mystery of God? The seventh angel cleared up the mystery that was spoken of by the servants, the prophets, which included the mysteries contained in the seven church ages. The voice of the seventh spiritual angel sounded through Brother Branham, the seventh earthly (star) angel, and showed him what the seals were. They were revealed, and were related to the seven

church ages. Paul also had a “mystery” to reveal to the church in his day. That “mystery” had to do with the Gentiles being accepted into the Jewish church (Ephesians 3:1-9), and is a different “mystery” than that of Revelation, chapter 10:7. The Gentiles being included in the family of God along with the Jews was, “**Their Mystery,**” that Paul revealed. But the mystery in Revelation, chapter 10:7, was the route the church came through for seven church ages and that is “**Our Mystery.**”

The Old Testament prophets that had spoken in the time of the Old Testament, indicated in several different places in the Old Testament that God would show mercy on the Gentiles. God knew that the Jews would reject Him and the natural branch would be cut off, and the Gentiles be grafted in and become fellow heirs and partakers of the Gospel. They spoke in a mystery, but Paul cleared up this mystery; just as the seventh angel cleared up the mystery of the church ages. **The sound of Brother William Branham’s voice has made known those seven church age mysteries, as the seals were revealed.** The prophet’s voice has shown the route which the Church has taken from Pentecost up until now. This mystery spoken of in verse 7 has already been made known to the Bride of Christ, and is the same mystery that John wrote about in the first chapter of Revelation, verse twenty. Here, John is told about a mystery, a “single mystery,” that had to do with the seven stars, the seven golden candlesticks and the seven churches that he saw. This is the mystery that was cleared up by the seventh church age messenger. Although God used him to reveal many other mysteries..., without a doubt, the single mystery that is spoken of in verse seven of this chapter, was what John saw as a single mystery, and has been made known to us by God’s prophet messenger to this Laodicean age. Now, that is very clear to us.

Part Four

Now we go to the fourth part of this chapter. It’s simply the message that was preached by the apostle Paul restored back again, with the understanding that was lost in the first church. Christ brings back what He meant and lays it on what was said, for His Bride through the five-fold ministry, as Christ has now given her apostolic leadership.

Verse 8: *“And 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.”*

Verse 9: *“And 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.”*

Verse 10: *“And 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.”*

Verse 11: *“And He said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and*

nations, and tongues, and kings."

Notice that revelational voice began to talk to John. **This is the voice of the Eternal Spirit as He speaks through the man Christ Jesus, who still sits on the throne in heaven, as this ministry is being fulfilled, up until the time of the Rapture.** John is a type of the true ministry, and the true ministry is a part of the Bride. The voice of God is still speaking after the seventh church age messenger has been called home, showing that God is still talking to the Bride of Christ through the five-fold ministry.

Notice how the Spirit of God speaks to the Church. If you are the Bride of Christ in this hour..., then the Spirit of God is speaking to you, saying, "Go get that food out of the hand of the ministry, just as the early Church did. Go get the little book and be like the early Church, who was under the leadership of the apostle Paul."

It's sweet in your mouth, but when it gets in your stomach it makes it bitter. It requires you to come out from among the world and from among denominations.

Now, do you see who the angel is that's coming back in Revelation, chapter 10? It's Christ in angelic form coming in His fullness to the Bride of Christ, getting her ready for the Rapture.

The seven thunders ARE the seven spiritual angels that assist Christ, as He comes back to earth in an angelical form. The little book (or scroll) is bitter on the stomach. In Laodicea, the "*peoples rights*" age, many want their own way, but the Bride will follow God's leadership even if it means they have to swallow some of their pride.

So the Bride will keep reading Her Bible and build on that foundation. Take what Paul said and get Christ formed in you. Peter was bordering on it when he said to get that divine nature formed in you. (II Peter 1:1-8) **Also, II Peter 1:19 tells us about the day star arising in our hearts at the beginning of this new day.**

Also, the world wide **inclusion of this five fold ministry is to many people, nations, tongues and kings** (or kingdoms). This ministry (of verses 8-11 of this chapter) is to **prophecy**, which means their preaching is "**deep revelational preaching**" that is to the Bride in all nations, and she will understand perfectly. That is now taking place through this apostolic ministry.! And at the completeness of this ministry, the rapture takes place as two prophets go to Israel. This chapter ten has now become "clear as crystal." Amen.