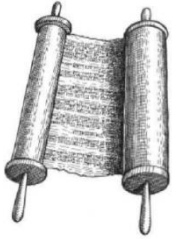




## The Beginning of a Short **Interval** between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet



### Sweet or Bitter

### The Angel & The Little Book



Revelation 10:1-10, <sup>1</sup>I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; <sup>2</sup>and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; <sup>3</sup>and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. <sup>4</sup>When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." <sup>5</sup>Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, <sup>6</sup>and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, <sup>7</sup>but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. 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." <sup>10</sup>I took the little book out of the angel's hand

and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.



any scholars today believe that this little book given to John is in fact the Word of God. This would have been one of the Torah scrolls since the New Testament had not been written yet. You might think it is a little strange that John was told to eat the book that it would taste sweet in his mouth and be bitter in his stomach.

This is not the first time this happened in scripture.

“Your words were found and I ate them, and Your word became to me the gladness and joy of my heart” (Jer. 15:16).

Ezekiel 2:8-9 (NASB), <sup>8</sup>“Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you.” <sup>9</sup>Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll *was* in it. <sup>10</sup>When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3:1-4 (NASB), <sup>3</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

<sup>1</sup>The book / scroll that was handed to John would be sweet in his mouth because it is the word of God and its message is true. You draw strength from its words and it is like food for your soul. But often its message is bitter and hard to swallow, especially when it deals with prophecy and you know it’s not good to those you will give it to. In the cases above John and the prophet was told to eat the scroll then go take its message to the House of Israel or in the case of John, speak the prophecy of the final Trumpet Judgment and as bitter as it was, this is why I believe it made his stomach bitter.

In v11 John was told (like the prophets) after he had eaten the little book that he must prophecy again before many people, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://mynewhope.ca/messages/the-strong-angel>

<sup>2</sup>Note: John's popularity and influence in the Christian community continued through correspondence with all the churches. John wrote the book of Revelation during his exile. When he was released from exile, he returned to Ephesus. John founded and built churches all through Asia until he was old, and died in Ephesus.

During his life, John wrote the book of John and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd book of John and the book of Revelation. Near the end of his life, it is said that he constantly repeated the phrase, "Little children, love one another!" He did that because he believed it was the Lord's most important commandment.



## Two Witnesses

(Revelation 11:3-12)

Revelation 11:2 (NASB), "... they will tread underfoot the holy city for forty-two months."



Those who "tread under foot" would be the Gentiles and at this time it will be people of the Antichrist and the rest of the Gentile nations. As far as a time line goes we are looking at about the 3.5 year mark. In one year's time the Antichrist will have stepped out onto the scene and he is demanding everyone show their allegiance to his new world order by taking his mark in the hand or forehead. The armies of the Antichrist is about to invade Jerusalem and take control of the temple mount in the name of Allah, millions will die.

We are almost to the mid-point of the tribulation. After all the plagues and horrible events of the Trumpet Judgments man will not repent c9:20-21. It is time for God to send in two of His faithful witnesses.

The two witnesses come wearing sackcloth as an object lesson to express their great sorrow for the wretched and unbelieving world, racked by God's judgments, overrun by demon hordes, and populated by wicked, sinful people who refuse to repent. They will also mourn because of the desecration of the temple, the oppression of Jerusalem, and the ascendancy of Antichrist.

God has given them powers that will be unheard of in human history. Because of the trumpet judgments that have come before the two witnesses the world will again be shocked by what these two can and will do (ie: fire out of their mouths v5; shut up the skies so it will not rain v6a; turn the water into blood v6b; and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire v6b). The world will truly hate these two prophets of the Lord.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/history-of-john-the-disciple-of-jesus-faq.htm>

As to who they are, well it seems everyone has an opinion and that's good. It seems that some believe it to be **MOSES** and **ELIJAH** based on the fact that each man has already done similar things in their life time, the problem with Moses is that he has already died. The scripture tells us

Hebrews 9:27 (KJV), <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed unto men once to die,  
but after this the judgment:

So is there another prophet of the Lord beside Elijah who never died that God would use. There is another, and that is **ENOCH**. Enoch never died but was taken up to heaven several times as the faithful and holy scribe to the fallen angels of his day. Enoch was the 7<sup>th</sup> from Adam and in the blood line of Jesus.



However, no matter who God uses, the two witnesses will serve God in Jerusalem for a period of 1,260 days  $\sqrt{3}$  (3-1/2 years) basically the last half of the tribulation period. At which time the antichrist comes against them and they are killed, much to the joy of the world, so much so that they send each other gifts to celebrate the event of their deaths.

Then even a more amazing event happens that will shock the entire world yet again. With television cameras focused on the two dead bodies for three and a half days (sound familiar). Then in front of the entire world God will raise them up (a type of rapture) with the same words He used to call His bride the church home to be with Him, ... "Come up here" (also ref. Rev. 4:1). The Spirit of life (Holy Spirit) will enter back into them and they shall stand back up and great fear will fall upon everyone who sees them come back to life. Then they shall ascend up into heaven in a cloud and their enemies shall be afraid. The same hour that this happens the Lord will strike Jerusalem with a great earthquake that will level a tenth of the city killing seven thousand (7,000)  $\sqrt{13}$ .

The killing of the two witnesses begins in the eleventh chapter of Revelations just prior to the mid-point of the tribulation. We are told c11:3 they will prophecy for 3 1/2 years which is half of the tribulation years. They are taken up in a cloud into heaven.



The end of the Interval between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet