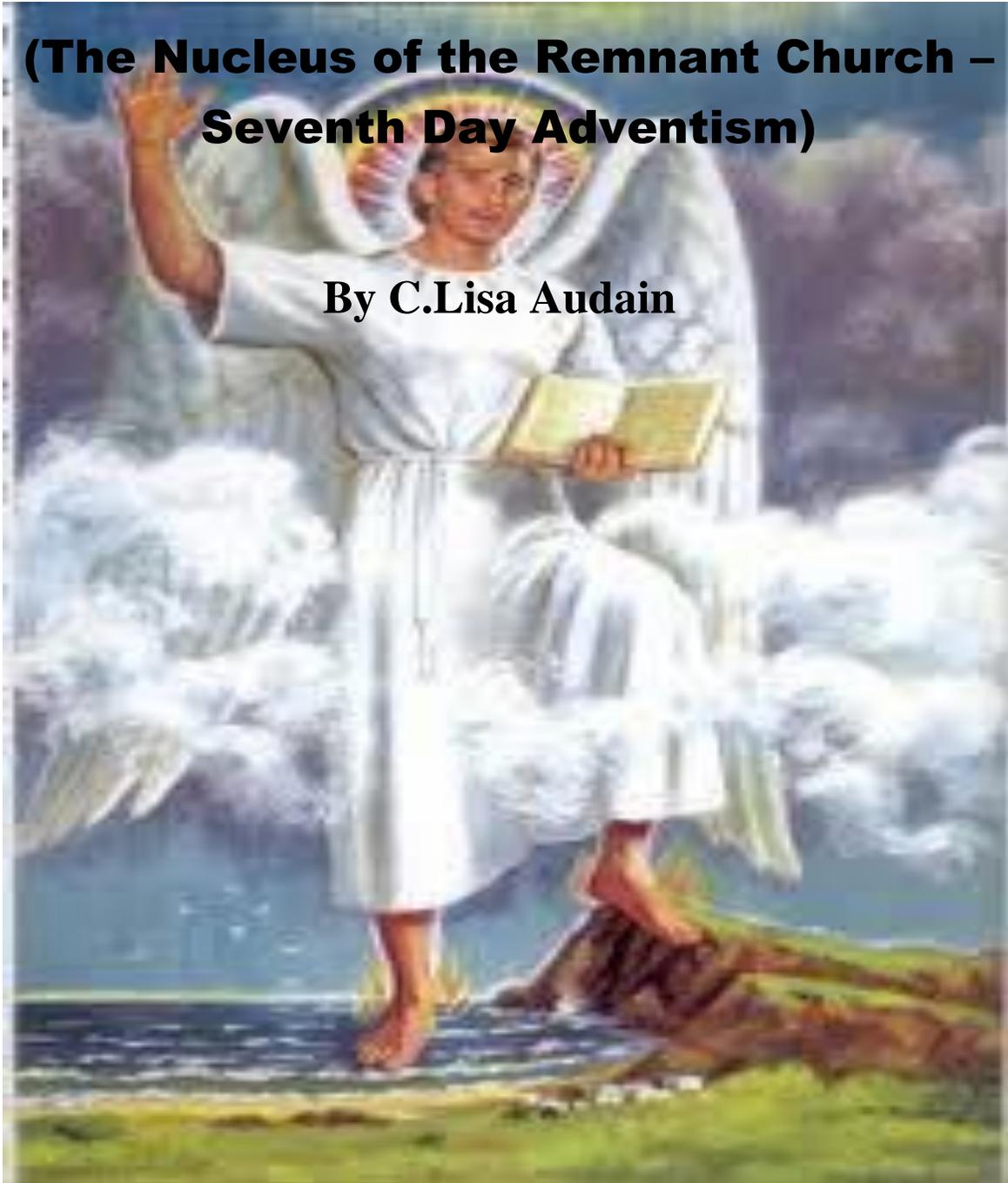


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Introduction:

Revelation Chapter 10 is an interjection or a parallel chapter between the sixth and seventh trumpets (Rev 9:20 – Rev 11:150).

The sixth trumpet ended in 1840 acb and the seventh trumpet began in 1844acb. Therefore the events of the chapter falls in history when the first and second Angels' messages were being preached through the Millerites Movement that accumulated in the great disappointment of 1844acb. Thus it identifies the events that established the Remnant Church (Seventh Day Adventism) of Rev 12:17; Rev 14:12, in outlining its origin, purpose and destiny.

We are therefore going on a journey to discover where we came from, who we really are as a people, why God brought us into existence and what will be our destiny as a people.

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:"

John saw another Mighty Angel. This angel was not the same angel that were sounding the previous trumpets. This was another Mighty Angel and can be no other but Christ, Himself.

Christ is not an Angel in nature but in purpose, being a messenger of the Covenant (Mal 3:1).

Christ was identified as having the characteristics identified in the verse.

- a. Clothed with a cloud (Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:7; Ps 104:3).
- b. Rainbow was upon his head (Rev 4:3; Eze 1:26-28).
- c. His face was as it were the sun (Rev 1:13-16; Matt 17:1, 2).
- d. His face as pillars of fire (Eze 1:26-28; Dan 10:6).

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,”

Little book should be translated, **little scroll**. The inference of the book being open implies that, at one point in time, it was closed. But what is this little scroll that is now shown as being opened?

In Dan 12:4, we read of a book that was sealed only to be opened at a specific time. This book/scroll in Rev 10 is the same book being referred to in Daniel’s prophecy (Dan 8:14, 17, 19, 26, 27) and the truths surrounding the 2300 days/years prophecy that were to be revealed at the time of the end. The only difference is that now the book is opened.

This book in Daniel had reference to time. “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders” Dan 12:6.

And the Angel in chapter 10 is also referring to time. So both expressions are referring to the same book and the truths that it contains, to be opened at the time of the end that began in 1798ac.

‘Set his right foot upon the sea and his left foot on the earth’, this indicates:

That there will be a wide proclamation of the message which was written in the book/scroll. (Isa 52:7; Amos 8:11, 12; Rom 10:15).

Verse 3:

“And cried with a loud voice, as *when a lion roareth*: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.”

Lion roareth – This is Christ who was from the tribe of Judah, represented as a lion (Rev 5:5).

Christ crying with a loud voice, shows the nature of the message in connection to the 2300yrs that is in the unsealed book of Daniel. The roaring of a lion speaks of judgment against the enemies of God’s people (Joel 3:16). So the coming of God’s judgment was the subject of this preaching.

The seven thunders spoke, what are thunders? It is the voice of God (Ps 29:3-9; Is 31:4; Jn 12:28, 29). Seven represents perfection or certainty of what God was going to accomplish.

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.”

John was about to write what the seven thunders said but was told to seal it up or do not write it.

So it meant that John understood what was uttered, and it had to do with the events that were to occur in 1844ac. God revealed to John events that would transpired in connection to the 2300 yrs. prophecy but they were not supposed to know the events. God concealed them because the people of God were to going to be tested.

“The books of Daniel and Revelation are one. One is a prophecy the other is a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.” E. G White, 7BC 971.5

Verse 5:-

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,”

Here we see Christ lifting up his hand; bring His attention to heaven.

Verse 6:-

“And swear 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:”

Christ swore by His Father in heaven, the true God that created all things, that there should be time no longer.

The word of creation was borrowed from the Sabbath commandment (Exo 20:8-11) and the first Angel’s message of Revelation 14:6, 7.

Thus the Sabbath was pointed out, because the Sabbath truth is the sign of the True God (Ex 31:13).

Therefore all those who came to the period of the ‘time no longer’ or the end of prophetic time, or the end of the 2300 days/yrs., they were supposed to arrive at the truths of the Sabbath.

The phrase **‘time no longer’** does not mean the end of the world or of probationary time, because the covenant was given to ‘prophecy again in Rev 10:11.

Therefore this could only mean, the end of prophetic time expressed in Dan 8:14. The 2300 days/yrs. prophecy was the longest time prophecy given and after 1844acb no time prophecy again would be necessary.

The people of God will not have another message upon definite time.

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 his servants the prophets.”

The voice of the Seventh angel, this voice follows the time no longer which ended in 1844acb. So this angel began to sound in 1844acb.

The mystery of God refers to the gospel of Christ (Eph 3:3-6; Eph 6:19; Col 1:25). However, what does it mean, that it should be finished?

The word 'finish' does not mean ended but **completed**. At 1844acb, the gospel of Christ was to be completed. At the sounding of the Seventh angel, the second apartment of the Heavenly Sanctuary was opened (Rev 11:15, 19). It is at this time that the judgment began and the gospel was fully restored or understood.

Now since the mystery or gospel is completed, then it must be preached (Rev 10:11). The final part of the gospel was then re-discovered in 1844acb.

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.”

John was told to go and take the little book. But John here is a representative of the people of God or His church.

God told John to take the scroll, indicated that it is God's will that the events written in the scroll should be experienced by the people of God.

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.”

The angel told John that on eating the book it shall be better in the belly but sweet in the mouth.

The eating of the book meant that what was in the book were to be thoroughly studied. But hear you see the angel telling John that it should be bitter first in his belly before his mouth, but it should be as honey in the mouth. The message

spoken of Christ retuning was to be sweet to them but they were going to experience a disappointment as a test. This is the event of the thunders that John was told not to write.

The disappointment first which was going to be bitter and then the sweetness. After the disappointment they were to discover the truth and this would be sweet to them like 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.”

In this verse you see the opposite; the mouth first and then the belly. This is borrowed from Eze 3:1-3. It shows an experience that is first pleasurable and afterwards it turns to disappointment. Here it pointed to being happy first and then disappointed.

Many felt away after being tested. Before which the proclamation of the coming of Christ was like honey to them (2Tim 4:8; Tit 2:13).

This disappointment was familiar in kind with the disappointment experienced by Christ's disciples. They had a wrong idea of Christ's coming to the earth. They taught that he was going to set up an earthly kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But they were disappointed when they saw that he was going as a lamb to the slaughter (Isa 53:7).

Both disappointments were based upon the same prophecy but different portions.

Millerite movement disappointment was based upon a wrong interpretation of the events of Dan 8:14 (2300 days/year prophecy). They taught the earth was the sanctuary.

The disciples in Christ' days interpreted the 70wks that were cut off from the 2300 dys/yrs prophecy and in explained in Dan 9:24-27. They misunderstood the purpose of Christ's coming. The message of Mk 1:15, “And saying, the time is

fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel.” This proclamation was based up Dan 9:24-27.

Both messages were correct but the events were wrong.

Verse 11:-

“And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”

They were to prophesy again. A message was then given to the people of God after the disappointment and it was the Third Angel’s message that were to be preached throughout the world before the end comes.

Why prophesy again? Because they were prophesying before the bitter experience.

Unto the disappointment in 1844ac^b, God’s people reexamined the 2300 yrs. prophecy to see where they went wrong. It is then they discovered the truth of the Heavenly Sanctuary (Heb 8:1-6). They discovered that what happened in 1844ac^b was that the judgment began upon the church (1Pet 4:17; Heb 10:30).

Then they came upon the Law of God yea the Sabbath and understood that to pass safely in the judgment they must keep the commandments of God, yea the Sabbath commandment (Jam 2:8-12).

With those truths and the rediscovery of the final part of the gospel, the Investigative Judgment, God’s people must now prophesy again.

This was the birthing of the Seventh Day Adventism. They were then given the completed gospel to give to the world. This is our purpose and the reason why we as a people do exist.

Within the fullness of time a pure and perfect people will now be developed with no fault.

After this work of prophesying again, Jesus Christ will return to take His people home (Rev 14:14-20). Yea Lord come quickly.

AMEN.