

THE MESSAGE OF THE SEVEN THUNDERS
REV. 10:1-11

Introduction:

- A. This is not the sounding of the seventh trumpet.
 - 1. v7, "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel."
 - 2. v11:15, "And the seventh angel sounded."

- B. The message of these seven thunders is sealed.
 - 1. v4, "seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered."
 - 2. We cannot know what they are!
 - 3. We can learn from the episode.

I. THE MESSENGER. V1-3

- A. His appearance. v1
 - 1. He was a mighty angel from heaven.
 - 2. He was clothed with a cloud.
 - 3. He had a rainbow on his head.
 - 4. His face shone as the sun.
 - 5. His feet were as pillars of fire.

- E. His possession. v2a
 - 1. a little book = biblaridion = little book.
 - 2. open = anoigo - to open, open.

- C. His actions. v2b,3
 - 1. Set his right foot on the sea.
 - 2. He set his left foot on the earth.
 - 3. His voice was as a lion roaring.
 - 4. Seven thunders then sounded their message.

II. JOHN FORBIDDEN TO WRITE. V4

- A. "And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write."

1. uttered = laleo = to use the voice.
 2. John was prepared to report.
- B. "and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."
1. seal up = sphragizo - to make fast with a seal that writings may not be read.

III. THE OATH TAKEN TO CONTINUE JUDGMENT. V5-7

- A. The angel. v5
1. One foot on the sea. [The angel of v2]
 2. One foot on the earth.
 3. "lifted up his hand to heaven."
- B. The oath. v6
1. swear = omnumi - to promise with an oath.
 2. "that there should be time no longer."
 3. There shall be delay no longer.
 4. Now nothing stands in the way of the final dramatic chapter of human history.
- C. The promise. v7 [Rev. 11:15-17]
1. "when the seventh angel sounds."
 2. mystery = musterion = a secret, a truth that men know, only because God reveals it.
 3. finished = teleo = to bring about, fulfill.
 4. declared = euaggelizo - to bring a joyful message. Then the hidden purposes of God.
 5. v7, "then shall have been completed the sacred secret God, as he told the good news unto his servants the prophets."
 - a. What is this? Rev. 11:15-17.

IV. THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN. V8

A. "And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said."

1. spake = laleo - to say, to speak.

B. "Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth."

1. take = lambano = to take hold of.

2. The little book = biblaridion = is not closed.

V. THE LITTLE BOOK. V9,10

A. "And I went unto the angel and said unto him, Give me the little book."

1. give = didomi - deliver, supply, commit.

B. "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."

1. eat it = katesthio - to swallow down.

2. belly = the hollow of the belly.

3. sweet = glukus = sweet. Truth is sweet to learn but it creates inward turmoil!

C. "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."

1. John obeyed God's command.

2. What God said came true.

3. It is not easy on us to learn the truth!

VI. JOHN'S WORK WAS NOT COMPLETED. V11

A. "And he said unto me, thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

1. prophesy = propheteuo = to hold the office of a prophet, to do the work of a prophet, the prophetic rank or work, the gift of a prophet.
2. John did or is or will do as God has spoken.

VII. SOME VITAL TRUTHS TO LEARN.

- A. We do not have all the information available to us that John saw.
 1. This particular revelation is sealed.
 2. Many writings are not canonized.
- B. We have all that God wants us to have.
 1. If He wanted us to have more we would.
- C. We have all that we need to do God's will.
 1. We need to study more, not more to study.
 2. We can be spiritually mature!