

Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

Lesson 80

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Read Revelation 10

Revelation 10 is an interlude in the vision of 7 trumpets. Between the 6th and 7th trumpet there is a vision of a mighty angel. This angel seems to be the Lord Jesus.

1. “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a _____ : and a _____ [sign of God’s covenant faithfulness] was upon his head, and his face was as it were the _____ , and his feet as pillars of _____ [strength and suffering].”
2. Refer to Psalm 97:1-2: “The Lord reigneth..._____ and _____ are round about him.” Revelation uses Old Testament symbolism.
3. Note the posture of the angel: “He set his right foot upon the _____ , and his left foot on the _____ .” This is a picture of authority – He is in charge and claims the kingdoms of the world for Himself.
4. The angel lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth forever and ever, who created everything, that “there should be _____ no _____ .” There will be no more delay. Jesus is swearing an oath by Himself (Hebrews 6:13).

The Greek god Atlas is pictured as bent over with the weight of the Earth that he carries on his back.



Christ has more authority than the Greek gods (which are not gods) as He stands with His feet upon the earth and sea.

5. John is recommissioned to declare the whole truth: “Go and take the _____ which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the _____ and upon the _____.”

Read Revelation 11

Remember, the book of Revelation is about Jesus Christ and comfort for saints. We are in the middle of trumpets sounding. In times of clear and visible proclamation of the Scripture or in times of persecution and hidden worship, the church’s witness during this time is one enduring part of history. Every world power is eventually defeated; the church is the only organization that has survived for 2000 years.

6. “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and _____ the temple of God...but the court which is without the temple leave out, and _____ it not.” Remember from the Old Testament that the outer court was for the Gentiles. Here the invisible church is being measured (symbol of a commitment to preserve it), but the nominal Christian in the outer court do not have this promise of preservation.
7. “And I will give _____ unto my _____ [true church], and they shall _____ ...” For how many days? “_____ , clothed in _____ .” Sackcloth is a sign of mourning. So much of today’s evangelizing is done with a health and wealth message and with ongoing celebration. Instead, the message to the unbelieving world should be that the world is under judgment. People need a sense of urgency: trumpets are sounding, flee the wrath to come!
8. When the church’s time is finished, “the _____ that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and _____ them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the _____ .”

“They are not all Israel, which are of Israel” (Rom. 9:6).

Are you a true spiritual member of the church?

9. “And they that dwell upon the earth shall _____ over them, and make _____. ” The church will continue to suffer throughout the ages. The world will celebrate and no longer be bothered by the voice of the church of life.
10. And after 3 ½ days, the spirit “from _____ entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great _____ from heaven saying unto them, _____ up _____.” This is no secret rapture like some people advocate. God is in control, will prevail, and believers will join Him in heaven.

Remember – the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John is a book of comfort. There are 7 main cycles that tell the story from the time of the first advent (the birth of Jesus Christ) to the 2nd coming of Christ on the clouds. Often there are interludes in the 7 main cycles so that altogether there are 11 visions. We are now returning to one of the main visions – the 7 trumpets. The seven trumpets included 3 woes. The 7th trumpet refers to the coming of Jesus on the clouds. Many live as if it will never sound, but it could be at any time – be always ready!

What will happen at that time? The Lord will descend from heaven with the sound of a trumpet, the dead in Christ will rise and be caught up with the living Christians to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4).

Romans 11 is written in the past tense even though it has not yet happened. This is called “proleptic” literature. The author speaks about something that is going to happen, but uses the past tense because he is so sure that it will happen. None will escape. See Romans 8:29-30 for another example.

11. “And the _____ angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The _____ of this world are become the _____ of our _____, and of His _____; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (v. 15). Note: Some believe that Christians will take over all positions of power, and peace will exist in the world. This is not what we believe. This text refers to one kingdom (in Greek). Satan made all the human race part of the rebellion against God to depose God as the sovereign of the universe. Christ will conquer this one kingdom. There will be shouts of victory and joy.

12. Throughout the book of Revelation, there are continually large amounts of noise – both good and dreadful noises. “And the four and twenty _____, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and _____ God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which _____, and _____, and _____ to _____; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.” The 24 elders represent the entire church worshipping God. Remember, John is writing to Christians who are under persecution. This is comfort to think of the joy in glory in a true relationship with Christ.

13. Notice the scene the God reveals (v. 19): “And the _____ of God was _____ in heaven, and there was seen in his _____ the _____ of His testament: and there were _____, and _____, and _____, and an _____, and great _____.” The ark is central with its mercy seat. Christ is central with all the promises fulfilled on the last day. But the thunderings and lightnings and earthquake symbolize the wrath of God which will be dreadful for unbelievers.

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Meditation

Dear believers, be ready to leave your loom for the golden harp at a minute's warning; be ready to leave your desk for the throne of Jesus, your pen for the palm of victory; be ready to leave the market below, for the street of the new Jerusalem, where the redeemed shall walk. If you were in a sinking ship, you would not cling hard to bags of money; you would leave all, and be ready to swim. This world is like a sinking ship, and those who grasp at its possessions will sink with it.

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