

REVELATION: Lesson 102
Chapter 10:1-11, What is the “Little Book?”

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There is still one more trumpet judgment remaining, but God has placed another parenthesis, some additional information that is needed, before continuing. This insertion begins in Revelation 10:1 and continues through chapter 11, verse 14.

In this lesson, we'll look in the pages of scripture to see if we can identify the “little book” of Revelation chapter 10 and then we'll discuss the results of opening that book.

Vs 1 This “**mighty angel...from heaven**” is not the Lord Jesus Christ, as some commentators surmise. Here is why:

1. This is “ANOTHER mighty angel...” (vs 1). That means there are others like this one. There is only one Lord Jesus Christ.
 2. This angel swears by the Creator (vs 6) because men swear by the greater (Heb 6:16). There is no greater than God, so God swears by Himself (Heb 6:13).
 3. The “**voice...from heaven**” (vs 8) has been identified as Jesus Christ (Rev 1:10). Jesus Christ is the voice telling John to go to the angel and take the little book.
 4. Angels serve the Master. At this time, the Master requires his servants to serve Him.
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Vs 2 The “**Little book open**” is “little” in comparison to another book. This is a book that has been shut up until this point in time. It's a book pertaining to the land and the sea on Earth at the end of time.

The Old Testament dealt with earthy things:

- Exodus: an earthy people (Israelites) leave one land to travel to another land on earth.
- Numbers: the Israelite people wandered on the earth.
- Samuel, Kings, Chronicles: History of the Israelites living in the Promised Land.
- Joshua: the dividing up of the land.
- The Prophets: prophecy about the Israelites being driven from the Promised land and scattered on the earth. And then how God would one day bring them back into the land.

Church denominations that attempt to doctrinally apply the Old Testament scriptures to the Church end up teaching that the Church must “*bring in the kingdom*” on Earth. But the kingdom on Earth belongs to Israel, not the church. The Old Testament is not about the church.

The subject matter of the little book deals with mysteries that were declared unto God's prophets (vs 7). Many of these mysteries were sealed till the last days (Dan 8:26, 12:4, 9).

- These sealed prophecies are opened in Revelation 10. The “little book” includes these.
 - It also refers to all the end time prophecies written by the Old Testament prophets in the Old Testament (vs 7).
 - The Old Testament “book” is small in comparison to the New Testament.
 - Smaller in promise, hope, and scope. It is the Millennial kingdom on Earth vs Eternity with Christ as co-heirs, a mansion in New Jerusalem, etc.
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Daniel 12:4 Daniel receives some words from God but is told to shut them up and seal them in a book.

Daniel 12:6-9 Daniel is given a prophecy concerning the midway point in the Great Tribulation, but he is not given the understanding of what he receives. It remains a mystery to him.

1 Pet 1:9-12 The Old Testament prophets prophesied of things that did not pertain to them or the Israelites of their time. They searched for the meaning, but it was not revealed to them because it was not for them.

2 Cor 3:3-15 The Old Testament was glorious (vs 7), but not as glorious as the New Testament (vs 8-10). The Jews required Moses to wear a veil (vs 13) to hide the glory of what was revealed to him. Jesus Christ can be found on every page of the Old Testament, but the Jew can never see it because they won't come to Christ (vs 14).

The Tribulation will cause the Jews to turn to the Lord (vs 15), then the veil will be removed.

In this sense, the entire Old Testament remains a sealed book to the Jews, and may, in this sense, be referred to as a "little book." Do you remember how the Bible was a sealed book to you until you came to Jesus Christ and were regenerated?

Israel's blindness will continue during these "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). After that, the Church will be called to Heaven, and the Great Tribulation will provide the judgment needed to teach righteousness to Earth's inhabitants (Isaiah 26:9).

2 Thess 1-7 The Lord's Church need not be troubled about His return (**vs 2**). The "day of Christ" involves God's judgments upon the earth, and the establishment of His earthly kingdom.

There will be a "falling away" (**vs 3**) during the Tribulation, then Christ will return.

The Church cannot fall away. The Church is not looking for the revealing of the "man of sin."

This "son of perdition" will be revealed when he exalts himself "as God" (**vs 4**), sitting in the temple of God in the middle of Tribulation.

Currently the presence of the Body of Christ on earth prevents the Antichrist from rising to full power. After the rapture, nothing will get in the way of His plans.

After the man of sin is exposed, the day of the Lord begins—even before Christ's return.

