

REVELATION: Lesson 103
Chapter 10:1-4, God Reclaims the Earth, When God Roars

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It is interesting that, in a book about revealing mysteries, the Lord commands some of His words to be sealed up. The fact that God tells us He is concealing something in this chapter also lets us know that everything else in the book of Revelation is open for our understanding, or else God would have told us otherwise.

When the Foot Claims the Land (Rev 10:2)

The angel, representing Jesus Christ, set one foot on the sea, and the other foot on the earth, claiming possession of the whole planet for the Lord.

Genesis 12:1-8

God sent Abram into the land of Canaan. He did not tell Abram to settle anywhere. Abram was always journeying, and everywhere he journeyed became his possession. The land was not simply given to him. He had to physically set his foot in each land for it to become his possession. That's how land was claimed.

Joshua 1:1-3

God instructed Joshua to take the Israelites over the Jordan River and set the sole of their feet in each land to lay claim to that land.

Deuteronomy 11:24

God told Moses, "Wherever you walk, that will be your land."

These passages reveal the significance of God's mighty angel setting his foot in the sea and the earth in Revelation 10.

Who does the Earth Belong to Today?

- It belongs to God (Ex 9:29; De 10:14; Job 41:11; Ps 24:1; 1Co 10:26,28).
 - God gave it to Adam to dress it and keep it (Gen 2:15, Job 22:8).
 - Satan wanted it, so he deceived Eve (Gen 3, 1 Tim 2:14). She became his captive (2 Tim 2:26).
 - Adam paid the ransom (ate the forbidden fruit) to get Eve back from Satan.
 - It cost him his life (Gen 2:17) and control of the Earth (Gen 3:17, 2 Cor 4:4).
 - Satan thought he could deceive Jesus into giving up His righteousness and all hope of redeeming mankind. He offered Him the world (Luke 4:5-6).
 - Jesus died for the sins of the world, redeeming mankind and the Earth (**1 Cor 15:24-28**, Mt 28:18).
 - The earth is the Lord's now, but He is longsuffering, waiting for people to repent and turn to Him for salvation (2 Pet 3:9). In Revelation 10, the Lord begins to take possession of what is His.
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Roaring Like a Lion (Rev 10:3)

Roaring, in the Bible, is connected to the Tribulation time.

Jeremiah 25:29-31

- God has given mankind many chances to repent.
 - In this passage, God tells the Gentile nations that they should not think He won't punish them.
 - If He would punish His beloved Israel, He will certainly punish any Gentile who continues to reject Him, especially after so many warnings and opportunities to do right.
 - But before the judgment comes, the Lord shall mightily roar from on high (vs 30), striking terror into all flesh.
 - Even this is one last attempt by God to give man another chance to repent (Luke 13:3, 5).
 - God's voice is so powerful, it will be heard in every nation on Earth.
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Hosea 11:10

When the Lord roars like a lion, it strikes fear into men. The result of the fear of the Lord:

- Men depart from evil (Prov 16:6, Job 28:28).
 - Men gain wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (Prov 9:10, 2:5, 1:29, 1:7, Psa 111:10).
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Joel 3:9-16

Here God instructs the Gentile nations to make weapons and prepare for war.

- There is no peace today because God said the Gentiles are going to war and fight until Jesus Christ gets back.
 - He'll bring peace by slaughtering His enemies at Armageddon.
- At the end of the Tribulation, the remaining heathen who rejected Jesus Christ will assemble themselves in the "valley of decision" (Megiddo) where they will meet their doom.
- The Lord also shall roar out of Zion...the earth shall shake (vs 16).

Amos 1:2 The Lord will roar from Zion...

Job 37:1-5

This passage explains why men hear a roar and not words: men cannot comprehend the things God will do to those who rejected every one of His invitations to repent and be saved.

Job 40:6-9

God's judgments are true and righteous (Psalm 19:9). Men try to disannul His judgments and condemn Him for being too harsh. In so doing, they make themselves God. God challenges those men to "thunder with a voice like him (vs 5). If it's your word against God's voice, who do you think will win?"
