

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 224-Revelation 10)

Introduction: Between the sixth and seventh trumpets we find some explanatory interludes. Though their interpretation is difficult, they are designed to help us understand the reasons for the judgments being described in this book. In this chapter there are two key ideas: 1) the sounding of the seventh trumpet brings about the completion of the mystery of God spoken by the prophets; 2) The message of the revelation that the angel possesses presents information that is both pleasant and unpleasant for God's people.

Lesson aim: To seek to understand the significance of the angel's declaration and the little book he holds.

The angel with the little book--Rev. 10:1-11

1. Describe the angel who is the focus of this chapter.
2. What does the angel hold in his hand?
3. On what does the angel place his feet? What does he then do? What else occurs at the same time?
4. What does God instruct John to do with the thunders he has heard?
5. What declaration does the angel make? (v. 6-7) What will the sounding of the seventh trumpet complete or finish? (v. 7)
6. What is John instructed to do with the book? How did it taste when John ate it? What happened to John's stomach after the book was eaten?
7. What was John instructed to do?

8. Thought question: What events did the prophets predict that the angel might be referring to as the mystery of God?
9. Thought question: What is the significance of the fact that the message of the little book is both sweet to the taste but bitter in the stomach?