

The 7 Retributive Judgment Trumpets of Revelation, IV

1. **Revelation 10 and 11**, which are sandwiched between the blowing of the 6th trumpet (**Rev 9:13-21**) and the 7th trumpet (**Rev 11:15-19**) contain descriptions of events that are extremely significant to Seventh-day Adventists:
2. The following significant events take place between the blowing of the 6th trumpet and the 7th trumpet:
 - a. **Time no longer (Rev 10:6)**--The culmination of the 2,300-year prophecy of **Dan 8:14** in 1844
 - b. **Mystery of God finished (Rev 10:7)**—closing work of the gospel on earth resulting in the gathering of a great multitude of Gentiles from nations, kindred, people and tongues;
 - c. **Eating of the little open book (Rev 10:8-10)**—refers to the unsealed message of the cleansing of the sanctuary which God’s people must study and gladly receive, if they are to have a part in the finishing of the work of God on earth
 - d. **Thou must prophesy again (Rev 10:11; Rev 14:6-12)**--The final proclamation of the everlasting gospel which results in the gathering in of a great multitude of Gentiles into the truth just before the close of human probation
 - e. **The temple, altar and worshippers measured (Rev 11:1)**-- The cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary; The perfecting and sealing of God’s people and the blotting out of their sins not only from the books of heaven but from their lives
3. **IMPORTANT:** These events prophesied are restorative in nature and will be fulfilled when there is no trumpet blowing; in other words, before the 7th trumpet is sounded in **Rev 11:15**;
4. This time of relative peace for the church corresponds to the same time just before the 7th seal is broken when the 4 winds of heaven are restrained from blowing on the earth so that the sealing work can continue; there is perfect agreement between the 7 seals and the 7 trumpets because they both cover the same sweep of human history;

A Litany of Questions:

5. Who is the mighty angel of **Revelation 10**? What exactly is his mission? What is the meaning of the positioning his feet on dry land and on sea? What is the mystery of God? And what is involved in the “finishing of the mystery of God?” When exactly is the mystery of God finished? What is the little

open book in the hand of the angel and what does it mean to eat it? Why was it sweet in the mouth but in the belly bitter? What is involved in the call to prophesy again to nations, tongues and people? What are the voices of the 7 thunders which were sounded after the mighty angel cried with a loud voice like a lion?

6. **Revelation 10** may be broken down into 3 parts:
 - I. **Verses 1-4**---the mighty angel's **description**, his message and the 7 thunders he uttered
 - II. **Verses 10:5-7**---the mighty angel's **declaration** that the mystery of God should be finished
 - III. **Verses 10:8-11**---the mighty angel's **demand** for John to eat the little open book or scroll and to prophesy again before many peoples, and nations and tongues;

The Mighty Angel of Revelation 10

7. In **Revelation 10**, the mighty angel comes down to earth sometime after the 6th trumpet has finished blowing; i.e. after the termination of the prophetic designated as "391 years and 15 days" of blowing the 6th trumpet (**Rev 9:15**);
8. At this point in time, God's church is enjoying a time of relative peace because God has dealt fatal blows to her enemies as a result of the trumpet blows:
 - a. The unbelieving Jews exterminated in 70 AD
 - b. Western Rome fell in 476 AD
 - c. Eastern Rome fell in 1453 AD
 - d. Papal Rome fell in 1798 AD
9. The mighty angel **of Rev 10** performs 7 things when he comes down to earth:
 - i. He sets his right foot on sea and left foot on the earth (**Rev 10:2**)
 - ii. He cries with a loud voice like a lion roars after which 7 thunders utter their voices (**Rev 10:3**)
 - iii. He lifts up his hand to heaven to declare an oath (**Rev 10:5**)
 - iv. He announces that there is time no longer (**Rev 10:6**)
 - v. He declares the mystery of God should be finished (**Rev 10:7**)
 - vi. He tells John to eat the little book open in his hand (**Rev 10:8-9**)
 - vii. He commands John to prophesy again before "peoples, nations, tongues and kings" (**Rev 10:11**)

Time no longer (Rev 10:6)

10. **Rev 10:6**—**that there should be time to longer**--a reference to the expiration of prophetic time; between the blowing of the 6th trumpet and the blowing of the 7th trumpet, the longest time-prophecy of the Bible, i.e., the 2,300 year prophecy of **Dan 8:14**, reaches its end; with the termination of 2,300 year prophecy in 1844, all prophetic delineations in the bible based on time have reached their fulfillment (the 70 prophetic weeks, the 2,300 days, the 1260 days, the 1290, the 1335 days)

11. “. . .Time no longer”--The mighty angel of **Revelation 10** comes down to announce that there are no more prophecies to be fulfilled which are based on time;
12. **IMORTANT**: This means that there can be no setting of specific dates for all prophetic delineations of events to occur from this point onwards;

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This time which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of **prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, **the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844. 1MR 100.**

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Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. **There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.**

. . .**The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on time; for time will never be a test again.** I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, that the third angel’s message can stand on its own foundation, and that it needs not time to strengthen it, and that it will go with mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness. **1SM 188.**

The Finishing of the Mystery of God

13. **Mystery of God should be finished (Rev 10:7)**--Because the 2,300 prophecy of **Dan 8:14** has expired, it is now time to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary; the mighty angel of **Revelation 10** comes down to announce that the 2,300 prophetic days of **Dan 8:14** has been accomplished, therefore the time for the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary has arrived!
14. What does the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary have to do with it the finishing of the mystery of God?
ANSWER: The cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary sets off a chain of events that lead up to the finishing of the mystery of God (the blotting out of sin of God’s people, the sealing, outpouring of the latter rain, the loud cry and the gathering in of a multitude of Gentiles as a result of the powerful proclamation of the gospel)
15. The great gathering in of the Gentiles is the last link in the chain of events that make up the finishing of the mystery of God! It is the end-product of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary.

16. **The mystery of God**--The mystery of God involves the work of gathering in of all of God's children among the Gentiles who are to be part of the kingdom of God;
- a. **Eph 1:9-10—the mystery of His will**—this verse speaks of the “mystery of His will” that in the fullness of times, He might gather all (Jews and Gentiles) in Christ
 - a. **Eph 3:3-7—the mystery of Christ**—this verse speaks of the “mystery of Christ” made known to Paul, that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body and partakers of the same promise in Christ by the gospel
 - b. **Eph 3:8-10—fellowship of the mystery**— the preaching of the gospel among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, to the effect that the manifold wisdom of God might be revealed to principalities and powers by the church;
 - c. **Eph 6:19-20—mystery of the gospel**—in this verse, Paul requests for prayers from (Gentile) believers in Ephesians so that he may open his mouth boldly to preach the mystery of the gospel;
 - d. **Rom 16:25-26—revelation of the mystery**—the preaching of Jesus Christ according to Paul's gospel, which is made known to all nations for the obedience of faith;
17. The final gathering in of the Gentiles through the proclamation of the gospel invitation is in line with Jesus' words in **John 10:16**:
- “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”*
18. **Matt 28:19-20**--Jesus commissions His church to go to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost;
19. **Acts 1:8**—the Jews to be witnesses for Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth (Gentile world);
20. **Act 13:46**--The gospel goes to the Gentiles after the Jewish nation rejects it;
21. The gathering in of a multitude of Gentiles in to the church is the subject of many Old Testament prophesies:
- a. **Isa 49:6**—Israel to be a light to the Gentiles
 - b. **Isa 60:1-5, 8-11**; Gentiles shall come to thy light . . . the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee. . the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee;
 - c. **Isa 61:1-11**—the restoration of the Israel is immediately followed by the conversion of the Gentiles;
 - d. **Isa 62:1-2**—the righteousness of the restored community of Israel is like a great light that shines and attract the Gentiles;

- e. **Zech 8:20-23**—the conversion of the Gentiles is portrayed under the figure of strong Gentile nations taking hold of the skirt of him who is a Jew;
 - f. **Matt 24:13**—this gospel to be preached into all the world as witness to all nations
 - g. **Rom 1:16**—the gospel to the Jews first and then to the Greeks
22. **John 4:22; Rom 3:1; Rom 9:4-5**—salvation is of the Jews because to them were given the oracles of God, the Law, the service of God, the adoption, the covenants, the promises; therefore, the Gentiles have to come to them for their knowledge of salvation;
23. **Rev 14:6-12**—the command to “thou must prophesy again” finds fruition in the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to nations, kindred, tongues and people; the three angels messages to be given in a loud voice;
24. **Col 1:27-28**—A great multitude of Gentiles are converted and the mystery of God finished when Christ’s character is reproduced in the lives of the believers through the final atonement Jesus makes in the Most Holy Place;
25. **Rev 7:9**—the final proclamation results in the gathering in of a multitude of converts from nations, kindred, people and tongues who are gathered in and seen wearing white robes and saved along with the 144,000 spiritual Jews;

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God rebukes His people for their sins, that He may humble them, and lead them to seek His face. As they reform, and His love revives in their hearts, His loving answers will come to their requests. He will strengthen them in reformatory action, lifting up for them a standard against the enemy. His rich blessing will rest upon them, and in bright rays they will reflect the light of heaven. **Then a multitude not of their faith, seeing that God is with His people, will unite with them in serving the Redeemer. RH Feb 25, 1902.**

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The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are “the times of refreshing” to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.” Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers.

Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. **Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side. GC 612.**

The Little Open Book

26. **The little open book**—the little open book in the hand of the mighty angel contains the message of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary; this message was sealed up until the time of the end (**Dan 8:26; Dan 12:4-9**) and is now unsealed;

27. But how do we know that message of the cleansing of the sanctuary has been truly unsealed? **Answer:** knowledge about the cleansing of the sanctuary has been increasing!

“. . .But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.” **GC 356**

28. The mighty angel of **Rev 10** who appeared to John with a little open book is the same angel that appeared to Daniel in **Dan 12**, who commanded the prophet to seal up the book;

Angel of Daniel 12	Mighty Angel of Revelation 10
v.6 position of the feet noted---feet upon waters of river	v.2 position of the feet noted --Feet on water and land
v.7 holds up hands and swears by heaven	v. 5-7 swears by the name of the Creator
v.7 oath is related to time (“time, times and half a time”)	v. 5-7 oath is related to time (“time no longer”)
V7. everything will be finished	v. 5-7 mystery of God to be finished

29. Part of the mighty angel mission is to announce the unsealing of the part of the book of Daniel that had been sealed up until the time of the end;

30. **Dan 8:14, 26**—the message in the book of Daniel that was sealed was the proclamation of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary at the end of the 2300 prophetic days;
- a. The coming of the mighty angel of **Revelation 10** at the end of the blowing of the 6th trumpet, signified that the 2300 prophecy was coming to an end and that the message of the cleansing of the sanctuary was about to be unsealed!!
 - b. Hence, the book in the hand of the mighty angel which John was told to eat, contained the truth about the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary!
31. **Eat the little open book**—God’s people are told to study the message of the sanctuary and the final atonement and receive it gladly; that is what it means to eat the little book:

. . .The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls (Manuscript 59, 1900). **7BC 971.**

Thou Must Prophecy Again

32. **Thou must prophecy again (rev 10:8-11)**—the remnant church is commissioned to give the final proclamation to the Gentiles (nations kindred, tongues and people) is included in the call to prophecy again;
33. **Rev 10:8-10**—God’s people are called to understand the work of Jesus in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary in preparation for the final proclamation; this is portrayed as the taking of the little open book and eating it;
- h. John represents a people living in the time of the end who will understand and proclaim the message of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary in **Dan 8:14**.
 - i. Historically had its beginnings in the Millerite movement of 1844; the proclamation of the message was sweet because it brought revival and reformation to those who accepted it, but it turned bitter when the hopes of the second coming turned to disappointment
 - j. Will be more fully fulfilled in the experiences of their spiritual heirs as they come to understand the message better and learn to experience its power in their personal lives
 - k. The proclamation of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary is absolutely good news but it will bring derision, mockery and rejection from the hands of those who oppose it. . (**Jer 15:16; Ps 19:10; Ps 119:103; Eze 2:8; Eze 3:1-3**).
34. The call to prophecy again applies only to those who “have eaten thee little book,” i.e. studied the message of the sanctuary and gladly received it

35. **Rev 14:1-5, 6-12**—the proclamation of the three angels’ messages is done in a loud voice only by those whose characters have been cleansed and restored as a result of receiving the benefit of the final atonement of Jesus in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary
36. The proclamation of the message will wide extent; this is signified by the position of the feet of the mighty angel--

The angel’s position, with **one foot on the sea, the other on the land**, signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world. **7BC 971**.

37. The final proclamation of the everlasting gospel happens before the 7th trumpet is blown; when the 7th trumpet is blown, this work will be over!
- l. Notice that in **Rev 7**, the sealing of the 144000 and the gathering of the Gentles occur while the 4 angels are holding the 4 winds so that they do not blow on the earth; a time of relative peace is intended by the symbolism
 - m. This scenario perfectly lines up with the mighty angel’s declaration in **Rev 10:7** about the mystery of God being finished when the seventh angel is about to blow

The Mighty Angel Comes Down to Assert His Authority

38. There is another important reason why the mighty angel of Revelation comes just before the 7th trumpet is blown;

The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the **closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth.** The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth. **1MR 99.**

39. From this statement, we gather that:
- a. The mighty angel of Revelation 10 is no less a personage than Jesus Christ
 - b. He comes just before the 7th trumpet is blown or during the “closing scenes of the great controversy” to **assert** His position of power and authority over the whole earth as the great controversy comes to a climax; this is done by placing his right foot on the sea and his left foot on dry land; the appearance of this mighty angel at this time is a prelude to the blowing of the 7th trumpet during which time the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of Christ

- c. His cries with a loud voice as a lion (lion of the tribe of Judah) to show his power and authority over those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth

The Seven Thunders

40. When the 7th trumpet is blown, Jesus no longer just **asserts** His power and authority but **assumes** them;

- a. Michael stands up and assumes kingly power (**Dan 12:1**)
- b. The enemies of Christ become His footstool (**Heb 1:13**)
- c. Jesus receives the throne of His Father David (**Luke 1:31-32**)

41. The seven thunders are a delineation of the final events in the great controversy after the 7th trumpet is blown, i.e. when Jesus assumes kingly power and authority:

- a. **Partial application of the 7 thunders in 1840-1844**—the 7 thunders were delineation of events under the proclamation of the first and second angels' messages in 1840-1844;

John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them. **The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages.** It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God, most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, **but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work.** This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer. **7BC 971.**

- b. **Future** application of the 7 thunders—relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order:

The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth. After these **seven thunders** uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered" (**Revelation 10:4**). **These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order. 1MR 99-100.**

At the commencement of the holy Sabbath, January 5, 1849, we engaged in prayer with Brother Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were **separate and distinct, one following the other**, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. **EW 36.**

42. The 7 thunders are the 7 final events of earth's history that take place when the 7th trumpet sounds and human probation closes:
- I. The kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of Christ (**Rev 11:15; Dan 2:44; Dan 7:21-22, 27**)
 - II. Ministration in the heavenly sanctuary ceases; the 24 elders involved in this worship scenario no longer hold in their hands the vials which contain odours which are the prayers of the saints (**Rev 5:8 cf. Rev 15:16-17**)
 - III. The nations are angry (**Dan 12:1**)
 - IV. The wrath of God is come (**Rev 15:1, 7**)
 - V. The time to judge the dead is come (**Matt 5:28-29**)
 - VI. Give reward to the servants and the saints (**Rev 22:12**)
 - VII. Destroy them that destroy the earth (**Rev 19:1-2**)
43. **Rev 11:14**--The period between the 6th and 7th trumpet is very short and it behooves every thinking Seventh-day Adventist to gather the fragments of time remaining; there is no more time to lose; the Day of Atonement call to afflict the soul and to weep between the porch and altar (**Joel 2:15-17**) and to sigh and cry (**Eze 9:4**) becomes more and more urgent and more and more compelling as the end of all things draws near. . .

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. **Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains.** But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. **6T 14.**

44. Finally, bear in mind also it is the finishing of the mystery of God that brings about the blowing of the 7th trumpet; in other words, if the mystery of God is not finished, the 7th trumpet cannot be blown.
- a. God cannot judge the wicked as unworthy of the kingdom and bring the great controversy to an end until it is demonstrated that God's Law can be kept perfectly; this is why the mystery of God is finished first resulting in a class of believers who keep the Law perfectly (**Rev 14:12**);
 - b. This demonstration leaves the wicked with no more excuse to break the Law of God and are rightfully judged;

Addendum

45. The Line of distinction between the Jews and Gentiles in the spiritual sense:

Those who truly believe in Christ will openly conform to the law of Jehovah. The Sabbath is the sign between God and His people, and we are to make visible our conformity to the law of God by observing the Sabbath. It is to be the mark of distinction between God's chosen people and the world. **7BC 949.**

Those who would have the seal of God in their foreheads must keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. This is what distinguishes them from the disloyal, who have accepted a man-made institution in the place of the true Sabbath. The observance of God's rest day is the mark of distinction between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. **7BC 971.**