

THURSDAY**Prophecy Again**

[LESSON QUOTE] The remnant church was born in the New World, precisely where those seeking religious liberty had fled during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Given the long-standing religious and political obstacles that existed elsewhere, it is doubtful that the launch of this movement would have been as swift or powerful in some other location as it was in the new land that became the United States.

Revelation 10:1–11 = describes birth of the movement.

Look for some elements we have studied, such as “the nations,” the land, and the sea. Applying appropriate caution, so that you do not read too much into the passage, what potential insights can you find in this account?

Revelation 10:1–11 Interlude between 6/7th trumpets describes work/experience of God’s ppl in time of the end

¹I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ²He had a little book open in his hand.

And he set his **right foot on the sea** and his **left foot on the land**

- **MESSAGE FOR ALL NATIONS = LAND/GENTILE SEA**
- **COVERS GLOBE= OLD WORLD / NEW WORLD**

³and **cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.** [Lion of the tribe of Judah] When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

- **Rev 14 and Rev 18 = LOUD VOICES = URGENT MOMENT IN HISTORY**

⁴Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

Unusual—Rev 1:19, 22:10 instructed not to seal up message = something John saw God did not want us to know about when/how final events take place

⁵The angel whom I saw **standing on the sea and on the land** raised up his hand to heaven ⁶and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, ⁷but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets. ⁸Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the **little book** which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.”

- LITTLE BOOK = likely book of Daniel
- **Daniel 12:4** shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
- Message open for the first time in many generations.

⁹So I went to the angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.” And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.” ¹⁰Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

- Bittersweet experience of God’s end-time people

¹¹And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.” **LOUD VOICE = MOMENT HISTORY W/ WORK OF REMNANT CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED**

- At long last, world will be lighted up w/ glory of God
- Final messages of Revelation 14 = everlasting gospel RBF

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

[LESSON QUOTE] God is pushing human history toward its grand conclusion: the end of human empires and the permanent enthronement of Christ.

Daniel 2:34–35 ³⁴You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:43–45 ⁴³As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

[LESSON QUOTE] The Bible makes it perfectly clear, without any ambiguity, that all these worldly kingdoms will be eradicated, without a trace of them and their ugly legacies left, and will be replaced by God’s eternal kingdom, where sin, suffering, sickness, evil, and death will never rise again.

Look at how accurately the prophecies of Daniel 2 and 7 predicted the rise and fall of all these worldly empires. Why should that accuracy, amazing if you think about when Daniel was written, help us trust Him on the promise of the final and eternal kingdom—God’s?

Revelation 21:1-4 ¹Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ²Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."