

**The
Little Book
of
Revelation 10**

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Chapter 1 War in heaven

The subject of this booklet is the Little Book discussed in Revelation 10. However, before studying the scriptures which were inspired and written in that chapter, we must take a close look at the events which lead up to the time when the Little Book comes on the scene. Scriptures found in the Old Testament book of Daniel, together with verses in the book of Revelation, help us to piece together a tremendous prophecy which has been kept sealed until this end-time (Dan. 12:4, 9). The vision and prophecy we are about to discuss will be an eye-opener for many, as they reveal some of the most terrible events one could imagine in the days even prior to the Great Tribulation. These events surrounding this prophecy, and devised by Satan the Devil, led to the prophet Daniel fainting and being sick for a number of days as he wrote the words of this horrifying vision:

“And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it” (Dan. 8:27).

The vision being referred to by the prophet Daniel takes place in heaven, before Satan is finally cast down to this earth to wreak havoc during the opening and fulfillment of the seven seals outlined in the book of Revelation. Notice the incredible prophecy which is fulfilled in heaven in the end-time:

“In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there

any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, **behold, an he goat came from the west** on the face of the whole earth, **and touched not the ground**: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. **And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he goat waxed very great:** and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones *toward the four winds of heaven*. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. *And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.* Then I heard one saint^{H6918} (Strong's 6918 = angel) speaking, and another saint^{H6918} (Strong's 6918 = angel) said unto that certain *saint* which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.** And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. **And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at**

the time of the end shall be the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. [*Editor's note: This is referring to Satan the Devil*]. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it" (Dan 8:1-27).

War in heaven

Many understand that the physical parallel of the above prophecy was fulfilled around 550-323BC. This may well have been the case. However, without getting into the specific details outlined in the above verses, it is clearly evident that the above prophecy is discussing a war which takes place in heaven (see Dan. 8:8, 10). We have highlighted the sections of scripture in the above text for the readers to easily reference and prove that this is the case. We are also told, through the above Bible passage, that this war takes place in the end-time (Dan. 8:17, 19). Again, sections of the above scriptures have been highlighted to draw the readers' attention to the sections which confirm this important point.

In understanding the end-time fulfillment of the above prophecy outlined in the book of Daniel, we must understand that the goat discussed in Daniel 8 and other scriptures is representative of Satan the Devil. (For a study on this most important subject please request or download our booklet entitled “God’s Feast Days: Day of Atonement”). We are told that the goat, or Satan the Devil, “waxes great” and it is indicated in Daniel 8 that he has a measure of success as he wages this war (Dan. 8:8, 10-12). Notice Dan. 8:10-12 again for further emphasis:

“And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered”.

We are told that the goat “waxed great, even to the host of heaven” and that “it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground and stamped upon them” (Dan 8:10). This is one incredible, violent war which takes place in heaven in the end time! Important to note is that Rev. 1:20 tells us that the “stars” are representative of angels, further confirming the heavenly fulfillment of this prophecy. The destruction caused is that by him, (the goat or Satan the Devil), the “daily sacrifice was taken away” (Dan 8:11). Again we state: this is an incredible war which takes place in heaven. Satan the Devil tries to enter God’s sanctuary – although unsuccessful, scripture indicates that he manages to cause a measure of destruction, even though he is not victorious in his overall mission! By him (the goat or Satan the Devil) the daily sacrifices which take place in heaven are taken away (Dan. 8:12-14)!

Satan wants to exalt his throne

Reading the vision in Daniel 8 should bring to mind the prophecy outlined in Isaiah 14:12-14. Notice:

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I

will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isa. 14:12-14).

As can be ascertained from the vision discussed in Daniel 8 and other scriptures we will refer to later in this text, Satan tries to re-enter heaven in this end-time in an effort to exalt his throne above the stars (or angels) of God! The vision in Daniel 8 tells us that Satan wants to make one last attempt to try to dethrone God and himself “sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north”. Even though he will of course be completely unsuccessful in his quest, Satan will try to overthrow God from His throne. Satan the Devil wants *to be* the most High (Is. 14:14)!

Do we understand the depth of this astounding prophecy? In all his perverseness, vanity and conceit, Satan the Devil will perform one last attempt to de-throne God the Father! Satan will not be successful, but he will cause certain destruction in his path. God wants His people to understand the prophecies on this subject which are outlined in the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation because these events take place in heaven even before the opening of the seven seals discussed in the book of Revelation. Understanding these prophecies help light up the path for God’s people for the immediate future. God does not want His people to be in darkness of these important events!

Notice this same war discussed in Revelation 12:

“And **there was war in heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven” (Rev. 12:7-8).

Satan cast out

Rev. 12:7 discusses the same war in heaven as that written in Daniel 8. Michael and his angels fight against the dragon (or Satan the Devil). Will Satan be victorious? Absolutely not! A thousand times no! God’s plan will not be thwarted. God will *never* fail!

Notice the outcome of this war in heaven, which is waged by Satan the Devil in this end-time:

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.* And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child” (Rev. 12:9-13).

Of course, Satan loses the war in heaven. As a result, he is cast out and down to the earth! Scripture states: “woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!” Why? Because having lost the war in heaven, and being cast down to this earth, Satan is full of wrath knowing he has “but a short time” (Rev. 12:12). When Satan is cast down to this earth, he knows time is short because there is “time no longer” or “no more delay”! In the next chapter we will discuss *when* Satan will be cast down, and the destructive effect he will have on this earth.

Satan being cast down to this earth will result in a time of trouble on this earth “as never was since there was a nation”:

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But

thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, **Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand” (Dan. 12:1-4).

Chapter 2

The Little Book of Rev. 10

In chapter one of this booklet we discussed the war in heaven which is prophesied to take place in this end-time. As a result, Satan the Devil is cast down to this earth having great wrath (Rev. 12:9, 12).

Around the time Satan is cast down to earth, the Day of the Lord comes “as a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Pet. 3:10). We will see this more clearly as we go along. As is clearly explained in our booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord cometh...”, Jesus Christ comes “as a thief in the night” at the beginning of the Day of the Lord (Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15). Please ask for, or download the FCGL booklet by this title. It will help you to understand that the Day of the Lord and the Day of the Lord’s Wrath are two separate events. It will also prove, from the Word of God, that the seven seals described in the book of Revelation are all opened and fulfilled within the Day of the Lord, which in fact begins just before the Great Tribulation. [As discussed in the FCGL booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord cometh...”, that which is discussed in the Book of Revelation takes place within the Day of the Lord (see Rev. 1:10, Rev 4: etc)]. As Christ comes to this earth “as a thief in the night” at the beginning of the Day of the Lord, He has in his hand a Little Book. Notice:

“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And *he had in his hand a little book open*: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth” (Rev. 10:1-2).

Revelation 10:1 tells us that a mighty angel comes down from heaven. The description given in this verse of the mighty angel indicates that it is referring to Jesus Christ Himself. We are told that the mighty angel has a Little Book in his hand, which is open (Rev. 10:2). Rev. 10:3 further tells us that the mighty angel will “cry with a loud voice” the contents of the Little Book.

The seven thunders of Rev. 10

Interestingly, and important to note, is that the seven thunders are *not* a part of the Little Book as some wrongly teach. Notice:

“And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: **and when** (Strong’s 3753) **he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices**” (Rev. 10:2-3).

Evidently, *when* (Strong’s 3753) the mighty angel cried the contents of the Little Book, the seven thunders uttered their voices *in response* to the Little Book!

The word "when" in Rev. 10:3 is 3753 in Strong's and could be translated as follows:

“after, after that, as soon as, when, while”.

Revelation 10:2-3 could more clearly be translated as follows:

“And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: **and after/as soon as** (Strong’s 3753) **he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices**” (Rev. 10:2-3).

After the lion roared the contents of the Little Book, the seven thunders uttered their own voices. To confirm this understanding, notice how the word translated as “when” in Rev. 10:3 is translated in the following scriptures:

“And **after** (Strong’s 3753) that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him” (Matt. 27:31).

“So **after** (Strong’s 3753) he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?” (Jn. 13:12)

“But **as soon as** (Strong’s 3753) this thy son was come,

which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf” (Lk. 15:30).

“And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and **as soon as** (*Strong's 3753*) I had eaten it, my belly was bitter” (Rev. 10:10).

As the contents of the book of Revelation pertain to the Day of the Lord (see Rev. 1:10, and ask for or download the FCGL booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord cometh...” for irrefutable Biblical proof on this subject), it would follow that the Little Book discussed in Rev. 10 does not come on the scene till the beginning of the Day of the Lord. The indication is that Christ will bring the Little Book with Him when He comes “as a thief in the night” at the beginning of the Day of the Lord just prior to the commencement of the Great Tribulation (1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15). As the Mighty Angel cries out the contents of the Little Book, the world enters a final period of “time no longer” or “no more delay” (Rev. 10:6). It is at this precise time, at the beginning of the Day of the Lord, that Satan the Devil is cast down to this earth, knowing that he has “but a short time” (Rev. 12: 12), or that he is in a time period of “time no longer” or “no more delay” (Rev. 10:6). Notice that Rev. 12:12 states that when Satan is cast out from heaven to this earth he knows “he has but a short time”. Revelation 10:6 tells us that when the Little Book comes on the scene, there is “time no longer”:

“And when (*Strong's 3753* = “*after*”) the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that ***there should be time no longer***” (Rev. 10:4-6).

The moment the Day of the Lord begins “as a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15), this world will enter a time period of “no more delay” (Rev. 10:6). This is without

doubt the overall *theme* of the message of the Little Book of Revelation 10. The contents of the Little Book point out that Satan is being cast down to this earth and the opening of the seven seals within the Day of the Lord will see destruction as never before! At that point we enter a time of “no more delay”. As the Day of the Lord begins just before the Great Tribulation, the contents of the Little Book are cried out to the Church and the World (Rev. 10:2) and the seven seals begin to be opened in sequence and as follows:

- Seal 1: White horseman – religious deception (Rev. 6:2)
- Seal 2: Red horseman – war (Rev. 6:4)
- Seal 3: Black horseman – famine (Rev. 6:5-6)
- Seal 4: Pale horseman – death (Rev. 6:1-7-8)
- Seal 5: Great Tribulation (Rev. 6:9-11)
- Seal 6: Heavenly signs (Rev. 6:12-14)
- Seal 7: Day of the Lord's Wrath – seven trumpet plagues (Rev. 6:17)

Revelation 10:2, 8 tell us that the message in the Little Book will be for God's Church and the whole world. Notice what we are told about the contents of the Little Book:

“And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and **it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.** And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter” (Rev. 10:9-10).

Little Book – “bitter”

The message of the Little Book “shall make thy belly bitter” but “it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey”. What exactly does this mean? We must understand!

The book of Revelation discusses seven seals which are prophesied to be opened during the Day of the Lord. We know that the seven seals are opened and fulfilled during the Day of the Lord by reading Revelation 1:10 and Revelation 4 onwards. In Rev. 1:10 John was projected forward into the time period of the Day of the Lord. In this verse he clearly states that he “was in the spirit on the

Lord's Day" (or Day of the Lord). Again, this emphasizes that the events within the book of Revelation take place within the Day of the Lord. Rev 4:1-2 emphasizes further:

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit...”.

To which “spirit” was John here referring? He was obviously referring to the “spirit” which he discussed earlier in Rev: 1:10: “the spirit on the Lord's Day” – or the spirit on the Day of the Lord! The following chapters and verses demonstrate the events that take place during the Day of the Lord. As soon as Christ comes “as a thief in the night” to mark the beginning of the Day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15), Satan is cast down to this earth and the first four seals (or the four horsemen representing spiritual deception, war, famine and pestilence) will immediately begin to be opened – one after the other. This will bring about the ‘sudden destruction’ referred to in 1 Thess. 5:3. The four horsemen will be released immediately prior to the opening of the fifth seal (Great Tribulation) but will continue their destructive ride throughout the Great Tribulation. (Please download or ask for our free booklet entitled “The Day of the Lord cometh...” which explains this subject in detail). About two and a half years into the Great Tribulation, the sixth seal will be opened, consisting of the heavenly signs spoken of in Revelation 6:12-17. The final seventh seal is the “Day of the Lord's wrath”, during which the seven last plagues will fall on this earth in the final year of Great Tribulation. These events are what make the message of the Little Book to be “bitter” (Rev. 10:9-10).

As soon as Satan is cast down around the time of the beginning of the Day of the Lord, he persecutes the woman. This no doubt sees the opening of the first four seals:

“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child” (Rev. 12:13).

After the first of the seals are open, but before the Great Tribulation begins, God's faithful and loyal people are taken to a place of safety for protection from the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord's Wrath. Satan goes after God's faithful people, but is unsuccessful in his attempt to destroy them (Rev. 12:14-17). As a result, he turns back and wages war on the remnant of God's people who are not taken to the place of safety and the rest of mankind who are plunged into the Great Tribulation. Notice:

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*” (Rev. 12:14-17).

Little Book – “sweet as honey”

We are also told that the message of the Little Book is “in thy mouth sweet as honey” (Rev. 10:9). Why “sweet as honey”? Because the terrible events brought about by the seven seals culminate in the firstfruit resurrection, the marriage of Christ and the saints, the return of Christ with His Bride, the setting up of the government of God on this earth *and* His millennial reign...! The ending is sweet as honey in the mouth (Rev. 10:9). After the terrible destruction brought about by the fulfillment of the seven seals, God the Father will then send His Son, Jesus Christ, to rule the nations as King of Kings and Lord of Lords! That is the “sweet” ending after the “bitter” events which must take place once Christ comes “as a thief in the night” and prior to His return with the saints (the firstfruits) as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Prophesy again

As indicated in Rev. 10:11, the Two Witnesses will be given the task of "prophesying again" before many nations, peoples and

tongues. They will cry aloud (Matt. 25) a message of repentance and the imminent setting up of the Kingdom of God. They will urge the peoples of this world to turn to God, while declaring a message of tremendous hope and encouragement. (Please ask for, or download a copy of, the FCGL booklet entitled “Zerubbabel & the Two Witnesses” for more understanding on this subject). What a wonderful future awaits God’s people and this world, but before then God will correct this world through the events which will unfold in the Day of the Lord as discussed in the book of Revelation.

It is now time to take heed and repent. God has given His people tremendous understanding on the prophecies outlined in the books of Daniel and Revelation. He has given His people clear understanding on the Little Book, the message it contains and when it will come on the scene.

What a privilege it is to understand the prophecies of the Great God of the Universe!

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