

## Revelation Chapter 10:

The saga continues here with the sixth angel. Another angel appears on the scene, as an angel of light. He appears on earth with a little scroll which is open in his hand. When the angel spoke, the 7 thunders spoke. The message of each of the 7 thunders, John was not allowed to record.

The angel, speaking by the authority and power of God, tells John that when the 7th angel blows its trumpet that God's mystery will be accomplished.

John is told to take the scroll from the angel and is then told by the angel to eat it. The angel tells him that it will be sweet at first but will cause him to become sick later. John did as he was told and things happened as he had been told. He is then told that he must prophesy about many peoples and their rulers.

## Revelation Chapter 11:

Still on the sixth angel, the woe continues. John is told to measure the temple and to count the worshipers. He is told that the outer part of the temple will be overrun by Gentiles for a short period of time. Whether God is referring to the literal Jerusalem where "heathens" will control for a period of time or of something else, is not known for sure.

God during this will give power to 2 witnesses who will declare his message for the same period of time. The two witnesses are the 2 lights and the 2 olive trees who stand before God on earth (Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 11:17-24). Those who harm those proclaiming the message of God will be punished severely for their act. These witnesses will have power to do great things (he cites examples of what God's messengers had done in the past at God's command).

These witnesses will finish their testimony and will then be overcome by the beast. They will appear to be overcome for a brief period of time but will then receive life and be sent on to God. Those who had gloated about the witnesses destruction will be struck with terror and will see the ascension of the 2 witnesses. This is about the day when all Christians will go to be with God.

At that time a portion of the city will be destroyed and many people will be killed. Those who remain will recognize and give glory to God. This will be the end of the second woe.

When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, voices will praise Jesus because He has then become Lord and Christ of all the world and will reign forever. The 24 elders will praise Jesus for the beginning of His reign, the wrath and judgement on the disobedient and for rewarding the faithful.

The entrance into God's presence will then be made known.

THE FACT REMAINS. CHRISTIANS WILL BE PERSECUTED AND THEY MAY APPEAR TO BE DEFEATED, BUT TAKE HEART, FOR THEY WILL LIVE AND REIGN FOREVER WITH CHRIST WHO WILL BE LORD AND CHRIST OF ALL!!!

## COMMENATARY

### Revelation Chapter 12:

The chapter begins with the appearance of a woman in heaven. She represents Israel and the 12 stars about her head represent the 12 tribes. The dragon of course, is Satan, who is waiting to destroy the Messiah. Jesus was born, died, arose and then ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of God. Israel was scattered for a period of time (represented by the 1,260 days -- or "3½" years).

Following this, John says, there was a battle in the heavens between Michael and his angels against Satan and his angels. Satan was defeated and cast out, to the earth, where he leads people astray. The voice in heaven, states that the victory was made possible through the blood of the Lamb (the individual Christians victory).

Satan then set out to destroy God's people, but when they were scattered and he was foiled in his attempt, he sought then to destroy Christians.



## STUDY GUIDE

### Revelation Chapter 10:

1. What did the mighty angel from heaven have in his hand?
2. What spoke, but John was told not to record it?
3. What will happen in the days when the 7th angel is about to sound his trumpet?
4. What was John told to do by the voice he heard from heaven?
5. What did the angel tell John to do?
6. What happened when John ate the scroll?
7. What was John then told?

### BONUS:

1. Why do you think John was told not to record what the 7 thunders spoke?  
What do you think that it means?
2. What does verse 7 mean in relation to the power of governments and world leaders? How does this make you view them?
3. What do you think is the message of the verses 9-11?
4. What do you learn from this chapter and how can it help Christians today?

## STUDY GUIDE

### Revelation Chapter 11:

1. What was John to exclude in his measuring and why?
2. To whom will God give power?
3. What is said about the ones who would harm the 2 witnesses?
4. What power do the witnesses have?
5. What will happen when they finish their testimony?
6. Why will the inhabitants of the earth gloat and celebrate?
7. What will happen after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days?
8. When the witnesses are taken, what will happen?
9. What happened when the 7th angel blew his trumpet?
10. Who will God judge and who will he reward?
11. What happened following the 24 elders talking?

### BONUS:

1. Using verse 4 and other Scriptures, who do you think the 2 witnesses will be?
2. What will happen to the 2 witnesses and how do you as a Christian, feel about it?
3. What do you feel is the lessons that we can learn from this chapter?



## STUDY GUIDE

### Revelation Chapter 12:

1. What was the sign that appeared in heaven?
2. What was another sign that appeared in heaven?
3. Why did the dragon stand in front of the woman?
4. What happened to the male child?
5. What was the result of the war in heaven?
6. How was the accuser overcome?
7. What did the dragon do when it saw that it had been hurled to earth?
8. When the dragon could not destroy the woman, what did it set out to do?

### BONUS:

1. What is the significance, in your opinion, of the dragon being cast out of heaven?
2. How do you think it affects you, that the dragon set out to make war against the woman's offspring?
3. What does this chapter teach YOU, about the dragon's power?