

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

chapters 10 and 11

Lesson 13

The events of Revelation 10 and 11 finish the *second woe*. The *woe* is coming. *The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!* This proclamation provoked the twenty-four elders to fall on their faces and worship God. May you also be provoked to worship and praise as you study God's power and sovereignty.

OBSERVATION: Read Revelation 10

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns.

Key Words: *God, angel, little book, and seven thunders*

3. Make a list of what the chapter reveals about the *little book*.
4. The contrasting word *but* is used four times in Revelation 10. Mark the word and choose one instance to record what is being contrasted.

5. Using the text of Revelation 10, draw (on a separate sheet of paper) what you think John *saw*.
 - a. What did you observe by drawing the descriptions in chapter 10, that you had not noticed before drawing the chapter?

Read Revelation 10:1-7

1. From Revelation 10:1, describe and comment on the *mighty angel* that John *saw*.

2. What did the *mighty angel* have *in his hand*? Revelation 10:2a
 - a. Where did he set his feet? Revelation 10:2b
 - 1.) To have one's foot on something indicates control or authority. What does this convey about the *mighty angel*?

3. Recount what happened when the *mighty angel* *cried out*. Revelation 10:3

4. What was John *about* to do when the *seven thunders* spoke? Revelation 10:4a
 - a. What did the *voice from heaven* tell him? Revelation 10:4b
 - 1.) Why might the *voice* have said this to John? See also Deuteronomy 29:29.

 - 2.) This admonition was given to another prophet. Read Daniel 8:26; 12:8-9. Note your observations.

5. According to Revelation 10:5-6a, what did the *mighty angel* do?
 - a. From Revelation 10:6b, describe the One he *swore by*.
 - 1.) What does this indicate concerning the validity of his oath?

6. Use Revelation 10:6c-7 to record what the *mighty angel* swore would happen.

Read Revelation 10:8-11

1. According to Revelation 10:8, what did the *voice* tell John to do?
2. What did the *angel* tell John to do with the *little book*? Revelation 10:9a
 - a. Use the following Scriptures to comment further on this picture of ingesting the Word:
Job 23:12

Psalm 119:103

Jeremiah 15:16
 - b. How can you ingest the Word of God?
3. What did the *angel* say to John in Revelation 10:9b?
 - a. Compare John's experience with Ezekiel 2:9-3:4. What do you see?
4. According to Revelation 10:10, what happened when John did as the *angel* commanded?
 - a. Why do you think *the little book* caused both sweetness and bitterness? See Deuteronomy 11:26-28.
 - b. How has the Word of God been both *sweet* and *bitter* in your life?
5. Having eaten *the little book*, what did the angel tell John he *must* do? Revelation 10:11
 - a. What does this convey about the message John *must* give?
 - b. What is the hardest message from God's Word you have had to receive?

OBSERVATION: Read Revelation 11

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns.

Key Words: *God, Jesus, angel, and two witnesses*

3. Mark any references to time (including words such as *when, then, and now*).
4. The *two witnesses* are introduced in Revelation 11. Make a list of what the chapter reveals about them.

5. Using the text of Revelation 11, draw (on a separate sheet of paper) what you think John *saw*.
 - a. What did you observe by drawing the descriptions in chapter 11, that you had not noticed before drawing the chapter?

Read Revelation 11:1-10

1. What was John *given* in Revelation 11:1a?
 - a. According to Revelation 11:1b-2a, what was he instructed to do?
 - 1.) Why do you suppose John was to *leave out the court which was outside the temple*?
 - b. What would the *Gentiles* do? Revelation 11:2b
 - 1.) How long would they do this?
2. Who was introduced in Revelation 11:3a?
 - a. How long would they *prophesy*? Revelation 11:3b
 - b. How are they symbolized? Revelation 11:4

5. From Revelation 11:5–6, describe the power that the *two witnesses* were given.
 - a. Compare their *power* with other men of God by commenting on the following Scriptures:
1 Kings 17:1
2 Kings 1:10
Psalm 105:26–36
4. What will happen *when they finish their testimony*? Revelation 11:7
 - a. Where will the *beast* ascend from?
 - 1.) What does this signify about his origin?
5. Identify *the great city* where the *two witnesses* will *lie* after they are killed. Revelation 11:8
6. Noting mankind's reaction to the death of the *two witnesses*, summarize the events of Revelation 11:9–10.
 - a. Connect this response with John 3:19–20. Record your thoughts.
7. Observe that the *two witnesses* could not be killed until they were able to *finish their testimony*. What does this say to you about your life? See Psalm 31:15.
 - a. What would it mean for you to commit your time into His hands?

Revelation 11:11-19

1. From Revelation 11:11–12, recount what happened to the *two witnesses* after *three-and-a-half days*.
 - a. Who saw this happen? Revelation 11:12b
2. What occurred *in the same hour* that the *two witnesses ascended*? Revelation 11:13a
 - a. What were the results of this devastation? Revelation 11:13b
 - b. How did the survivors respond? Revelation 11:13c
3. According to Revelation 11:14, what is *past*? See also Revelation 8:13; 9:12.
 - a. What is *coming quickly*?

4. Following this interlude, the trumpet judgments resumed in Revelation 11:15. What was declared after the *seventh angel sounded*?
 - a. Link this verse with Revelation 10:7. What do you discover?
 - b. How does this declaration affect your perspective concerning current world powers? See also 1 Corinthians 15:24–25.
5. How did the *twenty-four elders* respond? Revelation 11:16
6. Answer the following questions from Revelation 11:17–18:
 - a. Why did the *elders give thanks* to God? Revelation 11:17b
 - 1.) How can this be a cause for thanksgiving in your life?
 - b. List the things that *should* happen according to Revelation 11:18.
 - c. How are you inspired by the elders' worship?
7. Describe the events of Revelation 11:19.
 - a. What fascinates you about this heavenly *temple*?

REVIEW: Read Revelation 10,11

1. In light of these two chapters, share your impression of the *power of God*.

He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.
- Psalm 115:13

Observation Worksheet

Revelation 10

¹ I 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. ² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his left foot* on the land, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ Now 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." ⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven ⁶ and 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, ⁷ but 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. ⁸ Then 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." ⁹ So 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." ¹⁰ Then 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. ¹¹ And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Revelation 11

¹ Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. ³ And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." ⁴

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. ⁵

And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. ⁷ When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. ¹⁴ The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly. ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.