

The empowering of the Advent Movement and its message on August 11, 1840 with the fall of the Ottoman Turk Empire is prophetically portrayed in Revelation Chapter 10 through the descent of the **Mighty Angel from heaven**. The **Advent Movement**, as of A.D.1840, proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ, calling men to fear, give glory, and worship the God of Creation because the hour of His judgment had arrived. This Movement had initially received little attention among the many Christian denominations, or the secular world. However, following the correct interpretation of the 391-year, 15-day time prophecy noted in the fall of the Ottoman Turk Empire, the Movement, and its message took center stage among members of various Protestant denominations. Impossible to deny the miracle of God in the accurate understanding and prediction of the fulfilled prophecy, many however, still felt skeptical about the Movement and its message. We will examine the empowering of the Advent Movement and its message through the descent of the Angel of Revelation Chapter 10, and understand its significance during that era and the present era for God's church. Please read Revelation Chapter 10 at this time.

Q: Consider the description of the Mighty Angel in verses 1-3, 5, 6. Based on the details given, Who do you suppose He is?

A: The following characteristics and Scriptures help to identify the Glorious Angel:

Characteristic	Scripture References
Clothed with a cloud	Exodus 13:21, 16:10

Characteristic	Scripture References
Has a rainbow upon His head	Ezekiel 1:26-28
Face as the sun and feet as fire	Ezekiel 1:27, Rev. 1:13-16
Cries with a loud voice as when a lion roars	John 11:43; Rev 1:10, 11; Jer 25:30; Hosea 11:10; Isa 42:13
Swears by Him Who lives forever	Deuteronomy 32:39, 40; Daniel 12:7; Hebrews 6:13; Compare: James 5:12, Matthew 5:34-37
Calls the little book, "My two witnesses"	Revelation 11:1-3

Based on the characteristics given for the Mighty Angel, we may reasonably conclude that the Angel is **Jesus Christ Himself, Who is portrayed as descending to all the earth in order to empower the Advent Movement and its message.**

Jesus, the Mighty Angel, Who descended from heaven, is shown as having a **little book** open in His hand.

Q: What is the little book that is open in the Angel's hand? Read Revelation 5; Daniel 12:4, 8, 9, 13; John 16:12

A: The book that the Lamb, Jesus Christ, alone can open is the Bible, particularly the writings of Daniel and the prophets, sealed until the **Time of the End**. The Bible had remained a closed book for centuries, in large part due to men's misapplication, and willful misuse of Scriptures in order to keep the masses in darkness. Further, the traditions of men obscured Bible doctrines readily discernible when read in faith. Jesus Christ, through the Holy

Spirit, made available His words as **new light**, to a people eager to "run to and fro" in the Word, in search of truth.

Q: What is meant by the Mighty Angel's right foot being set upon the sea, and His left foot upon the earth?

A: Prophetically, waters represent a multitude of people, and the earth in contrast, represents sparsity in population (Rev 17:15). Therefore, the Angel's feet, placed upon both sea and earth, must signify a message of global spans.

The Mighty Angel was shown to have a message to take to the ends of the earth. He cried-out, as when a lion roars, and **seven thunders** were said to peal, uttering their voices. In amazement of that which he both heard and understood, the prophet John sought to write down the message of the seven thunders. However, he was commanded from heaven to "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." John, later in the Revelation 22:10 was commissioned to "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." Therefore, the restriction of writing down and disclosing the message of the seven thunders was for a particular era, the era of the descent of the Mighty Angel, the era of the Advent Movement. John was to become an active participant in the prophetic vision of Revelation chapter 10, depicting those among the Advent Movement who were not to have understanding of the message of the seven thunders. The seven thunders represented a sequence of events, confirmed through Scripture and history, that would serve as **testing truths** for the Movement. John however, heard the seven thunders and

understood the message! He therefore, must also represent a people beyond the Advent Movement era who will hear and understand the message of the seven thunders, and share in an experience similar to the Advent Movement pioneers. We will cover the seven thunders in a later study.

Jesus, the Mighty Angel, is the Creator of "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". He swears by Himself "that there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:6, Genesis 22:16, Hebrews 6:13).

Q: What does Jesus mean by, "there should be time no longer"?

A: For those who embraced the message of the Advent Movement, this declaration supported their firm belief in Jesus' imminent Second Coming to cleanse the earth in A.D. 1844. However, as with the **seven thunders**, we have the benefit of hindsight, understanding the fate of the Advent Movement and the events that took place at that time, assuring us that time indeed has continued well beyond 1844! However, Jesus was referring to the cessation of **prophetic time** at the commencement of the sounding of the Third Angel. Indeed, several time prophecies had their conclusion in the year 1844 as shown in the table below:

Time Prophecies Concluding in A.D.1844	Scriptural Reference
1,335-day prophecy	Daniel 12:12 (fulfilled in Jewish 1843)
2,300-day prophecy	Daniel 8:14
2 nd - 2,520-year prophecy	Dan 8:19; 2 Chronicles 33:9-11

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in its teachings. He was then commissioned to bear the message to a people whom he was told, would not heed its counsel. In so doing, Ezekiel was appointed as a **Watchman** among the Children of Israel (Ezek 33:1-9). Watchmen, or sentinels, were guards, stationed upon the walls of the city of Jerusalem who were to watch vigilantly for signs of threat to the city. In the event of an emergency, the watchmen were given a trumpet to sound in order to warn the inhabitants of the city of the danger. The trumpet was an instrument used in Hebrew society to summon convocations during annual feasts, festivals, and Sabbaths. It was sounded over the evening and morning sacrifices, it announced the weekly Sabbath, and again, it was a tool for watchmen to warn the people of threats. The manner in which the trumpet was sounded indicated the message to convey. Therefore, it was imperative that watchmen be constantly on guard and that they sound the trumpet distinctly, to give warning of danger (1 Corinthians 14:7, 8). The Lord counseled Ezekiel that as a watchman, if he sounded the alarm and the people heard and heeded the warning, he would have delivered them and himself from destruction. However, if as a watchman, he failed to sound the alarm in times of danger and the people perished, he would be accountable, having their blood on his hands (Ezekiel 33:2-7). So too, the Advent Movement was to be an early herald to the world, proclaiming the great work of Jesus Christ in the heavenly judgment and of its eternal consequences.

Q: *What does the Father mean by "it shall make thy belly*

Jesus therefore, declared that time would never again be a criteria or test of faith for those living beyond the era of the early Advent Movement. Further, no future Bible prophecies to be fulfilled would be discernible by time.

John was given a command from heaven again to, "Go take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth... Take it and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey" (Revelation 10:8, 9). It is here that John the Revelator became an active part of the vision. John typifies the experience of the people of God in the last days—first those within the Advent Movement, and then those who will have a similar experience near the close of time.

Q: *What does "eating the little book," mean? Where else in scripture is one told to eat a book or scroll? Read Ezekiel 2, 3*

A: God the Father commanded John, who first represented the Advent Movement participants, and secondly, us today, to eat or internalize the message written in the book, both *intellectually* and *spiritually*. We are to understand the message intellectually so that we may be able to give an answer for the hope that is within us to all who may ask. However, we are to be grounded spiritually in the message so that we are moored to its teachings, immovable, though the rains descend, the floods come, and the winds may blow. The prophet Ezekiel, foreshadowing the people of God at the *End of Time*, was similarly commanded to eat a scroll that pronounced judgments upon the Nation of Israel. He too was instructed to internalize the message and to be rooted

bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey?"

A: The message of Christ coming in the clouds of glory to redeem His bride who made herself ready to receive Him, was the sweet message to which sincere Advent Movement participants clung. However, time would show their misunderstanding of the actual event prophesied, namely, the commencement of the **Antitypical Day of Atonement**, the beginning of the judgment in the heavenly sanctuary, rather than Christ's Second Coming to cleanse the earth. The experience chronicled by the *seven thunders* was hidden from Advent Movement believers. They first believed, with sweetness as honey, in the fulfillment of Christ's Second Coming; but were left disappointed with bitterness to their belly. The Bible foretold and chronicled the experience of this movement that has had great significance to modern Christianity. God lovingly guided His people to understand and discern new truths from the Bible, using methods of Scripture interpretation given by the Holy Spirit. For those who remained faithful, not losing confidence in God's guidance despite the Movement's **Great Disappointment** on October 22, 1844, God gave comforting endorsement and counsel: "*Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings*" Revelation 10:11. God reaffirmed the Advent Movement and instructed them to go back and study the prophecies once again; He would in love reveal their error, and give understanding so that they may take their experience and **new light** to the ends of the earth.