



SEVEN THUNDERS

A STUDY IN REVELATION

GROUP/FAMILY

SESSION 4

- Watch the sermon titled: “They Still Won’t Repent” on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel.
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 1255-1260 (on [YouTube/podcast](#)) and share them with the one you are discipling.
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon expositors Revelation 9:1-21
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CONTEXT

Revelation 10:1-10 occurs between the sixth and seventh trumpets. This interlude introduces a mighty angel holding a small scroll. The imagery of the angel, clothed with a cloud and having a face like the sun, echoes Old Testament descriptions of divine messengers ([Daniel 10:5-6](#), [Ezekiel 1:26-28](#)). The seven thunders recall Psalm 29, where God's voice is described as thunderous power. John is commanded not to write what the thunders say, emphasizing divine mysteries beyond human knowledge. The act of eating the scroll parallels [Ezekiel 2:8-3:3](#), where the prophet ingests a scroll symbolizing God's message—sweet to receive but bitter to proclaim. This passage reflects the ancient Jewish concept that prophecy often brought both joy and sorrow, as God's judgment and redemption unfolded together.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT

John received and consumed a small scroll from a mighty angel who told him to seal up the words he heard in the mysterious seven thunders.

Biblical Text (CSB) - Revelation 10:1-10

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, his legs were like pillars of fire, 2 and he held a little scroll opened in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea, his left on the land, 3 and he called out with a loud voice like a roaring lion. When he cried out, the seven thunders raised their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down!"

5 Then the angel that I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6 He swore by the one who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, "There will no longer be a delay, 7 but in the days when the seventh angel will blow his trumpet, then the mystery of God will be completed, as he announced to his servants the prophets."

8 Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take and eat it; it will be bitter in your stomach, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10 Then I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I ate it, my stomach became bitter.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT

- In Revelation 10:1-3, how does the angel's appearance reflect God's power? Why is everything so massive in scale in Revelation?
- Revelation 10:4 says John was not allowed to write the thunders' message. Why is this text here if it does not include the words of the seven thunders?
- In Revelation 10:5-6, the angel swears by God, who created all things. How does this emphasize God's control over time, history, and the fulfillment of His plan?
- Revelation 10:7 speaks of the mystery of God being completed. How does this connect to the prophets' messages about God's final plan of redemption?
- Revelation 10:8-10 describes John eating the scroll. What does this symbolize about receiving and delivering God's word? Why is it both sweet and bitter?

THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT CHURCH?

Be it sweet, or be it bitter, we will proclaim the Word of God. This passage prophesies Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of God's mystery, bringing both salvation and judgment. Christ, the true Word, gives life but also calls us to proclaim His gospel boldly. So we will!

At this time, share with the group the one with whom you will share the gospel this week.

FOR PARENTS:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

John saw an angel with a little scroll. He was told to eat it, and it tasted sweet but made his stomach bitter. This means that God's message is wonderful because it brings salvation, but it is also serious because it warns about judgment. Jesus is the center of this message—He is the one who saves people, but those who reject Him will face judgment. Just like John had to share God's Word, we must also tell others about Jesus, even when it's hard. One day, Jesus will come back and finish everything God planned, bringing His kingdom forever.

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