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I wanna make sure the sound is working here and I think it is yes so welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and tonight we are going to cover Revelation chapter 10 I'll say a quick prayer and then we'll get right into this a very exciting study Heavenly Father we come before your Lord so grateful for your loving kindness so grateful father that you've put your hand on each of us that you've called that you've given your Holy Spirit to and Father we just thank you so much for the blessing that we have of being able to read these ancient texts and not only being able to read them but to understand them and to put them into practice father as we study this part of the text which shows your wrath upon wicked men we pray God that you'll help us to purify ourselves to be ready to receive Jesus Christ and we pray as well father that you will give us the peace that surpasses all understanding give us that peace that great peace so that nothing offends us instead we just have great joy and anticipation as we look forward to the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray in his name father amen so brethren we are going to continue in Revelation chapter 10 and just allow me to make a quick adjustment here before we jump in there we go and what I'll do now is just call up the scripture and let's begin and I want to just go back to chapter 8 verse 13 just to put us back in context here where it says here in chapter 8 and verse 13 he says and I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven

saying with a loud voice remember four trumpets have been blown and now three more are left and so there's this distinct

between the first four and the last three so after the first four are blown then he beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice woe woe you can just imagine this this loud voice and how intense this angel was communicating what is about to happen woe woe wo the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound and so this is taking us through the seven trumpet blasts which come at the point of the seventh seal so Christ opened the seven seals and on the seventh seal there are now seven trumpet blasts and these last three trumpet blasts are the three walls so trumpets five six and seven are the three woes and the Apostle is recording just how serious these woes are that that the inhabiters of the earth are in great trouble but we did see in so so the Saints were in great trouble previously but now God is acting and the Saints will be sealed those that are still alive so that these woes do not touch the Saints so now we continue in the text we were in Chapter nine last week when the fifth angel this is the first wall sounded and he saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth so this star falls from heaven unto the earth and this star was given the key of the bottomless pit the abyss and he opened the bottomless pit and there arose smoke out of this pit as it a great furnace and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke and there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth remember this is symbolic language so

these locusts are these demons that are coming

upon the earth and unto them was given power as the Scorpions of the earth have power so you can just go into the inhabiters of the earth and this fifth angel sounds and these locusts come upon the earth and they're given power as the Scorpions of the earth have power and it's commanded them that they shouldn't hurt the grass of the earth neither any green thing neither any tree but only those men which have not the seal of God upon their foreheads so this is a great torment for these wicked people they were putting the Saints of God to death and now they wish they could die but they can't die they're there they are tormented by these demons whether it's actual military army or if it's just a spiritual host and a host of demons that come out of the abyss who are just incredibly wicked and are now tormenting these wicked men and they wish they could have the death that they inflicted upon the saints earlier so again the inhabiters of the earth are in great trouble at this time one woe is past he says in verse 12 and behold there come two woes more Hereafter so this is horrible this is a terrible terrible tragedy for those who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ in verse 13 now the second woe which is the sixth angel and the sixth angel sounded and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates and the four angels were loosed which were prepared for an hour and a day and a month and a year for to slay the third part of men again

this is an incredible Wow that's fallen upon the inhabiters of the earth when these four angels are loosed and they are now slaying a third part of the men and in this part it just blows me away at the end of chapter 9 before we come into chapter 10 the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues so the whole point of these plagues is to bring men to repentance but the rest of the men that were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship devils and idols of gold and silver and and brass and stone so they should not be worshiping these idols of stone and of wood which can neither can see nor hear and walk but somehow some ideology has so gripped them that they cannot turn away from this idolatry neither repented they of their murders nor of their sorceries pharmakeia nor of their pornea nor of their thefts so there's some ideology that is so gripping them that they just cannot leave it and then despite all of this incredible punishment upon them they will not leave this idolatry so now we come to chapter 10 and now in chapter 10 he writes so he's writing he has to write what he sees and what he hears and so now he's writing what he sees and I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven clothed with the cloud and a rainbow upon his head and his face as it were the Sun it's his face was as it were the Sun and his feet as pillars of fire so some believe that this is actually Jesus Christ because his face is like the Sun and this matches the description in Chapter 1 of verse fifteen about his feet where his feet are like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace and his voice as the sound of many waters

so some believe this is actually Jesus Christ himself I I don't believe that I reject that I think it would be very anticlimactic the whole all of this is leading up to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ also for him to now appear at this point in the sequence it would be anticlimactic so he says here I saw another

my angel remember in chapter 5 and verse 2 where he saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof and that's how the Lord was introduced to them be worthy to open the seals so this was the first mighty angel that he saw and now he's seeing another mighty angel so I don't think it's uh at all Jesus Christ it is just a very mighty angel that it has now appeared continuing in verse 2 and he had in his hand a little book a scroll open and it was open and he set his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the earth and I just have to pause here and just warn us against anybody who says I have a little book and the little book that I have is the little book in Revelation and we actually have in our Church of God community a self-proclaimed prophet that claims that he has written the little book and that this is revelation from God and you know it has seven thunders we're going to talk about seven thunders in a bit

but his book has nine chapters and so he says you know if you take away the introduction and you take away the conclusion that's that leaves seven chapters in those seven chapters are the seven thunders and I hope as we've been going through this book line-by-line and sequentially we can see very clearly

that this is absolute rubbish we should not be falling prey to anybody who wants to tell us that they are the author of the little book and they know the the contents of the seven thunders we can just look here as we've been reading in sequence in Chapter eight and an in verse one when Christ had opened the Seventh Seal There was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour and so there was just this great anticipation to see what is going to happen after the seventh seal is opened and after the seventh seal is opened that's where we now come into the seven trumpets so the seven trumpets are a subset of the the seventh seal

so these seven trumpets are a subset and it's in it's in this sixth trumpet that we have the little book revealed and so for somebody very clearly a false prophet to say that he has a little book and and you need to follow him and here's the little book from God when we're not there yet you know Christ told us that we're not to believe anybody that says lo here is Christ or there is Christ that when he comes it'll be very obvious to us and nothing happens really until the signs in the Sun and the moon and the stars that's when that's the sign for us the Saints to know that God is now acting prior to that mankind is running the show it's not until we see these signs in the heavens in this great earthquake and man losing control that we now know that God is acting and when God begins to app there's a very clear sequence of events and this little book or a little scroll it's not it's actually not a book it's a scroll so I guess another big mistake but he says he has this little book but the scripture actually speaks of a little scroll that

is open so for somebody to appear on the scene now prior to the seals being opened and it's in the seventh seal being opened that the seven trumpets blots blast occurs and it's in the sixth trumpet blast that the little book the angel appears with this little scroll so let's be very careful of any self-proclaimed prophets false prophets who are trying to lead us astray for their own self-aggrandizement as well as their their own lining their pockets so we see now that the sequence is the sixth angel load appears and he had in his hand a little scroll and it was open these are all symbols so this is open this is something that needs to be known and he set his foot upon the sea and he said his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the earth so he is very clearly establishing his dominance and his authority over the earth and whatever he has to say no one has the ability to withstand him and this is a message for the whole earth and he cried with a loud voice so he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars so this is something that he is this is again it's a message for the whole earth and it is a signal when a long there's prey to beat about so he says he cried with a loud voice as when a lion arrives and when he had cried havoc on matters uttered their voices and when the seven thunders had uttered their voices I was about to write so this is what he's told to do you write what you see and you write what you hear and so now he hears what these seven thunders are saying and so he's about to write what the seven thunders utter 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 well this is very very interesting because you know again if we go to Revelation right as the whole up the apocalypsis as it begins the apocalypsis of Jesus Christ which God gave to him why did he give it to him to show us his servants things which must shortly come to pass and so he sent any signified it by his angel unto his servant John so the whole purpose of this book is to make known to us the things that are going to happen and yet something is uttered here and a voice from heaven I believe would be God's voice it could be an angel says to John don't record what you just heard even though he's instructed to tell us what he hears and what he sees so there's something in these seven voices which we are the seven thunders which we are which have been uttered that we are not to know and again anybody who's coming to you to say I know what the seven thunders are saying I've got a little book you need to follow me because I'm so special I'm a special false prophet you got a follow-up nonsense the command from God is that what these seven thunders uttered that it not be known and so there's something that were not to know and what you know if we go to Deuteronomy Moses wrote that the secret things belong unto the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever that we made that we may do all the words of this law so it's God's prerogative to seal up what he wants the seal and to make known what he wants to make known so these seven thunders again were in the second wall and these woes were introduced with a loud voice that just said woe unto the

inhabiters of the earth so these seven thunders have something to do with this period of time that were in where God is bringing down the wickedness of men but there are things that we are to know and so the the book the little book the scroll is open and so there's something that were to know in this in this scroll and then I think this very clearly is a call back to Daniel and in fact uh pastor bill Watson is going to be the beginning he's going to begin his Bible study after he finishes and finishes Romans on the Book of Daniel I believe that's his plan and so this is just perfect timing as we're going through revelation and even Matthew 24 we covered as well both John and Christ Himself pointed back to Daniel and here in this revelation with this little book open it's pointing back to the prophecies that were given to Daniel in Daniel 12 verse 4 but you O Daniel shut up the words seal up these words and seal the book even to the time of the end so this book that was sealed is to be opened at the time of the end and so this angel appears with this scroll open and giving it to John 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 so these are a seems to be angels and once said to the man clothed in linen which was upon the waters of the river that's an important point here the angels on the water as we saw this other angel talking to John put one hand one one foot in the sea and one foot on land and he says here how long shall it be to the end of these wonders so there's a

there's a timeline involved here and the question is how long will it be until the end of these wonders and so these wonders we're now seeing in the book of Revelation and it's leading up to the end and so this is the question how long will it be and I heard the man clothed in linen which was upon the waters of the river when he and this is significant is as well when he held up his right hand so he holds up his right hand and his left unto heaven and he swear by him that lives forever that it shall be for a time times and a half so three and a half years and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people all these things shall be finished so there's a very clear agenda and the agenda is to scatter the power of the sacred people of the chosen people and God is punishing his people and these people either repent or they don't and so it's God is like a lion hunting down his prey and so this this is all part of an agenda that God has that he's working out and when this is done these things shall be finished and I heard but I didn't understand so Daniel just can't grasp what the holy people are being shattered and scattered then said I o my lord what shall be the end of these things he just could not this is incredible revelation that he's getting that he just can't make sense of what's going on and he said go your way Daniel for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end and so now here we are in Revelation 10 and this is the time of the end and so this angel now appears with the book open and he gives it to Daniel and and and again I just want to reinforce that this is part of the sixth trumpet

which is in the seventh seal and there's just absolutely no way that this book is a vase this openness this open scroll is available to us right now we have bits and pieces but it will be fully available at the right time they're sealed until the time of the end and the vision and of the evening and the morning which was told is true therefore shut you up the vision for it shall be from many days and I and whatever this vision is what he saw and what he heard he fainted so when he got the full weight of this vision he passed out and I Daniel fainted and I was sick certain day so when he saw what happened to the holy people that then that's necessarily the Saints but the selected people that the Covenant people when he saw this he'd be passed out and he was sick certain days afterward he rose up and he when he got back to work he did the King's business but he was astonished at the vision but none understood it so now we come back to revelation 10 when the seven thunders had uttered their voices he was about to write what they uttered and a voice from heaven said unto him seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered and don't write them so the scroll is open you can share what's in that but don't share what the seven thunders uttered so please again I just can't believe that somebody would be so arrogant to say they're so special so narcissistic to say they're so special that they can tell us what the seven thunders uttered in the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven so so now he is again just like the angel in we saw in Daniel he is swearing that these things are going to come to pass 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 lives for ever and ever this is a very serious oath who created heaven and the things that therein are and the earth and the things that therein are so remember that Moses wrote and the sea and the things that which are therein that there should be time no longer so remember that Moses wrote that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the earth went sideways because of Adam and Satan and so the whole universe is is that in the heavens are in God's control they're subject to his will it's only the earth that is in rebellion and so now he's swearing by him that lives forever who created the heavens and the earth that there will be time no longer so this is now this is now the time of no more delay and so we'll come back to that in a moment but first this notion of this this angel swearing and he's swearing by God that there will be time no longer and we see in Hebrews that for men verily swear by the greater and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife so that's the end of the matter when somebody swears and what they will do is swear by somebody greater than themselves as it appealed to that greatness to say what I'm saying is true and where in God willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel confirmed it by an oath so god himself has set this plan in motion and he has sworn and he's bound by this covenant and now this angel is swearing that there should be time no longer and you remember in Daniel 12 we read it already that this angel in daniel swore and he was swearing about a timeline and and

when when will all of this come to an end and same here in revelation 10 this angel is swearing about a timeline and what he's doing is he's answering the prayer that we saw in Revelation chapter 6 when the fifth seal was opened and we saw the martyrs crying out and when he had opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held and they cried with a loud voice saying how long how much longer what's the timeline Oh Lord holy and true do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth and this is now the answer to that question and he swore by him that lives forever and ever that there should be time no longer now God is going to be is going to answer and avenge their blood and just this little verse in Nehemiah which I thought was interesting again this whole notion of the heaven and the earth thou even you O Lord our Allah our Lord alone vou have made heaven the heaven of heavens with all their hosts the earth and all things that are therein so there's the heaven and the earth the Seas and all that is therein and you preserve them all and then notice this phrase the hosts of heaven worships here so God made the heavens and earth but the hosts of heaven worships you the earth is in rebellion and that's why Christ says to us to pray thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven and that's what's beginning to take place here God is now acting so that his will will be done on earth and that his kingdom will come to earth and that the earth and the heavens will be one but unfortunately the earth is in rebellion and we know that the reason

for this the source of this rebellion is the devil the deceiver he deceives the whole world and that's why the earth is in rebellion and God is now acting to crush this rebellion so he says now in verse seven of Revelation 10 here in verse seven he says but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel so now the seventh angel and he sounds when he shall begin to sound the mystery of God should be finished as he has declared to his servants the prophets so Daniel understood and all the other prophets they have had bits and pieces of this whole plan of God and now finally when the seventh angel sounds all of the prophets and everything that had been revealed to them which is still outstanding it converges into revelation and to me this is again I you know this Islamic movement that's engulfing the world taking you know it's really spreading like wildfire around the world and they have this book called Quran and when you accept the Quran you reject everything in the Bible in fact they're having a Bible becomes illegal so that could be you know the final Word of God the final revelation or the book of Revelation could be the final revelation from God when we accept the book of Revelation all of the outstanding promises all of the outstanding prophecies the entire Council of God that is in the Old Testament and the New Testament all of it converges and rolls neatly into the book of Revelation and it becomes a whole so you know I think any intelligent person reading the book of Revelation and seeing how it integrates so beautifully into the rest of the text knows that this is from the same God as the God of Abraham Isaac and Israel in the days of the voice of the

seventh angel when he shall begin to sound the mystery of God should be finished as he has declared to his servants the prophets now here we are in revelation 10 verse 7 and the sixth angel has sounded and were waiting now for the seventh angel but the seventh angel doesn't sound until chapter 11 verse 15 and the seventh angel sounded and there was and there were great voices in heaven saying the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever so there's this again another interlude as we saw in chapter 7 when we were in revelation 6 and we saw the fifth seal was open and the sixth seal was opened and then we were waiting for the seventh seal to be opened but instead of opening the seventh seal we had this pause this interlude where we saw the counting of the 144,000 and then we got to the the opening of the seventh seal where here we are now waiting for the seventh trumpet to sound and instead of going for the sixth trumpet to the seventh trumpet there's again another interlude so so this is very patterned in the same way and so these kingdoms of the earth are finally crushed and it's very interesting in the news today we have a lot as being reported on of the nation of Iran where as you know 40 years ago they were in the streets because they believe the kingdom of the Shiite Ayatollah Khomeni that was the answer and here we are now they're the same nation the people are protesting to bring down this government well what happened to all the hopes and dreams and and every government around the world every Kingdom is full of false promises it's full of false promises and it is

not only false prophets that promises but oppression the people in Iran are at personal risk many people have died already and who knows how many more will but they're willing now to risk their lives but their neck on the lines as they try to overthrow this regime which you know 40 years ago was promising utopia and I'm just so tired of these utopian salespeople and every generation falls for it we've had thousands of years of history to look and see you know what there's no utopia until Christ comes there is no utopia there is only oppression because the kingdoms of this world belong to the devil and Christ is coming to crush them and and this is what will be announced when we get to Seventh Seal and so he says now in in verse seven that in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound the mystery of God should be finished well what is this mystery of God well we see here in chapter fifty 11 verse 15 that when he sounds the kingdom of God is declared in the kingdoms of this world are put down and in Matthew Christ Himself said it's given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven so so the kingdom of heaven truly is a mystery and and very few people know what this mystery is so few people understand that in fact in Ephesians he also speaks concerning this great mystery concerning Christ in the church so so this is mankind has no clue what's going on mankind is in the dark but there are a certain set of people who have been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God and that the kingdom of God represents a great marriage that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve and God moving to rescue the woman it's a great mystery

and and by some great act of mercy and kindness we are being called as firstfruits to understand this and to prepare for it so the prophecy says here in Amos that the Lord God will do nothing but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets so whatever is in those seven thunders we don't need to know that that part of these three the the woe upon mankind but this scroll is open and this whole book of Revelation is about us knowing what he's about to do and and we just have to look into the prophets and again all the prophets converging to revelation so that we can understand we don't have to be in the dark we can understand what is happening in verse 8 of chapter 10 and the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again so first it spoke to him and it said do not write what the seven thunders uttered now it speaks to him again and it says go and take the little book so don't don't concern yourself with the seven thunders but concern yourself with the little book go and take the little scroll which is open in the hand of the angel and again we said this is the the prophesies that were given to Daniel that were laid out in the timeline that Daniel didn't understand when is this gonna take place while that's sealed Daniel until the time of the end now that prophecy is open that scroll is open because it is the time at the end so go and take that little scroll which was sealed for Daniel which is now open in the hand of the angel which stands upon the sea and upon the earth and I went unto the angel and I said to unto him give me the little scroll and he said unto me take it and eat it up and and he says it shall make

your belly

bitter so this is this society and again we know that whatever is in here when Daniel saw it he passed out it made him sick but it is the Word of God and he says but in your mouth it will be a sweet as honey so there's this sort of mixed blessing here on the one hand it's sweet as honey when it hits your mouth but once you digest it and fully understand it'll make your belly bitter and Daniel spoke about the the power of the chosen people being shattered and and he just became very ill so some people say you know this could be you know the bitterness is the fact that it there's a delay that he's waiting for the seventh angel to sound and he's waiting for the kingdom of God to be announced but now there's a delay in the sense that there's some more work that has to be done before that seven angel sounds so that could be the cause but I don't think so I think when we look at some of the other prophecies and when we looked at Daniel the bitterness has to do with fully comprehend the plight of these wicked men especially if they are among the covenant people so Jeremiah's had the similar prophecy says your words were found and I did eat them and your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart for I am called by your name Oh Lord God of hosts so the Word of God is a joy all of it the whole Council of God is a joy but look at Ezekiel prophesy or experience but you son of man hear what I say unto you and do not be rebellious like that rebellious house open your mouth and eat what I give you and when I looked behold a hand was sent unto me and lo a roll of a book was therein and he spread it before me so

the scroll is opened before him and it was written within and without so he could see the contents of the scroll and there was written therein lamentations and warning and wall so this were in the woes where this is the these are the three wolves woe unto the inhabiters of the earth so those who have not repented who have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ who have not turned to their Creator woe unto the inhabiters of the earth and so these seven thunders have to do with this these these woes we don't know the details we don't need to know the details this belongs to God but everything else he's making known to us he's going to make known to us this is open and here we see that what was written in this and what what caused Daniel to pass out our lamentations and mourning and woe continue in Chapter three of Ezekiel moreover he said unto me son of man eat what you find and again this is all symbolic land language eat this roll and go speak unto the house of Israel so I opened my mouth and he caused me to eat that roll and he sent unto me son of man cause your belly to eat and fill your bowels with this role that I've given to you so fully digest the contents of this message then did I eat it and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness and he sent them to me son of man go and get you unto the house of Israel and speak my words unto them so you know in Amos II says that you only of all the families of the earth how I know therefore I will punish you for your iniquity so there's a real focus on these people especially when they are so rebellious God is trying to drive them to repentance but they just won't and you know there's no rest of mankind as

well because he stands the angel stood on the sea and the earth so now this is for all mankind but there is a particular focus on the covenant people for you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language but to the house of Israel not too many people of a strange speech and of a hard language whose words you cannot understand surely had I sent you unto them they would have hearkened unto you and we saw in Chapter 7 great many Gentiles that have repented and become grafted into Israel but the house of Israel and it's very interesting that 144,000 symbolize in God's army which he's going to come and return with and at the same time we have this 200 million man army that we saw in Revelation chapter 9 which is Satan's army but certainly the 144,000 with Christ are going to crush we're going to see that as we continue in this book but the house of Israel will not hearken unto you for they will not hearken unto me for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted and so finishing up now in Revelation chapter 10 and he sent unto me you must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings so yes we're waiting for the seventh angel to sound but always always there's this warning that goes out first and this gospel must be preached unto all nations and then the end will come and so God God is making sure that man is without excuse and all of these kingdoms he's saying to John and by extension to us who are alive in this time that we have this this earnest work of prophesying again taking these this prophecy once the scroll is open to us and takin the contents of this book and

preaching the word so he said unto me you must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and kings

everybody has to hear this glorious gospel and as we move into the next chapter I believe it's the next chapter we'll see that we will have divine help in ensuring that the whole earth hears this gospel but it's so amazing that as we're going through all of these terrible woes and afflictions the people of God they we've either been martyred and we're sleeping waiting for the rest of the first glorious resurrection or we are alive and we are at work but there's a seal on our foreheads and none of this harm is coming upon us what a glorious God we serve his counsel will stand you know he's a God that from ancient times declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times that which is not yet done saying my counsel shall stand and as we work through the book of Revelation you know right in chapter 4 we see God seated on his throne and Christ on his throne the Father and Christ on their Thrones and they are in complete control they are in complete control and so all this chaos that we're going to be seeing and potentially living through we must have great peace peace of mind peace in our hearts and great love for one another this is this is what's expected of us we have loved one another we have great peace and hope in Christ and we do the work that

been committed to us what a great God we serve Jesus Christ as our Lord he's our King he's our Savior god bless you all thanks for joining