

Heralds of the 2nd Advent – (Revelation 10:1-11)

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Herald = messenger, forerunner, harbinger

- I. A King is always preceded by his herald.
- II. In this passage we have the King coming twice to the earth. At the First Advent there were Angelic heralds, and one human herald – John the Baptist. When Jesus comes the 2nd time, we have one Angel and two human beings.
 - The Angelic Revelation of the 2nd Advent is found in [Revelation 10](#).
 - The two human heralds are found in [Revelation 11:1-14](#).
- III. Note: 3 times in the Scripture someone is told to eat a book: [Jeremiah 15:13-17](#) – Jeremiah did some sensational things: wore a girdle, and “ate” a book. Ezekiel also ate a book ([Ezekiel 2:8-10](#), and again in [chapter 3](#)). In fact, he was a two-book man – he ate *two* books. In [Revelation 10:9, 10](#), someone else ate a book – What does this mean?
 1. It is the principle of receiving the Word of God.
 2. It is indicative of learning Truth.
 3. Something we do not deserve.
- IV. Herald’s Coat of Arms
 1. Clouds – [Revelation 1:7; Psalm 104:3](#)
 2. Rainbow – A picture of the fact that the Lord keeps His Word and His promises ([Genesis 9:12-16](#)). It is a joint production of storm and sunshine. Storm – Our condition as unsaved people and the judgment due us; Sunshine – Salvation, reconciliation, hope; our Lord’s provision for us.
 3. Face as the sun – Jesus having died for our sins, providing our salvation.
 4. Feet as pillars of fire – Emphasis of judgment; the other side of the coin – [John 3:18](#) – Judgment because of unbelief.

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- V. [Revelation 10:2](#) Jesus Christ holds the title deed of the earth. Contents found in Revelation 11:1-13.
- VI. [Revelation 10:3](#) A worldwide announcement of the herald by 7 thunders which are angels – John 12:29; Psalm 29:3, 4
- VII. [Revelation 10:4](#) It appears here that John understood the voices of the 7 angels, and was about to write – when the Lord said OMIT – SEAL – Don't write. *EVERYTHING GOD REVEALS IS NOT PUT IN THE BIBLE! WHAT WE NEED – HAS BEEN PROVIDED THERE.* There is "hidden manna" mentioned in [Revelation 2:17](#); also, Paul died at Listra, and what he learned in heaven he was not permitted to tell. Moses had information that he was not permitted to put in the Bible. Some of what John was seeing in this revelation he wanted to record, but the Lord forbade it, as we see in this verse.
- VIII. [Revelation 10:5-7](#) Angelic proclamation Vs. 5 "*Lifted up*" The angel saluted the LJC as *KING OF KINGS*. Verse 6 announcement of the 2nd Advent – Jewish "*time no longer*" – At the end of the age of Israel is the 2nd Advent. Verse 7 – The Tribulation and 2nd Advent are announced in many ways: Tribulation – Zechariah 12, 14; Isaiah 63. Millennium – [Isaiah 1; 11:35; 62; 65](#)
- IX. [Revelation 10:8](#) John is told by the angel to take the little book – deed title of the earth, and eat it. Jeremiah ate; Ezekiel ate; John is now eating – a picture of perception. "*Faith comes by hearing*"... [Romans 10:17](#) – Food converted to energy – Spiritual Food converted to divine Power. Here is unusual food – "*sweet to the mouth*" but "*bitter in the belly*".
- X. [Revelation 10:9, 10](#) "Take eat" AAI – Take (*lambano*) – Eat (AAImp, κατεσθίω) devour. Eating the book means learning God's Word – like the digestive system – the waste is separated from life-sustaining substance. *THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BURDEN, HEARTACH, PROBLEM or CATASTROPHE TOO GREAT FOR THE PLAN OF GOD. NO FRUISTRATION TOO GREAT FOR GOD.*

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XI. WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF BELIEVERS:

1. The believer must *know* in order to *serve*. We cannot properly serve apart from learning and utilizing Truth.
2. By eating, John makes the words part of his ministry.
3. John took the book from the hand of the angel (Had this been Jesus Christ, John would have fallen on his face.), as [Revelation 1:17](#) declares.
4. In [Revelation 5](#), Jesus Christ takes the sealed book from the hand of the Father – In [Revelation 10](#) John takes the unsealed book from the hand of the Angel – both lead to action. *TAKING THE BOOK ALWAYS MEANS ACTION!*
5. The expression “*eating*” means learning.
6. A person who is not constantly eating will be spiritually stunted, and anemic.
7. Insecurity and Frustration comes to the believer who does not have internal Spiritual food.
8. With no appreciation for God and His Word, a believer will become fanatical with pseudo-love objects – substitutes for God – always chasing some new, extra natural, super-phenomenal fad.
9. Only constantly eating will lead to great soul capacity, and occupation with Christ.
10. Jesus Christ cannot, and *will not* be preeminent in our lives, if we reject His Word.