

# WHO IS THE ANGEL OF REVELATION 10:7? (2)

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Lord willing, tonight we will finish the subject that we began on Sunday.

When we read Revelation chapter 10, really what we see is a magnification of what we read in First Thessalonians 4. I'm speaking of the chapter in general.

In fact, let's go quickly to First Thessalonians and I'm going to read just one verse. Paul says here:

1 Thessalonians 4:16

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.*

Now I thank God that *truth* is being preached, but these days there are also certain things being spoken and voices that are very contrary.

When we look at that verse, I would have to ask many people tonight: what do you believe is *the voice of the archangel*?

Can we not believe that God has given us an understanding of what the *shout* is? We know it points at Brother Branham's ministry, right? God has allowed us to see that. Then Brother Jackson has come and gone, and now we are very clearly living in the third phase. Even if someone doesn't understand the three watches, we have to understand that there are three phases and that we are in the third one. So if we believe all that, would God leave us blind as to what this *voice of the archangel* is?

I have to say: He has opened up so much in this *third watch* about that *voice of the archangel*. We're not going to look at that tonight as far as a specific subject but let's go to the book of Revelation.

Revelation 10:5

*And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,*

Let's remember: John saw this angel *standing upon the sea and upon the earth*. That is representative of something. It does not mean that the whole world is going to see this angel standing on the earth and on the sea when it actually comes down. That was *symbolic* to John that this is a *worldwide effect*. The work of this angel will not just be to one city, one country, or even one continent, but it will be a *universal* application.

Revelation 10:6

*And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created 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, that there should be time no longer:*

Now there is *not* coming a day when all the clocks will stop. I guess that would be the end of the universe, everything would have to freeze, but this has to be talking about a *specific time*.

We know God gave a *specific time* to bring in the Gentiles, that they could be a people out of which would be called the *Bride of Christ*. Yes there are Jews as well who came in during the first age but as a group of people, it is recognized as a *Gentile people*.

God gave the Gentiles *seven ages*, two thousand prophetic years of Grace during which He has been working with them and pulling out a bride for His Son. Until that's complete, the Lord is not going to go back to the Jews and bring about what we call *the end of the world*. The world will not really end but mankind as it is known today, *wicked mankind* will have an end.

One thing that's holding all that back is the work He's doing with the Gentiles. That's the focus *right now*.

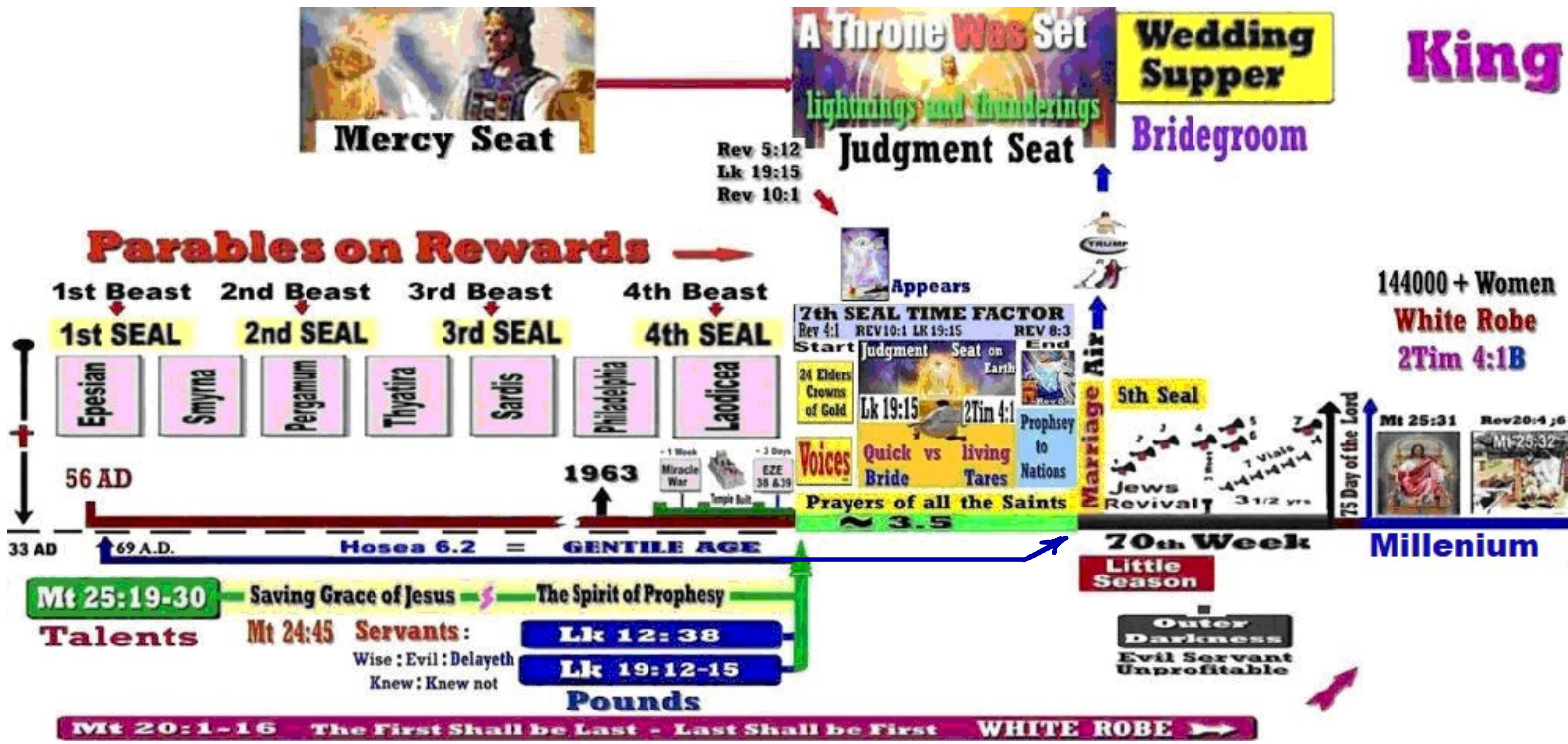
Here it says:

Revelation 10:6

*there should be time no longer:*

Now the introduction of this chapter brings us to the beginning of the *Seventh Seal Time Factor*. [Revelation 8:1] That's when the angel will appear, representing Jesus Christ. [Revelation 10:1]

That's why Paul referred to *his appearing*. [2Timothy 4:1] The appearing of whom? The appearing of Jesus Christ. How? He will appear *in angelic form*.



You may say: I don't understand. Well, have you ever heard anyone say they had a dream and the Lord Jesus came to them? Did the Lord Jesus Christ literally come down from heaven and appear to them? You know he did not, but *by the spiritual realm* he appeared to them in a dream. That could very well have been *an angel* that was sent to give the dream to that person so they could see the Lord Jesus for whatever reason, maybe for comfort.

When he *appears* at the beginning of that *Seventh Seal Time Factor*, it won't be for comfort but it will be for *judgement*. It will actually be to bring the reward or rather *to announce* the reward to those who have been faithful.

We also read in Luke 19 that there's going to be the *judgement* of that element of people who had an opportunity, they were also called but they did not gain in their spiritual walk.

That brings us to when the statement is made that *time should be no longer*, or in other translations it says: *there should be no more delay*. The word *should* is not an instantaneous *it's over*, but we see there is a period of time that is roughly *three and a half years*.

We read about that time in Revelation 10. Then as we get down and read verse 7 it brings out some clarity.

- Revelation 10:7
- But 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 hath declared to his servants the prophets.

So what is coming is going to be related to *the days of the voice*.

Now it has been spoken, or we can say the idea has been put out there that this *seventh angel* is an angel reserved for the age of Laodicea. Well, we don't really see that.

First, we spoke about this on Sunday: when we talk about the natural churches, in the King James Version, yes it says *angel*, but in the root of the word *angel*, it means *messenger*. The *men* that were the leaders of these seven churches were referred to as *the angel to the church*.

Now in normal terminology we don't call people *angels* but we have to understand that the word *angel* means *messenger*. It can refer to a *man* and in this case, it does.

We also know how Brother Branham could see the *spiritual aspect* of it, those seven natural churches typed *seven ages*. As he gave his explanation, again *the angel to the church* or *to the age* was not a spirit being but it was a *man* that God chose to bring the message to the age. Praise the Lord.

So we have the *seven messengers* to the *seven ages* starting with Paul and going all the way down to Brother Branham. When we look at those seven church ages, as far as angelic beings, what I see is: we have the *four horsemen* which we know came against the church and we also have the *four beasts*. The *four beasts* were to counteract how those *four horsemen*, the spirit of antichrist, would come against the church.

What we see is: we have *four angelic beings* that are for the *seven ages*. It's not one per age but some go over more than an age and some go for less than an age. That's just a little summary of what we were looking at.

Their argument is that this *seventh angel* [Revelation 10:7] is the one who's going to sound the *trump of God* in First Thessalonians 4:16.

First of all, I have to ask: what happened to *the voice of the archangel*? [1Thessalonians 4:16] They're just jumping right over that and basically saying: the Lord is waiting for the last one to come in, and then the trump of God will sound.

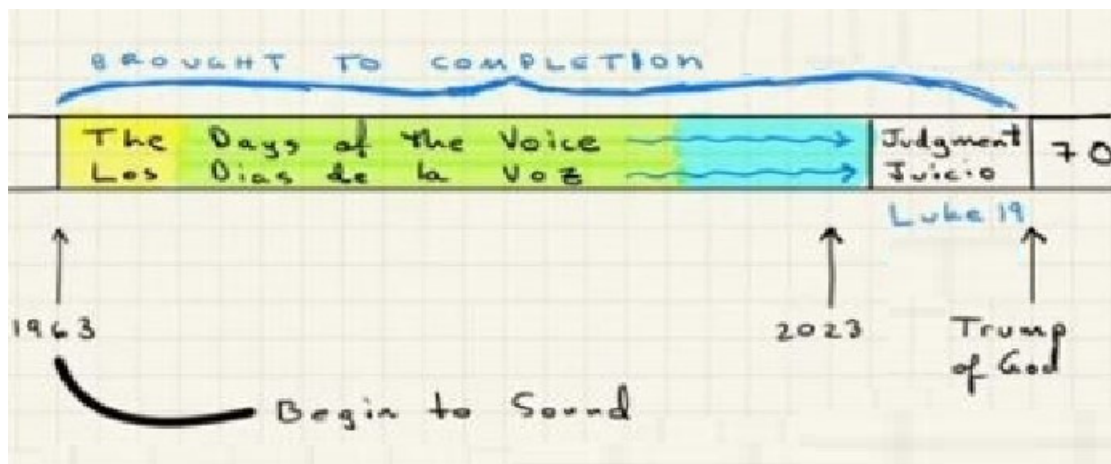
I have to say: that's a very convenient way of looking at it, but it completely ignores Luke 19, it completely ignores Second Timothy 4:1, it completely ignores *the voice of the archangel* [1Thessalonians 4:16] and even the beginning and the end of this chapter. [Revelation 10]

Brother Branham himself and Brother Jackson as well made it very clear that the *seventh angel* is that seventh messenger to the seventh age. We know that was Brother Branham.

Now you may say: well Brother Branham is gone. Yes he's gone but *the message* is not gone. Notice it doesn't say: in the days of the seventh angel, it says *in the days of the voice*. [Revelation 10:7]

We have to understand what *the voice* is. Yes, we could say the literal voice of Brother Branham was used to initiate it, but *the voice* was not just his vocal expression. *The voice* is *the message* that was brought: get out of the denominations, get back in the Word, and begin to feast once again on the Word of God. Praise the Lord.

The Lord has given those who have heard that voice *their portion in due season*. [Luke 12:42] There has been a portion for each season.



I have here a little diagram. The point is the three different watches. We have when Brother Branham was here, that's the yellow, the *first watch*. Then the green is when Brother Jackson was here, the time of his ministry, the *second watch*. And now we're in the last phase when the fivefold ministry is in the forefront. That's the *third watch*.

All of this is *the days of the voice of the seventh angel*. We are still continuing on with the *same message*.

*The message* has not changed. We're not here to give a different message than what was brought by Brother Branham, neither was Brother Jackson but it is a *continuation*. Whereas the Branham movement just decided to stop and sit down.

They say: well if you don't say what the prophet said, the Word of the Lord only comes to the prophet. That's their argument. They say that he said: say what I say and I'll give account on that day. A lot of them are going to be very surprised that *they* are going to have to give an account *for themselves*.

You may say: oh Brother, are you saying that Brother Branham was wrong? That's not what I'm saying at all, but he had a specific purpose for saying that phrase and they've blown it up and they try to cover themselves with it.

If they had really listened to the message, they would take delight in continuing to feed on the Word of God, which is exactly what happened under Brother Jackson's ministry and still continues today.

Now let's go back to another part of the argument.

Revelation 10:7  
*when he shall begin to sound,*

If we look at this in English and in Spanish, we notice there's a difference, or at least that's how it looks. In English it says *when he shall begin to sound*, it doesn't mention a trumpet. But in Spanish it says *when he begins to play the trumpet* or *to sound the trumpet*. So their argument is: really it's a trumpet and that's the trump of God of First Thessalonians four.

Until I know more about the Greek language, I'm not going to argue whether the original version says trumpet or not. But here's one thing that we have to see: in the translations that I've looked at were it does mention *trumpet*, it's actually as a verb *to trumpet* and that means *to declare* or *to cry out*.

I actually have the definition here:

- To Trumpet
- a penetrating cry (as of an elephant)

We read in Matthew 25 *at midnight there was a cry made*. [Matthew 25:6] Amen.

It says also:

- *transitive verb*:
- to sound or proclaim on or as if on a trumpet
- To proclaim as if on a trumpet

Now *to sound*, that's how it's written in the King James Version. The point here is that this is a *penetrating proclamation*.

As we look at Brother Branham's ministry, if we just say *the voice*, we can say: yes, God gave him a message for us to get out of the organizations and to get into the Word of God. The first part was a *restorative message* of all the fundamental truths that had been lost.

But we also have to understand that this *beginning to sound* still goes back and modifies this *voice*. It's not separate but it's something contained in *the voice*.

When we look at 1963, when God anointed Brother Branham to bring forth the revelation of those Six Seals, that was more than simply *the voice of the seventh angel* but that was something that really shook the whole of Christianity. That was a *penetrating cry*. Praise the Lord.

When it says *he shall begin to sound*, that's something that sets everything in motion and really brings about the time of the end. We can say: once he began ministering on those Seals, that began the winding down of the age of Laodicea. It pushed us into the *finishing time*.

We know if you're doing construction and you're building house, the majority of the work could take a long time, for me it would take a really long time. I'm talking about the structure: the foundation, the walls, the roof, the ceiling, the plumbing, the electricity.

But the day comes you say: okay we're going to finish this now. What does that mean? It means you're going to start putting something on the exterior: you're going to put some kind of a barrier to the walls, you might put some styrofoam and then you might put some stucco, but then you're still not done.

At the very end you have to paint it. Nobody's going to buy a house that's not painted, right? Well they might but they're not going to like it like that. So that's all *the finishing*.

When Brother Branham got to the point in his ministry of going into the deeper things of the Word of God and especially the Seals, we can say that marked and really began the *first watch*. That started the *finishing process*.

So here it says:

Revelation 10:7  
*the mystery of God*



Notice: it's *one* mystery. What is that? That's the time frame that God gave to the Gentiles. Again, notice it says:

Revelation 10:7  
*should be finished,*

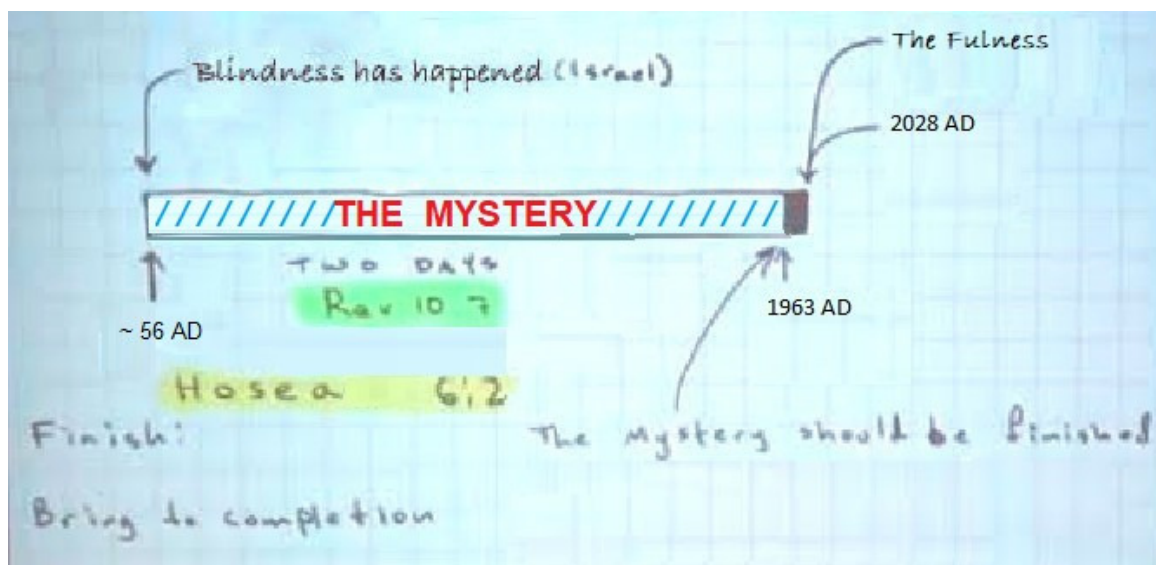
It doesn't say: it is ended, but it says *should be finished.*

Revelation 10:7  
*as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

We've seen what Joel said and we've seen what Hosea said.

It says here:

Revelation 10:7  
*should be finished,*



Now we look back and we say: it's been sixty years! Well that's *our* little picture. But if we go back to 56 AD which is when that Ephesian Church was established, then we go *hundreds of years.*

We go into the 100s, the 200s, and into the 300s. It's not until the 300s that we even get to the Nicene Council. Then we go into the 400s and the 500s.

It's not until the 500s that the Catholic Church is really fully identified. It has its death grip on Europe for a *thousand years of spiritual darkness* into the 600s, the 700s, all the way up into the 1200s, 1300s, 1400s, until finally about the 1500s.



That was about the time Martin Luther came on the scene, around the late 1400s. God gave him a message that began to bring light back. We could say: well praise the Lord, he's going to wrap it up. But no, time continued into the 1500s, the 1600s, and the 1700s. God used other men: Calvin, Knox, Wesley.

Then into the 1800s and it's not until we get into the 1900s that the last age even began. Even then, God didn't bring it all to completion.

First, the church had to be restored back to what it had lost. That was part of the Elijah Ministry of Brother Branham to restore the church back to the truths that had been lost. I would say that was done in the 50s, especially the later 50s and early 60s, 1960, 1961.

Once the church got to that point, God could use that man to *sound the cry*. [Matthew 25:6] That was going to really shake things and set something in motion so everything can now be brought to a completion.

On the chart, the little black part is from 1963 up until approximately 2028. We can see with that *in the days of the voice* [Revelation 10:7] is basically this period of time. [1963 ~ 2028]

Now *when he shall begin to sound* [Revelation 10:7] if you want to call it a trumpet, like I said today I'm not going to argue with that, but I will say: that is *not* the trump of God. It was a *penetrating cry* and we see the focal point of that with the Seals. That set in motion everything that's bringing this age to a finished product. It will bring us up until the end [~2028] *the mystery should be finished*. [Revelation 10:7]

Now something else for us to consider: there will still be those who say: well it says a trumpet. Yes, but it says *a voice*.

Let's look at another place where we see that. Let's go to Revelation 4.

Revelation 4:1

*After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven:*

This is John.

Revelation 4:1

*and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me;*

What's John talking about here? I'm running out of time but in Revelation 1:10 he said he heard *a voice* behind him *as it were of a trumpet*. Now this is not a trumpet but it's *a voice as though it were a trumpet*.

What was the definition I read of the verb *to trumpet*? It's to sound as though on a trumpet, right?

Now he says here:

Revelation 4:1

*which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.*

Is that not what we have seen in this very age? When Brother Branham began to sound *that sound*, did that not bring us up?

Now you say: we're still here on the earth. Well yes we are, but we were brought up to *sit in heavenly places* [Ephesians 2:6-7] amen, to be *shown things which must be hereafter*.

In this age, beginning with Brother Branham's ministry, these things began to be open to us about what God was going to do in this age and even beyond into the 70th week, in the Millennium, etcetera.

I look at Revelation 4:1 and I see it as a *perfect type* of what has happened in this age. You and I have been brought up into *heavenly places*. Praise the Lord.

It's the Lord Jesus Christ who is the head of everything. [Colossians 1:18] He used Brother Branham while he was here and he's still using men today. Praise the Lord.

We have to be wise enough as sons and daughters of God to know who those men are and to follow them. I'm not saying that they are your Lord, they are *not* but God is using them to open His Word and we follow them *in the revelation of the Word*.

As Paul also said *be followers of me as I am of Christ*. [1Corinthians 11:1] Praise the Lord.

Revelation 4:1

*a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me;*

Like I said, I'm out of time but you can go to Revelation 1:10 where you're going to see what John was referring to when he said *the first voice*.

I'll close with this: if they want to take this *sounding* [Revelation 10:7] and say that it's the trump of God, then I have to ask: where did *the voice of the archangel* go? [1Thessalonians 4:16]

And if the *sounding* [Revelation 10:7] is the trump of God, that's where it ends, that's when the rapture takes place. So what about verses 8, 9, and 10? There is *still more* for the bride after verse 7. So that is *not* looking at the trump of God.

Even if we look at the *seven angels* that were given *seven trumpets to sound* [Revelation 8:2] the seventh one *sounds* in Revelation 11:15. I'm talking about the seven angels that were given trumpets to *sound judgement*. [Revelation 8:6] It's *not* what's in Revelation 10:7.

There's more we could say, but like I said: we're out of time. So let's go ahead and stand.