

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #47 - March 2nd., 2025

“A Pause in the Chronological Revelation Timeline”

• **Moderator:** We believe this chapter is a new revelation John receives between the sixth and seventh trumpets. He is given a little book and it also informs us about the two witnesses. The timeline for this pause is from Revelation 10:1 - 11:14. After this comes the seventh Trumpet. This is the toughest study I've encountered. Some would say “John didn't give us enough details!”

Initial verses:

Revelation 10:1-5 “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, 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. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,”

• #1 THE APPEARANCE OF THIS “MIGHTY ANGEL” (Rev 10:1)

• **Moderator:** It's noteworthy that John speaks of “Another Mighty Angel”. Many people believe (and are probably correct) that this other “Mighty Angel” is the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we'll look at the appearance of this mighty angel:

• #2 THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS “MIGHTY ANGEL” (Rev 10:1) A

Revelation 10:1 “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:”

• **Moderator:** CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD symbolizes majesty, power & glory. Scriptures speak of Jesus with clouds:

Matthew 24:29-30 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY.”

Acts 1:6-9 “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and A CLOUD RECEIVED HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.”

Revelation 1:7 “BEHOLD, HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

I Thessalonians 4:16-17 “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: THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Matthew 26:64 “Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall YE SEE THE SON OF MAN SITTING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, AND COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”

- **Moderator:** Clouds often associated with GOD in the Old Testament:

Exodus 13:18-22 “But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. AND THE LORD WENT BEFORE THEM BY DAY IN A PILLAR OF A CLOUD, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.”

Exodus 33:17-23 “And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 34:27-35 “And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.”

Numbers 12:5 “And THE LORD CAME DOWN IN THE PILLAR OF THE CLOUD, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.”

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• **#3 A RAINBOW WAS UPON THE ANGEL'S HEAD** (Rev 10:1) B

• **Moderator:** The Rainbow is a sign of the covenant between God and the Earth: It's a sign of a merciful God who doesn't want to judge us, but will because of his righteousness. It was a promise to never use a flood to destroy all mankind again.

Genesis 9:8-17 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him."

Ezekiel 1:28 "AS THE APPEARANCE OF THE BOW THAT IS IN THE CLOUD IN THE DAY OF RAIN, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake."

Revelation 4:3 "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and THERE WAS A RAINBOW ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE, in sight like unto an emerald."

• **#4 HIS FACE WAS AS IT WERE THE SUN** (Rev 10:1) C

Matthew 17:1-5 "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

Revelation 1:16 "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and HIS COUNTENANCE WAS AS THE SUN SHINETH IN HIS STRENGTH."

Exodus 33:17-23 "And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, THOU CANST NOT SEE MY FACE: FOR THERE SHALL NO MAN SEE ME, AND LIVE. And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."

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Exodus 24:17 “And the sight of THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE DEVOURING FIRE on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.”

Exodus 34:27-35 “And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.”

• **Moderator:** With all these signs it certainly appears that this angel is Christ. However I do have some questions that seem to point doubt...Why didn’t John say this was Christ? Also, to call Jesus “another angel” seems to be disrespectful to the one equal to God the Father. All angels are created by God, but we know Jesus is not a created being. He was with God from the very beginning. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost all fellowshiped before creation! These questions raise doubts in my mind.

• #5 HIS FEET WERE AS PILLARS OF FIRE (Rev 10:1) D

Revelation 1:15 “And HIS FEET LIKE UNTO FINE BRASS, AS IF THEY BURNED IN A FURNACE; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

Daniel 10:5-6 “Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and HIS FEET LIKE IN COLOUR TO POLISHED BRASS, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.”

• **Moderator:** The Pre-Incarnate Christ In The Old Testament, “Angel of the Lord”. This passage in Genesis shows us that this is most likely Jesus before he was born of a virgin in the New Testament by Jacob’s testimony of his wrestling opponent:

Genesis 32:24-30 “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob’s thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: FOR I HAVE SEEN GOD FACE TO FACE, and my life is preserved.”

• **Moderator:** Looking at Revelation 10:6, The Angel Swears To The Creator Of All Things

Revelation 10:6 “And SWARE 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.”

Hebrews 6:13 “For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, HE SWARE BY HIMSELF,”

Genesis 22:16-17 “And said, BY MYSELF HAVE I SWORN, SAITH THE LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;”

- **Moderator:** After looking at all of this evidence, the description strongly supports that this “Angel” is Jesus Christ. But I just don’t know for sure. Many are sure and I’m ok with that, but I still have lingering doubts.

- **Pastor Rains:** To help us understand we need to look to the Bible and it doesn't definitively state that this angel is Jesus. We have seen John introduce many angels and he doesn't provide enough evidence to know for sure. We have to not worry too much about it because God knows and our finite minds are limited. We can study and come up with our own ideas but in reality it doesn't matter much. We shouldn't "go to seed" on anything that is not clearly defined in scripture.

Revelation 11:3 “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.”

- **Moderator:** Revelation 11:3 shows us that this angel will give power to the two witnesses and giving power is an God-only thing. So this supports that this angel is Jesus.

- **Pastor Rains:** To follow up on what I previously said I give you this verse at the end of John. It's dangerous to try and speculate about an important doctrine that God hasn't clearly defined. Here's the verse:

John 21:25 “And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”

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