

# God Speaks: The Paradox of God's Word of Grace and Judgment

Revelation 10

## John Testifies To What He Saw and Heard About Jesus' First Coming

- And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.** ...No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:14-18)
- Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.** (John 20:30-31)
- **This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.** Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. (John 21:24-25)
- **That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.** (I John 1:1-4)

## John Testifies To What He Heard About Jesus' Second Coming

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4. Every creature in heaven, earth, under the earth, and in the sea	5:13-14
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6. Voice of the second living creature	6:3-4
7. Voice of the third living creature	6:5a
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13. Voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet	9:13-16
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25. Mighty angel taking up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea	8:21-24
26. Loud voice of a great multitude in heaven	19:1-3
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30. An angel	19:9-10
31. Loud voice from heaven from the throne	21:3-8
32. One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues	21:9
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35. Jesus	22:10-16
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## John Testifies To What He Saw About Jesus' Second Coming

1. The loud voice speaking	1:12a
2. Seven golden lampstands	1:12b
3. One like a son of man in the midst of the lampstand	1:13-16
4. After seeing one like a son of man, he fell at his feet	1:17-18
5. Write down everything that he sees	1:19
6. Seven stars in the right hand of the son of man	1:20
7. A door standing open in heaven	4:1
8. A throne in heaven with one on the throne	4:2-6a
9. Twenty-four elders seated on thrones	4:4-6a
10. Four living creatures	4:6b-11
11. A scroll in the hand of the one seated on the throne	5:1
12. Strong angel proclaiming who is worthy to open the scroll	5:2
13. A Lamb standing between the throne and the four living creatures	5:6-10
14. Voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures	5:11-14
15. The Lamb opened one of the seven seals	6:1
16. First seal: A white horse with a rider with a bow and a crown	6:2
17. Second seal: A red horse with a rider who took peace from the earth	6:4
18. Third seal: A black horse with a rider with a pair of scales in his hand	6:5
19. Fourth seal: A pale horse with a rider named Death, followed by Hades	6:8
20. The fifth seal: The souls of those who had been slain under the altar	6:9
21. The sixth seal: A great earthquake, the sun darkened, the moon like blood, and the stars falling from the earth	6:12-17
22. Four angels standing at the four corners of the earth	7:1
23. Another angel ascending from the rising of the sun with the seal of the living God	7:2
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25. Seven angels standing before God with seven trumpets	8:2-12
26. First trumpet: hail, fire, and blood	8:7
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28. Third trumpet: great star fell from heaven	8:10
29. Fourth trumpet: sun, moon, and stars darkened	8:12
30. An eagle crying with a loud voice	8:13
31. Fifth trumpet: Star falling from heaven who opened the shaft of the bottomless shaft	9:1-12
32. Sixth trumpet: Mounted horses and their riders	9:17-21
33. Mighty angel wrapped in a cloud with a rainbow over his head	10:1-4a
34. Measuring rod to measure the temple	11:1=12:9
35. A woman clothed with the sun, the moon, and a crown of twelve stars	12:1-6
36. Satan and his angels thrown from heaven	12:7-9
37. A beast rising out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads	13:1-10
38. Another beast rising out of the earth with two horns	13:11-18
39. The Lamb and the 144,000 with God's name on their foreheads	14:1
40. Another angel flying directly overhead with an eternal gospel to proclaim	14:6-12
41. A white cloud with one like the son of man with a crown and a sickle	14:14-20
42. Seven angels with seven plagues	15:1
43. Sea of glass mingled with fire	15:2-4
44. Sanctuary of tent in heaven with seven angels and seven plagues	15:5-8
45. Three unclean spirits like frogs	16:13-17:3a
46. A Woman sitting on a scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns	17:3b-5
47. A drunk woman from the blood of the saints	17:6-18
48. Another angel from heaven with great authority	18:1-3
49. Heaven opened with a white horse	19:11-16
50. An angel standing in the sun with a loud voice	19:17-18
51. The beast, kings of the earth with their armies	19:19-21
52. An angel from heaven holding the key to the bottomless pit	20:1-3
53. Thrones with those whom to judge	20:4a
54. Souls of the faithful who had been beheaded	20:4b-10
55. God on His great white throne	20:11
56. The dead standing before the throne	20:12-15
57. The new heaven and the new earth	21:1
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## 1. SPEAKING: A MIGHTY ANGEL (10:1-3a)

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven,

wrapped in a <b>cloud, (body)</b>	And the LORD went before them by day in a <b>pillar of cloud</b> to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The <b>pillar of cloud</b> by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. (Ex 13:20-21)
with a <b>rainbow</b> over his <b>head</b> , and	And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my <b>bow</b> in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the <b>bow</b> is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the <b>bow</b> is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:12-17)
his <b>face</b> was like the <b>sun</b> , and	The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. (Psalm 19:1-6)
his <b>legs</b> like <b>pillars of fire</b> .	When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking <b>fire pot</b> and a <b>flaming torch</b> passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, (Genesis 15:17-18) And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a <b>flame of fire</b> out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. (Exodus 3:2)
He had a <b>little scroll</b> open in his <b>hand</b> .	And when I looked, behold, a <b>hand</b> was stretched out to me, and behold, a <b>scroll of a book</b> was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. (Ezekiel 2:9-10)
And he set his right <b>foot</b> on the <b>sea</b> , and his left foot on the <b>land</b> , and	So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the <b>feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water</b> (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <b>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan</b> , and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan. (Joshua 3:14-17)
called out with a loud <b>voice</b> , like a lion roaring.	They shall go after the LORD; he will <b>roar like a lion</b> ; <b>when he roars</b> , his children shall come trembling from the west; they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10)

## 2. SPEAKING: SEVEN THUNDERS (10:3b-4a)

When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write,

### The Voice of God: Thunder

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

1. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
2. The voice of the LORD is powerful;
3. the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
4. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
5. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
6. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
7. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! (Psalm 29)

### 3. SPEAKING: A VOICE FROM HEAVEN (10:4b)

but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. **But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end.** Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” He said, “**Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.** Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12)

### 4. SPEAKING: A MIGHTY ANGEL (10:5-7)

And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him 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,  
that there would be no more delay,  
but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel,  
the mystery of God would be fulfilled,  
just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

### 5. SPEAKING: A VOICE FROM HEAVEN (10:8)

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying,  
“Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

### 6. SPEAKING: JOHN’S REQUEST (10:9a)

So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll.

### 7. SPEAKING: A MIGHTY ANGEL (10:9b-11)

And he said to me, “Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”

And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

## Ezekiel: Eat the Scroll

**CALL OF EZEKIEL:** And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

**EATING THE SCROLL—SWEET AS HONEY:** “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of **lamentation and mourning and woe**. And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. (Ezekiel 2:1-3:11)

## Jesus: Eat My Flesh and Drink My Blood

**EATING THE FLESH AND DRINKING THE BLOOD OF JESUS:** The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. (John 6:52-59)

**HARD TEACHINGS—DISCIPLES TURN AWAY:** When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

**PETER AND JUDAS—SWEET AND BITTER:** So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him. (John 6:60-71)