

## Discussion 14

# The Seventh Trumpet

(An Angel, a Little Book, and 2 Candlesticks)

### Primary Reading:

- Revelation Chapters 10 & 11

### Passages for Comparison:

- DoS Section 45a (LDS DaC 77) v14-15
- Revelation 10:1-4 => Zenos 10:1-4 :: A Mighty Angel Clothed with a Cloud
- Revelation 10:5-8 => ?? :: Time No Longer
- Revelation 10:9-11 => Zenos 1:19-20 :: A Bitter Sweet Book
- Revelation 11:1-14 => ? 3 Moses 39 :: The Two Candlesticks
- Revelation 11:15-19 => Zenos 10:45-47 :: The Seventh Angel Sounded his Trumpet

### Objectives:

- Unpack the symbolism of the imagery we have been given about the last days

### Reading:

#### Q and A - DoS Section 45a (LDS DaC 77)

Questions	Answers
45a:14 [77:14] <i>Question:</i> What are we to understand by the little book which was eaten by John, as mentioned in Chapter 10 of Revelation?	<i>Answer:</i> We are to understand that it was a Mission, and an ordinance for him to gather the tribes of Israel; behold, this is Elias who as it is written must come and restore all things.
45a:15 [77:15] <i>Question:</i> What is to be understood by the two witnesses in Chapter 11 of Revelation?	<i>Answer:</i> They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, at the time of the restoration, and to prophesy to the Jews, after they are gathered and have built the city of Jerusalem in the Land of their Fathers.

#### 10:1-4 :: A Mighty Angel Clothed with a Cloud

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
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:	10:37. And it came to pass that I saw Raziel who is Raphael come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud;  10:38. And a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire;	What does it mean to be clothed with a cloud?  Is it significant that it is Raphael? If so why?  What is the rainbow on his head?

<p>10:2 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,</p>	<p>10:39. And he had in his hand as it were a small book, and he opened the book, and he planted his right foot in the mercy of YHVH, and his left foot in the wisdom of Shekinah;</p>	<p>What's the significance of the feet on the water and earth / mercy and wisdom?</p> <p>Why is the book open?</p>
<p>10:3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.</p>	<p>10:40. And Raziel cried out with a loud voice, and the other six of the seven malak who are cherubim over the seven dispensations cried with him.</p>	<p>Why is his voice described like a lion?</p> <p>Why does the vision tell us that they uttered their voices, but not what they said?</p>
<p>10:4 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.</p>	<p>10:41. And it came to pass that when the seven angels of the seven dispensations had uttered their voices, I heard them with voices as it were lions, saying:</p>	<p>Has this event happened? If so, what was it? If not, what/when would you expect it to be?</p>

10:5-8 :: Time No Longer		
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<p>10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.</p>	<p>10:42. May YHVH brighten our eyes with the light of His Torah, with wisdom and knowledge may He place in our hearts His understanding that all may be worthy to greet Him; for He will enlighten they that hear!</p> <p>10:43. Awaken therefore the heart with eternal victory, to make the heart shine with brilliance.</p> <p>10:44. And more did they say that I am forbidden to say, but their words are sealed up.</p>	<p>These two passages have nothing in common. The reason they are placed next to each other for comparison is that they both immediately follow the above passages, and they both dont have a matching place to compare in the other book, which is curious.</p>

**10:9-11 :: A Bitter Sweet Book**

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>10:9. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.</p> <p>10:10. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.</p>	<p>1:19. And it came to pass that the angel of YHVH gave unto me a scroll, saying: Take thee this scroll and eat it, for it is thy mitzvah from YHVH unto thee.</p> <p>1:20. And I took it, and I ate of it, and it was bitter, and the pain of it was bitter, yet it was also sweet, as it were honey upon my tongue.</p>	<p>What does it mean to eat a scroll (or book)?</p> <p>What is the significance of being a bitter book? Sweet? What about both together?</p>
<p>10:11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.</p>		<p>In what way has John fulfilled this mission? (See the Joseph Smith Q&amp;A about this verse).</p>

**11:1-14 :: The Two Candlesticks**

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>11:11 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.</p> <p>11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.</p> <p>11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.</p>	<p>1. And it came to pass that all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation was finished; and the congregation of Israel did according to all that YHVH instructed Moses and Zipporah, so did they.</p> <p>2. And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses: the tent, and all the furniture, the taches, the boards, the bars, and the pillars, and the sockets,</p> <p>3. And the covering of the skins of rams dyed red, and the covering of the skins of the badgers, and the veil of the covering,</p> <p>4. And the ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,</p> <p>5. And the table, and all the vessels thereof, and the showbread,</p> <p>6. And the pure candlestick with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels</p>	<p>These two passages have almost nothing in common (that I can see), but it is the only place I can find that has similar elements to this passage.</p> <p>What ideas have you heard about who/when these two witnesses could be?</p> <p>How well do those things fit with Joseph Smith's Q&amp;A for this passage?</p> <p>Do you think this already happened? Do you think its still future? What do you expect it will "look like" when it happens?</p> <p>What is the symbolism of the olive tree or candle stick, and how does it apply to these witnesses?</p> <p>How literal do you believe this description is of what the two witnesses do?</p>

<p>11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.</p>	<p>thereof, and the oil for light,</p> <p>7. And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,</p>	
<p>11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.</p> <p>11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.</p> <p>11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.</p> <p>11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.</p> <p>11:11 And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.</p>	<p>8. And the brazen altar, and the grate of brass, the staves, and all the vessels, the laver, and the base,</p> <p>9. And the hangings of the court, the pillars, and the sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, the cords, and the pins, and all the vessels of the service of the Tabernacle for the Tent of the Congregation,</p> <p>10. The clothes of service to do service in the Holy Place, and the holy garments for Aaron, the Priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the office of Priest, and the holy garments for Miriam, the Priestess, and the garments of her daughters, the Priestesses.</p> <p>11. And all this was according to all that YHVH instructed Moses and Zipporah, so that Israel made all the work.</p>	<p>How literal do you think the death and resurrection of these two witnesses is?</p> <p>If it's not literal, what else could this possibly be describing?</p> <p>Why 3 and a half days? Is that any different than just 3? Why describe it that way?</p>
<p>11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.</p> <p>11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.</p> <p>11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.</p>		

**11:15-19 :: The Seventh Angel Sounded his Trumpet**

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.</p>	<p>10:45. And it came to pass that Arael who is Uriel sounded his shofar and there were great voices in heaven, saying: The kingdoms of the earth are become the kingdoms of YHVH, and he shall reign forever and ever.</p>	<p>What is this prophecy even saying happens at the sounding of the 7th trumpet? Is any part of this “physical” rather than metaphorical?</p>
<p>11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,</p>	<p>10:46. And I saw as it were the twenty-four elders which sat before the throne of Elohim fell upon their faces,</p>	
<p>11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.</p>	<p>10:47. And these worshipped YHVH, saying: We give thee thanks, YHVH Elohim Shaddai, which art, and wast, and art to come, because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.</p>	
<p>11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.</p>		
<p>11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.</p>		

*Discussion:*

Most of the events of these two chapters are associated with the 6th trumpet. (they are all in the 7th seal, but the seventh trumpet doesn't sound until the end of chapter 11.) if these events are in the 7th dispensation, but associated with the 6th dispensation, what does that mean?

Is there a common thread in these chapters? The angel with the book, the two prophets in Jerusalem, are these related images? Or are they independent things? What do they have to do with the sounding of the 6th trumpet?