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Computer Screen Blessing.

Some people find it difficult to read from a computer screen, —including me. If web pages of *LittleBookOpen* are printed and read separate from a computer, it may be easier to read, —*but a wonderful blessing will be missed!* There are *links* to other full-page studies, books, pamphlets, and charts on this website with further explanation and details. Many Bible *proof-texts* are given that are *linked* to an <u>onsite King James</u> <u>Version Bible</u>. Some Bible texts and links are *nested* (hidden) within <u>specific words</u>, and when the words is clicked it goes to the <u>KJV Bible</u> text, making access to these Bible texts assessable <u>only on a live computer screen</u>. By printing a page you will lose the ability to *link* to further explanation and study on *LittleBookOpen*. Studying the seven thunders will surely be a greater blessing if the *links* can be followed to Bible texts and further study. We recommend that *LittleBookOpen* be read with a computer in your quiet place with prayer. *~May God Bless!*

Links on this website.

The *Introductory/Home* page of *LittleBookOpen.org* is a concise summary of the seven thunders and their related subjects which are explained in more detail on other pages of the website. *Words* and *phrases* may be *linked* to references such as <u>books</u>, other <u>web pages</u>, <u>prophetic charts</u>, or <u>specific segments</u> on another web page for more information and study. All Bible references are *linked* to an <u>on-site KJV Bible</u>. (Rarely does a *link* take you off this website.)

More explanation and study can also be found when you see an FS(with or without a number): FS1 —FS means Further Study and when clicked it will take you to a *specific segment associated* with the subject on a *Further Study* page. The *Further Study* pages will most likely have <u>other Further Study sections</u> which are *not* related to the FS you clicked on. After reading that specific FS, as you would with any other link, 'Go Back' to your previous study.

Sample linked sentence: The seven thunders are last-day events whose prophecies

are for the last generation (<u>Matt 24:34; FS</u>) and are found in the little book of Daniel (<u>Dan 12:4, 9, 11</u>). <u>Rev 10:2</u>.

A Website is <u>not</u> a Book.

Pardon me when I say the obvious, but "LittleBookOpen.org is not a book." Yes, on *LittleBookOpen's Home Page* the *Master Index* follows an order of study. And the individual pages that the *Index* links to are also in a thoughtful order (I hope). Then why am I saying this? Because writing a book and writing a website are two different things.

Writing a book follows an order and it is assumed that the reader will start at the beginning and read through the book to the end. There is little need of <u>repeating</u> previous concepts or subjects because the reader has read them before coming to a new chapter, subject, or point.

This is not so with a website! The writer of a website must keep in mind that a *Search Engine* like *Google* or a link from another website will most likely place a person in a strange place on his website. So— it is necessary to *repeat* concepts or subjects more often than in a book so that the reader, possibly just coming to *LittleBookOpen* and not reading previous explanations, will be able to understand the new concept on that page. We place links to other parts of the website which hopefully keeps the repetition to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Point of view.

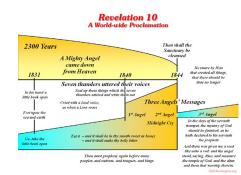
In these studies we will *primarily use Scripture* to explain the reading of the little book by the Mighty Angel. That being said, *LittleBookOpen* is written from a *Seventhday Adventist* point of view. (The <u>seven thunders</u> of Revelation 10 are *also* written from an *Seventh-day Adventist* prophetic understanding! But that will be explained later.)

I* have seriously studied the Bible for fifty years, since 1971, and have not found another church that follows the Bible more closely than the *Seventh-day Adventist Church*. A strong point of the church is its Biblical prophetic understanding and teaching —past, present, and future. The church accepts the Bible as their <u>only</u> creed and holds 28 fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. —<u>FS-28</u> <u>Beliefs</u> —<u>Adventist Book Center</u>

We, the authors of *LittleBookOpen*, are members of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church* and <u>agree with the fulfillment of *prophetic history* as taught by the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (An outstanding 12 volume set. <u>Read</u> <u>online. Buy digital. Buy online</u>.) and a few other <u>SDA prophetic books</u>. I specifically studied Daniel and Revelation from 1971 to 1978 for the purpose of gaining a basic understanding of these two prophetic books. To make it easier to</u>



understand, I made 34 color *Prophetic History Charts* which helped a great deal. The



charts are <u>free to download</u> for anyone who wants to use them to better understand the prophecies or use them to teach others.

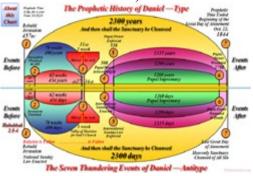
The <u>Revelation 10 Chart</u> teaches the Seventh-day Adventist <u>prophetic history view</u> <u>only</u>. It does **NOT** teach what the seven thunders are, <u>but then, neither does the Seventh-day</u> <u>Adventist Bible Commentary</u>. And yet, the study

of the seven thunders is what LittleBookOpen is all about!

~ Let me explain. ~

It was not until the fall of 1978, after I had <u>finished</u> the 34 *Prophetic History Charts* that I read, <u>rather I *reread and this time understood*</u> a statement by Ellen White that tells what the seven thunders are, where they can be found, and the time of their fulfillment. She states that they are in fact, —seven last-day events to be fulfilled to the last generation, and can be found in the <u>little book of Daniel</u>. After each chapter and at the end of each volume in the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* is a section called *Ellen G. White Comments* found in SDA BC vol. 7, pg. 971.1.3 <u>or</u> vol. 7a, pg. 415.1.3. (We will study these statements in detail later in the studies.)

It was in these *Ellen White Comments* for Revelation 10 that I read (in 1978) and understood the six paragraphs <u>which Ellen</u> <u>White wrote about the seven thunders</u>. When I understood what Ellen White said about the seven thunders, I better understood the *historical fulfillment* and could then <u>complete not only</u> the chart for the *historical view*, but *also* the chart for <u>the</u> *last-day fulfillment* of the seven thunders. In these studies we will *primarily use*



<u>Scripture</u> to explain that Daniel's prophecies are to be <u>specifically repeated</u> as seven thundering last-day events. We will also use Ellen White's writings without hesitation or reserve. Ellen White gives a number of comments and clues which guide the honest searcher not only for a more complete understanding of Daniel and Revelation, but for specific guidance of how to understand exactly what the seven thunders are and how they can be found in the book of Daniel.

I fear that Uriah Smith has written what <u>most people *want* to believe</u> in his book *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, "It would be vain to speculate upon the seven thunders, in hope of gaining a definite knowledge of what they uttered. Something evidently was uttered which it would not be well for the church to know. We must *acquiesce* in the directions given to John concerning them, *and leave them where he left them, sealed up, unwritten, and consequently to us unknown*." —*The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation* by Uriah Smith, p. 522.3. (—Printed 1897 — Revised 1944, 1972.) {Original printing: 1897 UrS, DAR 523.2} (*acquiesce:* to agree, assent, consent to, quietly comply or submit, to comply passively without protest.) If we maintain this belief —to acquiesce— it would be to <u>close the mind</u> to light coming from the little book of Daniel explaining the seven thunders. *LittleBookOpen* cannot agree with leaving the seven thunders sealed up, <u>when in fact Scripture teaches that they</u> are plainly written in the little book of Daniel. We cannot *acquiesce* to any interpretation which misplaces what Scripture plainly teaches!

Today! —<u>Sadly, the prophecies are as obscure to the minds of this generation as</u> the same prophecies were obscure to the disciples' generation! Will there also come a time in the near future when we to will be tested as was the disciples? Will the same prophecies be <u>repeated</u> from the little book of Daniel and <u>we too **not** understand the</u> <u>testimony of Jesus</u>? Surely we would <u>not deny our Saviour</u>, the Mighty Angel of Revelation 10!

'Pick-and-choose' method of study.

Pick-and-choose is a name I have chosen to describe a method of Bible study which doesn't consider <u>ALL surrounding Bible texts</u> and/or doesn't consider <u>ALL</u> <u>related Bible texts</u> which give greater Light and understanding to the subject/prophecy being studied. *Pick-and-choose* <u>misdirects</u> the true prophetic interpretation by time, by *belief*, or by non-belief. Sometimes a person is aware that he is using the *pick-and-choose* method of study and feels that the Lord is leading him. Sometimes a person uses the *pick-and-choose* method in an attempt to validate a specific personal belief. And sometimes a person is not aware he is using the *pick-and-choose* method of study and needs to be shown how to properly study.

—By Time: Instead of allowing a prophecy to <u>tell the time</u> of its fulfillment, a <u>different time</u> in the past, present, or future is chosen and assigned as its fulfillment. This can be dangerous because the prophecy being *misdirected* will not be able to warn the present generation of what they <u>must do</u> to be saved. Such belief allows for the prophecy to have had a fulfillment in the past or future —it is concluded that the prophecy is fulfilled— and thus, the present generation has no worry. Many, if not all the prophecies are *a type*, teaching *the antitype* fulfillment of the *same* prophecy. These prophecies <u>must</u> have a fulfillment in *prophetic history*, so that their *primary fulfillment* is understood during the last-day events of earth's history. On the other hand, if a person believes that a prophecy was fulfilled <u>only in the past</u>, *then to him the prophecy is of no concern*.

—By Belief: Belief is most likely derived from an interpretation of the prophecy. Even though a prophecy may be understood as <u>having a fulfillment to the present</u> <u>generation</u>, it is <u>misinterpreted</u> in such a way as to direct the fulfillment away from a specific location or people. Thus, it is taught that a specific prophecy doesn't have a fulfillment to the location or people for which it is intended.

—By Non-belief: Non-belief is interesting and follows along two roads. 1.) A person says he is a Bible believing Christian but actually believes that prophecy has little or nothing to do with the church or themselves. They say that prophecy cannot be understood, therefore it cannot be applied. 2.) Another form of non-belief is when a person, <u>in his heart really believes</u> that the prophecy is to be fulfilled, —BUT for <u>some reason</u> (and there are many) feel it better to voice their opinion as non-belief.

Why should the *pick-and-choose* method of study be of concern to us? The *pick-and-choose* method of study will be of great concern to the last generation of saints. Hopefully it is *not* a concern in their own study lives, but because others use the *pick-and-choose* method to project their misguided interpretations of prophecy on others.

The method of Bible study we use as the last generation should be of concern to us! Why? In the book of Revelation, John is used as a symbol. John is a TYPE of the LAST GENERATION —the ANTITYPE!!! FS John, representing the last generation, is asked by the Mighty Angel (Jesus), who has *received* the book from the Throne, *unsealed* the book, and *opened* the book. And then John/last generation is allowed to hear and understand the seven thunders sounding from the little book! After John hears and understands the seven thunders, he/the last generation is asked to take the little book of last-day events, AND EAT THE BOOK!!!! Not only are the last generation to hear the sounds of thunder; not only are they to understand the thunders; but they are to EAT the book of seven thunders. Books are not normally eaten, so why EAT this book? Eating the book of seven thunders is <u>symbolic</u> of the book and its contents becoming a part of their lives! Sweet is the book as we understand more fully the testimony of Jesus, but bitter will be the book for those who live through the judgments of the last great storm.

We are the last generation represented by John! We are the generation who is asked by the Mighty Angel, Jesus, to EAT the little book of seven thunders! What do you think? Is it important that we interpret the events of the seven thunders PROPERLY? Would we dare to *pick-and-choose* their meaning, allowing personal opinion to be the guide —or shall we use Scripture to interpret Scripture? <u>FS</u>

Are we following Jesus?

Yes, we are following Jesus if we are understanding and doing what He has

given to us to do in preparation for these last days! <u>Rev 10:1, 8-10; 11:1-3; 14:6-12</u>. It's that simple. Do we desire with a burning desire, above all other wants or needs, to know Jesus as a personal Savior and Friend? Are we searching for the Revelation of Jesus Christ?

There are many authors who have written about the plan of redemption in the Bible and used the *pick-and-choose* method of study, which more than often is misleading. It would not be good for us to *pick-and-choose* what we study from the Bible and leave out the books or parts of the books of prophecy because they may be harder to understand. *Many run away mentally and spiritually* when they are asked if they want to study Daniel and Revelation. Some seem to disregard that Jesus is the Author of both books, Daniel and Revelation, and that He gives blessings to those who read and understand their prophecies. Dan 11:32, 33; 12:10, 12; Rev 1:3; 22:7, 14. It is unfortunate that many who have been Christians for years and have a basic knowledge of Daniel and Revelation *refuse* to think that the seven thunders can or should be understood. 'After all' they say, 'the Mighty Angel told John to *seal up* the seven thunders by *not writing* them down, —so who am I to understand what God has sealed?'

The last generation is very privileged to understand and share many special messages. Like looking at a beautiful gemstone, the many facets of Christ and His Righteousness will be taught explaining the importance of God's Law to the last generation. It will be impossible to do what Jesus has asked us to do as the last generation unless we are more than willing to dig deep and understand His will for our lives. Are we following Jesus? FS

Where to start?

This study is primarily about <u>Revelation 10 and</u> <u>11</u> which covers the open little book of seven thunders and the <u>building of the Temple</u>. If you are not familiar with these two chapters, it would help to read them. Of course, reading **all** of Daniel and Revelation will give even greater blessings and understanding. [Rev 1:3; 22:7 and 14] If these prophecies sound confusing, **don't give up**, turn to Heaven and pray even more that it will become clear!

The best place to start is here on the *Home Page* of <u>LittleBookOpen.org!</u> On the *Home Page* is an Introduction to the Seven Thunders, which is very



important reading. Also on the Home page is the <u>Master Index</u>. It follows <u>an order of</u> <u>study</u> and thus will give the knowledge needed, as building a house, for understanding the seven thunders. A far greater blessing will be received by <u>following the order</u> of the <u>Index</u> instead of reading here and there.

As a person scans the Index of a book to find *where and how* the book is going to take him, we encourage the same. Please take a few minutes to scan down the *Index* and you will find <u>A Golden Thread</u> throughout the website. It may seem like a large *Index*, but then the subject is large, and will need a great deal of dedicated study. Many people now days want the answer RIGHT NOW, and certainly not any longer than a Twitter!!! The greater Blessing is for the person who knows that living in these last days will not only be a *physical struggle*, but even more so a *spiritual struggle*. The Mighty Angel Jesus, wants us to take the open, unsealed book of seven thunders and understand their voices! That knowledge and understanding will <u>not</u> come in a Twitter!!! The building of the last-day Temple (Rev 11:1, 19) will be very personal and best of all the Mighty Angel comes with a <u>Rainbow Covenant</u> which He gives to every sincere believer. **Pray, pray**, **pray** for the Light shinning from the <u>Mighty Angel's face</u> to shine upon your studies!



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