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THE SEVEN TRUMPETS:

REVELATION 10 & THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will discover the birth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, its history, its principal messages, and its mission. We will also connect it to the last three of the seven trumpets found in the book of Revelation.
2. Read Revelation 10:1-11 for context. How is the mighty angel described? Revelation 10:1, 3

3. Who is this mighty angel? **Answer:** It is Jesus. An angel represents a messenger. Acts 7:30-32; 6:15, 8; Galatians 4:14. We will confirm it is Jesus by using the identifying characteristics in Revelation 10:1, 3 (see below).
 - a) *Clothed with a cloud:* Jesus is clothed with a cloud. See Exodus 13:21; Acts 1:9; Daniel 7:13; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 14:14.
 - b) *Rainbow on His head:* Jesus has the rainbow over His head. The rainbow is above God's throne. Both Jesus and His Father share the throne. See Revelation 4:2, 3; Revelation 3:21. See also Genesis 9:13. This is the Messenger entering into covenant with His people.
 - c) *Face as the sun and feet as pillars of fire:* Jesus' countenance is as the sun and His feet as if they are burned in fire. See Revelation 1:13-16.
 - d) *He cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:* It is Jesus whose voice is as a lion's roar. He is described as the lion from the tribe of Judah. See Revelation 5:5; Hosea 11:10; Amos 3:8.
4. What does Jesus have in His hand, and how is He positioned? Revelation 10:2

5. What does Jesus do? Revelation 10:5, 6

6. What is this little book that Jesus opens? **Answer:** Firstly, it is significant to note that this little book was once sealed, because Jesus opens it. This little book must refer to end-time prophecy. See Revelation 10:2, 5, 6.
7. **Note:** As we search the Holy Scriptures, there is only one book that has prophecies that were to be sealed until the end-time or the "time of the end." It is the book of Daniel. Compare the scene in Daniel 12:4-7 with Revelation 10:2, 5, 6.
8. **Note:** There are many prophecies in the book of Daniel that were fulfilled. However, specific prophecies for the last days would be revealed to the world beginning at a certain date. These end-time prophecies comprise "The Little Book." The book of Daniel and the book of Revelation should be viewed as one complete book. The end-time prophecies that are sealed up until "the time of the end" are seen being opened in the book of Revelation.

"In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." Daniel 12:4." {AA 585.1}
9. When does the Bible state that the words or prophecies of Daniel would be opened and that knowledge of Daniel's end-time prophecies would increase? Daniel 12:4

10. What time period is connected to "the time of the end?" Daniel 12:4, 6, 7

11. How long is "time, times, and 1/2 time" when God's people would be scattered or persecuted? Daniel 12:4, 6, 7;

12. When did the 1260 years of Papal persecution of God's people begin and end? **Answer:** 538 to 1798.

"The periods here mentioned--'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days'--are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. **The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798.** At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed." {GC 266.3}

13. **Note:** The year 1798 is the "Time of the End," and Revelation 10 begins in that year because the little book was opened in that very same year. Furthermore, Revelation 10 is revealing that Jesus started and orchestrated a spiritual and a religious movement that began sometime after 1798. The leaders of that movement emphasized the prophecies from the book of Daniel and the Revelation.

14. Which specific prophecy of Daniel would the preachers emphasize? **Answer:** The prophecy of Daniel 8:14. Let us confirm this fact.

15. Once the little book is opened what is said? Revelation 10:6 _____

16. What is longest time prophecy in the book of Daniel? Daniel 8:14 _____

17. When did the 2300 years begin and end? **Answer:** They began in the year 457 B.C. and ended in the year 1844 A.D. Study Daniel 9:24-27. Read "The Great Controversy," pages 326.2 to 328.2, and the chapter entitled, *The American Reformer*.

18. **Note:** Revelation 10:6 reveals the year 1844. Write 1844 beside Revelation 10:6. 1844 signaled the end of prophetic periods; in other words, no more prophetic events based on time setting.

19. **Note:** History does reveal that there was only one group of people emphasizing the prophecies of Daniel, especially Daniel 8:14, and the prophecies of Revelation that spanned the time period of 1798 to 1844. This spiritual movement was called the Great Advent Movement. The chief preacher was William Miller. William Miller's followers were mainly called the Millerites. For more information read *The Great Controversy*, the chapters entitled "An American Reformer," "Light Through Darkness," "A Great Religious Awakening," "A Warning Rejected," "Prophecies Fulfilled," and "What is the Sanctuary."

20. How widespread and extensive was the Millerite movement to be, based upon Bible prophecy? Revelation 10:2, 5 **Answer:** It was a worldwide movement. Consider that Jesus had the little book open with His feet covering land and sea. This position of His feet signifies that the revelation of Daniel's prophecies would go worldwide. Indeed it did!

"The message of Revelation 14, proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment is come, is given in the time of the end; and the angel of Revelation 10 is represented as having one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, showing that the message will be carried to distant lands, the ocean will be crossed, and the islands of the sea will hear the proclamation of the last message of warning. . . ." {2SM 107.3} or {Mar 18.2} Read Revelation 10:9-10.

What is the meaning of the little book being sweet in the mouth but bitter in the belly?

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore 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' (Revelation 10:5, 6). **This message announces the end of the prophetic periods. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844 was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed.**" {2SM 108.1} {Mar 18.3 }

21. Why are we studying Revelation 10? Revelation 10:11

22. **Note:** In our last few studies, we have been looking at the last three trumpets also called the three woes: fifth trumpet (first woe), sixth trumpet (second woe), and the seventh trumpet (third woe). Notice, however, that while we generally study the trumpets and the woes together, there is a slight distinction. The sounding of a trumpet signals that a message is going to be given (1 Samuel 13:3). We want to discover together, who were the messengers declaring God's messages to the world during the sounding of the fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpet.

23. In a previous lesson, we discovered that the time period of the fifth trumpet was from July 27, 1299 to July 27, 1499 (see Revelation 9:1-11). Who was sounding the trumpet of gospel truth during this time of earth's history?

"In the fourteenth century arose in England the "morning star of the Reformation." John Wycliffe was the herald of reform, not for England alone, but for all Christendom. The great protest against Rome which it was permitted him to utter was never to be silenced. That protest opened the struggle which was to result in the emancipation of individuals, of churches, and of nations." {GC 80.1}

24. The time period of the sixth trumpet was from July 27, 1499 to August 11, 1840 (see Revelation 9:13-21). Who were the messengers sounding the gospel trumpet during this time?
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"One of the noblest testimonies ever uttered for the Reformation was the Protest offered by the Christian princes of Germany at the Diet of Spire in 1529. The courage, faith, and firmness of those men of God gained for succeeding ages liberty of thought and of conscience. Their Protest gave to the reformed church the name of Protestant; its principles are "the very essence of Protestantism."—D'Aubigne, b. 13, ch. 6. {GC 197.1}

"In 1833, two years after Miller began to present in public the evidences of Christ's soon coming, the last of the signs appeared which were promised by the Saviour as tokens of His second advent. Said Jesus: "The stars shall fall from heaven." Matthew 24:29. And John in the Revelation declared, as he beheld in vision the scenes that should herald the day of God: "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13. This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833..." {GC 333.1}

25. The time period of the seventh trumpet began October 22, 1844 and extends to the Second Coming of Jesus. Who will be sounding the gospel trumpet during this time? Revelation 12:17; 10:11; 18:1-2
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"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel." {GC 611.1}

"Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel's message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been--the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before." {GC 605.3}

26. What experience will we have as we eat the "little book?" Revelation 10:9-11
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"...The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book..." {7BC 971.8}