

## Notes and **Research for Rev. 10**

### **REVELATION 10 “little book:” *Revelation of Divine Science***

Rev 10: 1, 2 (to :) 8-10

1 And I saw another mighty angel [Gabriel] (Rev 5:2) 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:

**Angel** is *angelos* in Greek which means “a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God.” (Strong's 32).

‘**clothed with a cloud**’: indicates the presence of God throughout the Scriptures  
*The ark was clothed in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.*

Used in Scriptures frequently:

“cloud” on the Mount of transfiguration, Matt. 17:5

“cloud” which covered Israel in the Red Sea I Cor. 10:1,2

“cloud” in Apocalyptic visions

Rev. 1:7; 10:1; 11:12; 14;14-16

Matt 24:30;

558:1-4, 9-10

St. John writes, in the tenth chapter of his book of Revelation: —

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and

This angel or message which comes from God, clothed with a cloud, prefigures [prophecies, presages] **divine Science**.

**rainbow**: water or mist refracted through a prism; white light – prism- 7 colors  
7-fold nature of God

promise of protection and safety (Noah)

promise of fulfillment of the pure Word of God

Ret 35:13-14

Science is the prism of Truth, which divides its rays and brings out the hues of Deity.

Mis 356:25

Humility is lens and prism to the understanding of Mind-healing;

Mis 194:13

It only needs the prism of this Science to divide the rays of Truth, and 15 bring out the entire hues of Deity, which scholastic theology has hidden. The lens of Science magnifies the divine power to human sight; and we then see the supremacy 18. of Spirit and the nothingness of matter.

2 And he had in his hand a **little book** open:

**little book: biblaridion** (Strong's 974) only time it is used in Scripture, in just this one chapter-- 3 times. It is "open, ready to be read" (My 126:9) and understood. The book is 'out of the angel's hand' a term used to describe as a book of prayer in Rev. 8.

*Biblion or biblos* is used for book throughout the New Testament.

559:1-8

1 This angel had in his hand "a little book," open for all to read and understand. Did this **same book contain**  
3 **the revelation of divine Science**, the "right Truth's foot" or dominant power of which was upon volume the sea, — upon elementary, latent error, the source of  
6 all error's visible forms? The angel's left foot was upon the earth; that is, a secondary power was exercised upon visible error and audible sin.

2And 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,

right foot: on the sea: elementary latent error, the source of all error's visible forms

left foot: on the earth; secondary power upon visible error and audible sin

What are we standing on?

The little book is clothed in majesty, dominion, sovereignty and contrasts Rev. 9 (the description of error).

It dissolves all claims of origin or evolutionary claims that we come from the sea or from the earth.

Now the book relates to divine Science which is the comforter, which relates to the woman.

8And 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.

**Take** in Greek is *lambano* (Strong's 2983) which means "take with the hand, lay hold of in order to use it, take up a thing to be carried, or to carry away, to claim, to associate with one's self as companion. . ."

559:16-31

Then will a voice from harmony  
cry: "Go and take the little book. . . . Take it, and eat  
18 it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in  
thy mouth sweet as honey."

Mortals, obey the heavenly  
evangel. Take divine Science. Read this book from  
21 beginning to end. Study it, ponder it. It will be indeed  
sweet at its first taste, when it heals you; but murmur not  
over Truth, if you find its digestion bitter. When you

24 approach nearer and nearer to this divine Principle, when  
you eat the divine body of this Principle, — thus partak-  
ing of the nature, or primal elements, of Truth and Love,  
27 — do not be surprised nor discontented because you must  
share the hemlock cup and eat the bitter herbs; for the  
Israelites of old at the Paschal meal thus prefigured this  
30 perilous passage out of bondage into the El Dorado of faith  
and hope.

### **Notes and thoughts on the Paschal meal.**

**The Paschal meal refers to the Passover meal**, a Judaic ritual which had its origin at the time of the exodus. This passage is from the textbook in the Apocalypse Chapter for Revelation 10.

Why did Mrs. Eddy put this paragraph in this chapter?

Passover meal is 65 books earlier in the Bible and 13 centuries earlier in time.

Passover – related to the tenth and last plague with which Moses threatened Pharaoh trying to get him to let the Children of Israel get out of Egypt. The firstborn in every Egyptian home was to be killed.

- Passover ritual: kill a lamb, roast it, eat it in haste with unleavened bread and bitter herbs (Ex 12: 5-8)
- use the blood to mark the top and sides of the door (Ex 12:21,22)
- this sign would save the firstborn sons of the Israelites

symbol of protection.

symbol of the exodus from bondage in Egypt.

Is Mrs. Eddy drawing a parallel between the Paschal (Passover meal) and the eating of the “little book” in Revelation 10?

She draws this parallel right after she identifies S&H as the fulfillment of prophecy of the “little book.”

Passover is a remembrance of a historical event related to freedom...  
the “little book”—lifts it to the level of Spirit and what it means to be truly free,  
free from the bondage of materiality.

“THE Israelites of old at the Paschal meal thus prefigured this perilous  
passage..” 559:29

synonym: prefigure = presage=prophesy

Eating the Passover preceded the Israelites’ leaving the bondage of Egypt.  
Eating the ‘little book’ leads to a higher sense of freedom from bondage.

What does Mrs. Eddy mean by ‘perilous passage’ 559:30

What perils are involved in breaking out of bondage?

**“Make thy belly bitter.”**

eating the little book, makes the belly bitter: has the higher spiritual meaning  
celebrating the Passover, one has to eat bitter herbs: the more material  
meaning

**bitterness in the belly:** prepares one for the “perilous passage out of bondage”  
Willingness to undergo or go through and beyond that sense of bitterness that  
prepares one?

**“Perilous passage out of bondage”** leads to the “El Dorado of faith and hope.”  
El Dorado: is a place of fabulous wealth or opportunity

Reading and studying the textbook, putting the rules into practice, we  
progressively leave the bondage of material beliefs and heal and grow.

