



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

AN ANGEL OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Introduction: Dr. Mickey Carter's *Things That Are Different Are Not the Same* provides a compelling analysis of the significant discrepancies between the King James Version and contemporary Bible translations. From the underlying textual source to the final product, these modern versions present a distinct departure from the traditional text. This divergence has led to a proliferation of doctrinal interpretations, contributing to the emergence of new religious movements. Such disparities raise questions about the foundational authority and consistency of God's Word. In the tenth chapter of The Book of Revelation, the Apostle John presents us with a markedly distinct angel, a departure from the angelic figure encountered in Chapter 9. This observation aligns with Dr. Mickey Carter's insightful maxim: "*Things that are different are not the same.*"

THIS ANGEL'S DESCENT IS DIFFERENT (v 1)

- **He came down.**
 - This indicates that this Angel came down willingly (Mark 10:45; Luke 19:10; I Tim. 2:6).
 - The angel [star] of Chapter 9 fell (Rev. 9:1). This fallen star is Lucifer. (Is. 14:12).

THIS ANGEL'S APPEARANCE IS DIFFERENT (vs 1-4)

- **He was mighty** (v 1).
- **He was clothed with a cloud.**
 - **NOTE:** Wherever clouds are connected with the glorious manifestation, deity is present (Nahum 1:3; Ex. 13:21; 14:24; 19:9; Neh. 9:12; Ps. 97:2; Rev. 1:7).
- **A rainbow—a symbol of God's mercy—crowned him** (Gen. 9:8-17).
- **His face was as the sun** (v 1; Rev. 1:16; Mal. 4:2).
- **His feet were as pillars of fire** (v 1; Rev. 1:15).
- **His hand held a little book** (v 2; Rev. 5:4-6).
- **His feet were upon the land and sea** (v 2; Rev. 5:11-13; Matt. 28:18).
- **His voice was loud "as when a lion roareth"** (v 2; Rev. 5:5-6; Joel 3:16).
 - **NOTE:** The seven thunders of verses 3-4 harmonize with the Angel of verse 1.

THIS ANGEL'S MESSAGE IS DIFFERENT (vs 5-11)

- His message was **heavenly** (vs 5-6).
- His message was **timely**—no more delay (v 6b).

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- His message **completed God's plan for man** (v 7).
- His message was **given to his servant** (vs 8-11).

Lesson Conclusion: The Apostle John contrasts the angels in Revelation Chapters 9 and 10. Despite sharing the title of *angel*, these beings are clearly distinguishable. One, a fallen entity, sows destruction and chaos, while the other, a divine messenger, willingly fulfills God's purpose for humanity. Certainly, Dr. Carter was correct in his statement: "Things that are different are not the same."

Similarly, we must discern between the world's false gods and the One true God. The mere title of "god" does not equate to divine authenticity. John's inspired depiction of these two angels serves as a cautionary tale for believers, urging us to rightly differentiate between the counterfeit gods of this world and the Heavenly Father to Whom we must consecrate our lives.