

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE MIGHTY ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE BOOK – JOHN EATS THE LITTLE BOOK --10:1-11

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<p><i><b><u>Rev 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven,</u></b></i></p> <p><i><b><u>clothed with a cloud.</u></b></i></p> <p><i><b><u>And a rainbow was on his head,</u></b></i></p> <p><i><b><u>his face was like the sun,</u></b></i></p> <p><i><b><u>and his feet like pillars of fire.</u></b></i></p> <p> </p> <p><i><b><u>Rev 10:2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,</u></b></i></p> <p> </p> <p><i><b><u>Rev 10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.</u></b></i></p> <p> </p> <p><i><b><u>Rev 10:4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."</u></b></i></p>	<p>vs. 1-4 - THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL - NKJV <u>“angel”</u> – 201 times - <u>Who is this angel?</u> - He is <u>characterized by things associated with our Lord’s presence and attributes:</u>  <u>“Clothed with a cloud” - Exodus 40:34-38; Psalm 104:3; Rev. 1:7</u>  <u>“And a rainbow was on his head” - Psalm 89:1-2, 8, 33-37; Rev. 4:3</u>  <u>“his face was like the sun” - Rev. 1:16</u>  <u>“his feet like pillars of fire” - Rev. 1:15</u>  <u>another mighty (ischuros) angel - He is connected to “another” angel - (Greek: allos) cf. Rev. 5:2 - “strong (ischuros) angel” - is this Gabriel whose name means “strength of God”? Cf. 18:21 Maybe this angel is Michael?? - cf. Daniel 10: 13 (powerful connection); 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7-8 Michael’s name means “who is like God?”</u></p> <p>vs.2-3 <u>he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, -</u>  <u>- The impact of this angel - v. 2 - It pictures God’s Control over all.</u></p> <p>v.3 <u>“as when a lion roars” - “Lion” - 98 times; “Lions” 46 times - 144 total - It pictures God’s cry for all to hear Job 4:9-11; Isaiah 31:4-5; Hosea 5:14; 11:10; Amos 3:8(probably being inferred here)</u></p> <p>v.4 <u>“Seal up” - The instruction of a voice from heaven - Cf. Revelation 4:5; 8:5; Psalm 29:1-9 - Why “seal up”? (Could it refer to the terrible suffering of God’s people?) Cf. Dan. 9:24 – “seal up” cf. Rev. 22:10</u></p>	<p><i><b><u>“THE LITTLE BOOK”</u></b></i> the scroll is now being described as a “little book”—most of the seals have been opened! - <i><b><u>Revelation 10:1-11</u></b></i></p> <p>vs. 1-4 THE APPEARANCE OF A MIGHTY ANGEL  vs. 5-7 THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MIGHTY ANGEL  vs. 8-11 THE APPLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE</p> <p> </p> <p><u>Isaiah 31:5</u> — The LORD All-Powerful will defend Jerusalem like birds flying over their nests. He will defend and save it; he will ‘pass over’ and save Jerusalem. Arab prophecy — When the Nile flows into Palestine Al Nebi (God’s Prophet) from the west will drive the Turk from Jerusalem. In 1917 the British government sent General Edmund Allenby to capture Jerusalem. One of the first things his troops did was to build a canal east from the Nile River in Egypt into Palestine. Allenby also wrote pamphlets and had them dropped over Jerusalem from the newly invented airplanes. The pamphlets he had written were translated into Arabic, and he signed his name which read Allah Nebi in Arabic. Translated, this means “God’s Prophet”, the same as Al Nebi! As World War I neared its end, Jerusalem surrendered to the British forces on December 9, 1917 – on the first day of Hanukah, the day which celebrates the recapture of the Temple by Judas Maccabæus from the heathen Seleucids in 165 B.C.! Two days later General Allenby entered the Jaffa Gate on foot, at the head of a victory procession. The day of deliverance had come. Not only did Allenby fulfill the Arab prophecy, he also fulfilled Isaiah 31:5.</p>
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*Rev 10:5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven*

*Rev 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer.*

*Rev 10:7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.*

**vs. 5-7 THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MIGHTY ANGEL –**

v.5 “standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven” - He symbolized his dependency upon God’s authority and sovereignty over all.

v. 6 “swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it”. - He swore by the eternal power of God Himself – cf. Heb. 6:13

v. 7 - “the mystery of God should be finished (teleo-complete)” - He stated that God’s plans were on schedule and would be fulfilled when the seventh angel would begin to sound - Cf. Dt. 29:29; Psalm 135:6; Revelation 6:9-11; 11:15; 15:1; 16:17 (ginomai-come to pass) - It’s going to happen right on schedule. “mystery” of God - something not previously given.

Possible Conclusion: “in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel”  
Rev. 11:15; 16:17; – “It is done! Showing how He is going to wrap up everything;  
Rev. 20:4- “...souls of those who have been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God”; – why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer? To gather together in One, all things in Christ!

“Mystery” 22 times – Rev. 1:20; 10:7; 17:5, 7  
 “mysteries” – 5 times

Major mysteries discussed:

Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven – Matt. 13:11

Mystery of the Kingdom – Mark 4:11

Mystery of Israel’s blindness – Romans 11:25

Mystery of the rapture – 1 Cor. 15:51

Mystery of His will – Eph. 1:9 - (gather together in one all things in Christ)

Mystery of Christ and the Church – Eph. 5:32

Mystery of the Gospel – Eph. 3:4; Col. 1:26-27; 4:3

Mystery of iniquity – 2 Thess. 2:7

Mystery of God and Christ – Col. 2:2

Mystery of the faith – 1 Tim. 3:9

Mystery of godliness – 1 Tim. 3:16

Mystery of the seven stars and golden candlesticks – Rev. 1:20

Mystery of Babylon the great – Rev. 17:5

Mystery of woman – Rev. 17:7

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*Rev 10:8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."*

*Rev 10:9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."*

*Rev 10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.*

*Rev 10:11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."*

Vs. 8-11 - THE APPLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE -

"Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

--It demonstrates/illustrates a previous revelation - Ezekiel 2:9-3:3(lamentations, mournings and woe!); Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 19:10 – blessings, because God is taking over and finishing all this; but bitterness because of the pain that this is causing the believers that are on the earth.

v. 11 prophesy – propheteuo- to foretell something, that lies in the future, foretell, prophesy  
- It involved an usual or peculiar response - "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

**YOU MUST PROPHECY!!!**

**- We are being shown a powerful responsibility!! The gospel message is sweet to us!!! But there is a bitterness of soul – the people of God who will suffer bitterly; a bitterness for those unbelievers, who will be lost forever!**

**Do you have friends and relatives that don't know the Lord?**

**Jesus' commandments/ instructions: Mt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21**

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		<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who do you think the “another mighty angel” might be?</b></li> <li><b>2. Can you make a case that this is Jesus Christ?</b></li> <li><b>3. Can you make a case that this is “another mighty angel”? If so, who is the angel?</b></li> <li><b>4. What do you think is indicated by the repetitive phrase “<u>he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land</u>”?</b></li> <li><b>5. v. 4 “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them?” Any ideas as to why these things are to be sealed up?</b></li> <li><b>6. In verse 7, what is meant by “<i>the mystery of God would be finished</i>”?</b></li> <li><b>7. Can you think of any other times in Scripture where a person is told to eat the word – Sweetness? Sweetness &amp; bitterness?</b></li> <li><b>8. What is the strong encouragement and responsibility that is given for all believers in chapter ten?</b></li> </ol>
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