



A Mighty Angel – A Little Book
Revelation 10:1-11
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Eschatology is a word that refers to the end times. John is taken up to heaven and shown a series of judgments that will take place upon the earth between Chapters 6-18. I believe that Revelation 4 teaches us that believers will be raptured into heaven from the earth, and no believer will ever go through this hellish judgment.

I Thessalonians 1:10 (NKJV) We are waiting for His Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Special note:

By the time we get to the end of Chapter 9, we find that over half of the world's population has been removed. Many have left by the rapture, and billions of people have died because of the judgment of the seven seals and now these six trumpets. We are down to only half of the world's population still on the planet.

Takeaway:

God is not filled solely with vengeance, as some think, and he always tempers His judgment with mercy. So, we always see a mixture of both when He acts.

I. The Messenger's Description

A. The messenger's descent

Revelation 10:1a (NKJV) I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven (this book has been filled with angels)

B. The messenger's deed

1. This angel has a book in his hand and his feet on land and sea

Revelation 10:2 (NKJV) 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.

Psalms 24:1-2 (NKJV) The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ² For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

II. The Messenger's Declaration

A. A seven-fold thunder

Revelation 10:3 (NKJV) And this angel cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Seven Voices of God - Psalm 29:3–9 (NKJV)

- (1) The voice of the LORD thunders over the waters
- (2) The voice of the LORD is powerful
- (3) The voice of the LORD is full of majesty
- (4) The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars
- (5) The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire
- (6) The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness
- (7) The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare; And in His temple, everyone says, “Glory”!

B. A sealed-up message

Revelation 10:4 (NKJV) 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.”

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV) The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV) It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

J.I. Packer:

“We should not pry into God’s secrets. We are to be content to live with what He has told us. Reverence excludes speculation about things that God has not mentioned in His Word. We must be content not to know what the Scripture does not tell us.”

C. A sworn message

Revelation 10:5–8 (NKJV) The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 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, 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. 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.”

Walter Scott:

“Does it not seem strange that Satan has been allowed for 6,000 years to wrap and twist his coils around the world and to work evil and spoil and mar the work of God? Is it not a mystery why God, the God of righteousness and holiness, allows evil to go unpunished and his own people to be crushed and broken on every hand? Truly this is the mystery of God. God bears with evil until the hour of judgment arrives when He will avenge the cry of His elect and come out of His place to punish the wicked. Evil now tolerated and allowed will be openly punished. The mystery is at an end. Christ is about to reign.”

III. The Messenger's Direction

Revelation 10:8–9 (NKJV) 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." 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.

Jeremiah 15:16 (NKJV) Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Ezekiel 2:8 (NKJV) But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.

Ezekiel 3:1–3 (NKJV) Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. ³ And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So, I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

Psalms 119:103 (NKJV) How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Takeaway:

The same gospel that sends a man to heaven is the same gospel that sends a man to hell.

Two applications that apply to us today:

1. God's truth tastes sweet to those who are true believers
2. God's ways, the sweet and the sour, are always right and reliable