

The Prophecy Series: The Book of Revelation

18 - THE MIGHTY ANGEL AND THE LITTLE SCROLL (REVELATION 10:1-11)

I. The Introduction of the Angel Holding the Scroll (Revelation 10:1-4)

A. The Description of the Angel (Revelation 10:1)

- This angel is described in a dramatic fashion.
- He is clothed in a cloud and wears a rainbow as a hat.
- His face shines like the sun and he has feet of fire.

B. The Little Scroll (Revelation 10:2)

- John sees that he has a little scroll in his hand.
- The angel stands upon earth signifying that the message is for all.

C. The Cry of the Angel (Revelation 10:3)

- He shouted like the roar of a lion.
- The scene is certainly one to inspire awe.
- When this angel shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke.
- The identity of the seven thunders is not known.

D. The Command not to Write (Revelation 10:4)

- John prepares to write down what the seven thunders said.
- He is commanded not to write down the utterances.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 (ESV)

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

II. The Announcement of the Impending End (Revelation 10:5-7)

A. The Angel Swears before Heaven (Revelation 10:5-6)

- The mighty angel solemnly swears by God that there will be no more delay.

B. The Angel Announces the Intent of the Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 10:7)

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- The seventh trumpet indicates the accomplishment of the mystery of God.
- The mystery of God had been previously announced to God's prophets.
- This refers to the fulfillment of many passages which refer to the Second Coming.

III. The Eating of the Scroll (Revelation 10:8-11)

A. The Command to Take the Scroll (Revelation 10:8)

- John is commanded to take the scroll from the mighty angel.

B. John Asks for the Scroll (Revelation 10:9)

- John asks the mighty angel for the scroll.
- The angel tells John to eat the scroll.

Scripture Ezekiel 2:9-3:3 (ESV)

⁹ And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

C. John Eats the Scroll (Revelation 10:10)

- John eats the scroll, which is sweet to taste but bitter to the stomach.

D. The Command to Prophecy (Revelation 10:11)

- John is told to proclaim the contents to everyone.