

Revelation

Chapter 10

Lesson 11

Revelation 10:1-2

- ◆ ¹ And I saw another mighty angel descending out of heaven having been clothed with a cloud, and the rainbow upon his head and his face was like the sun and his feet were as pillars of fire. ² And having in his hand a small scroll having been opened. And he put his right foot upon the sea, and his left (foot) upon the land.



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Revelation 10:3-4

- ◆ ³ And he called out with a great voice like a lion roaring. And when he called out, the seven thunders (sounded) their voices. ⁴ And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, and I heard a voice out of heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it."

Seven Thunders?

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 - ² I know a person 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 such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

Revelation 10:5-6

- ◆ ⁵ And the angel, whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land, raised his right hand unto the heaven ⁶ and he swore by the one living forever and ever, who created the heaven and what is in it and the earth and what is in it and the sea and what is in it, “There will be no more delay!”

Daniel 12:5-10

- ◆ Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others appeared, one standing on this bank of the stream and one on the other. ⁶ One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was upstream, “How long shall it be until the end of these wonders?” ⁷ The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, **raised his right hand and his left hand** toward heaven. And **I heard him swear** by the one who lives forever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things would be accomplished. ⁸ I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” ⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, **for the words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end.** ¹⁰ Many shall be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked shall continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.



Revelation 10:7

- ◆ ⁷ But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God is finished, just as he proclaimed to his slaves the prophets.

Revelation 10:8-9

- ◆ ⁸ And the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again saying to me, "Go, take the small scroll, the one open in the hand of the angel standing upon the sea and upon the earth." ⁹ And I went to the angel saying to him, "to give to me the scroll." And he said to me, "take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

Ezekiel 2:1-3:1

- ♦ He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. ⁶ And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house. Ezek. 2:8 But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. ⁸ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ⁹ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe. Ezek. 3:1 He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Psalm 119:103

- ◆ How sweet are *your words* to my taste,
sweeter than *honey* to my mouth!

Jeremiah 15:16

- ◆ “Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart”

◆ “The duality of joy and pain applies equally to the word for the Church as it does to the word for the world. For the Church must learn the weight of the cross before she participates in the glory of the kingdom, and the world must learn the reality of judgment before it experiences the grace of the kingdom.”

◆ George R. Beasley-Murray, *The Book of Revelation*, New Century Bible (Greenwood SC: Attic, 1974), 175.

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Revelation 10:10-11

- ◆ ¹⁰ And I took the small scroll out of the hand of the angel and ate it, and it was sweet like honey in my mouth and when I ate it, my stomach became bitter. ¹¹ And they said to me, "It is necessary again for you to prophesy over many peoples and nations and languages and kings."