

# REVELATION

The Angel and  
the Scroll

(Revelation 10:1~11)

*Ezekiel 2:8-10: "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 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.*

*Ezekiel 3:1-3: And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. 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.*

*Ezekiel 3:10-11: Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you **receive** in your heart, and **hear** with your ears. And **go** to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘ Thus says the Lord GOD, ’ **whether they hear or refuse to hear.**”*

God’s Word should affect Ezekiel before anyone else.

Ezekiel must preach whether they listen or not.

We must receive God's Word and let it change our personal lives.

We must share God's Word with others, whether they listen to it or reject it.

We must be faithful to God's Word  
by receiving it and sharing it with  
others.

Revelation 10:1-11:14 is a  
parenthetical section.

God leaves a witness of Himself, both  
through John and through the two  
witnesses of the Tribulation.

# 1. John sees a mighty angel descending from heaven.

❖ Revelation 10:1-2: Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land.

# 1. John sees a mighty angel descending from heaven.

A. This is an angel John sees, not Christ Himself.

- ❖ Some interpreters see this as Christ being called a “messenger.”
- ❖ Ezekiel 28/Daniel 10 describe angels in similar terms to this angel.
- ❖ John saw “another” angel in verse 1: “another of the same kind”



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B. The angel is holding an open scroll in his hand.

- ❖ Some conclude that it is the same scroll mentioned in Revelation 5.
- ❖ Revelation 5 uses the word “biblion” (scroll)
- ❖ Revelation 10 uses the word “biblaridion” (small scroll)

## 2. When the mighty angel speaks, John hears seven thunders.

❖ Revelation 10:3-4: And called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.”

## 2. When the mighty angel speaks, John hears seven thunders.

A. These thunders said something intelligible.

❖ In verse 4, John said he was about to write what the thunders “said.”



## 2. When the mighty angel speaks, John hears seven thunders.

B. John was ready to obey the command to write in Revelation 1.

- ❖ In His wisdom, God told John *not* to write this down.
- ❖ So why do we have verses 3-4?

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C. These thunders remind us that God chooses what He wants to reveal to us.

- ❖ Revelation reveals a lot of things God wants us to know, but there are a lot of details that it does *not* tell us.
- ❖ God reveals the things that He chooses for a specific purpose.

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

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❖ 2 Peter 1:3-4: His divine power has granted to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

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C. These thunders remind us that God chooses what He wants to reveal to us.

- ❖ Instead of looking for more, are you obeying what God has already said?
- ❖ Revelation 2:17: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.



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- ❖ Some things God makes unequivocally clear (the Gospel).
- ❖ Some things can lead to reasonable conclusions (the angels to the churches).
- ❖ Some things God has chosen not to reveal.
- ❖ We should study details for personal and apologetic reasons.

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- ❖ Revelation 10:5-7: And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him who **lives forever and ever**, who created **heaven** and what is in it, the **earth** and what is in it, and the **sea** and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

### 3. The mighty angel announced that there would be no more delay.

A. The angel announced that the mystery of God would be fulfilled.

- ❖ In Scripture, a mystery is typically something that is hidden from man until God chooses to reveal it.
- ❖ This mystery is connected to the seventh trumpet.

### **3. The mighty angel announced that there would be no more delay.**

A. The angel announced that the mystery of God would be fulfilled.

❖ Revelation 11:15-18: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

❖ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

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B. The mystery of God's promise had been announced to the Old Testament prophets.

❖ Isaiah 9:6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



## 4. John was recommissioned as a prophet to continue preaching.

- ❖ Revelation 10:8-11: Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little 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.”

❖ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

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A. This recommissioning of John parallels Ezekiel.

- ❖ Similar to Ezekiel, John must receive God's Word and then share it with others.



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B. Scripture is often compared to food.

- ❖ Psalm 19:10: God's law is sweeter than honey.
- ❖ Jeremiah 15:16: Jeremiah says he ate God's words.
- ❖ 1 Peter 2:2: We should desire the pure spiritual milk of God's Word.

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- ❖ The scroll tasted sweet to John, but it made his stomach bitter.
- ❖ The truth of God's Word confronts us where we are wrong.

# **Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?**

- We must be faithful to God's Word.
- We must allow God's Word to change us, and we must share God's Word with others.
- We must be faithful to God's Word by receiving it and sharing it with others.

NEXT TIME:

REVELATION 11:1-14

- The Two Witnesses