THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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- 1 I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;
- 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;

- 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.
- 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them."

- 5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven,
- 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,

- 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.
- 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I* heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land."

- 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."
- 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11 And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."



Place in the Book of Revelation

- . What you have seen (Rev 1).
- I. What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III. What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - A. The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B. The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - 1. Preparation (8:2-6)
 - 2. First Four Trumpets (8:7–12)
 - 3. Last Three Trumpets (8:13–11:19)

- 3. The Last Three Trumpet Judgments— Three Woes (8:13–11:19)
 - a. Introduction to the Woes (8:13)
 - b. Fifth Trumpet—Fiery Locusts from the Pit (9:1–12)
 - c. Sixth Trumpet—Loosing of the Four Angels Bound in the Euphrates (9:13– 21)
 - d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)

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d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)

The Mighty Angel (10:1–7)

The utterance of the seven thunders (vv. 3–4).

2 Corinthians 12:3–4

And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)

- The Mighty Angel (10:1–7)
 - The utterance of the seven thunders (vv. 3–4).
 - The angel speaks, then the seven peals of thunder occur (v. 3).

A voice from heaven commands John not to write the content of what the seven peals of thunder have said (v. 4).

Revelation 22:10

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Daniel 12:4

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)
The Mighty Angel (10:1–7)
The strong angel swears that there will be no more delay (vv. 5–6).
The oath refers to the eternally living God who created all things.

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14) The Mighty Angel (10:1–7) "then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached (euangelizo) to His servants the prophets" (verse 7). God reveals mysteries New Testament definition of a "mystery"

Romans 16:25–26

- ²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,
- ²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14) The Mighty Angel (10:1–7) "then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached (euangelizo) to His servants the prophets" (verse 7). Fulfillment of this mystery relates to the sounding of the 7th trumpet. The content of this mystery.

Question for Discussion

What is the mystery that will be finished when the seventh trumpet sounds?

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)
The Book (10:8–11)

Ezekiel 3:1–3

- 1 Then 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 fed me this scroll.
- 3 He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14) The Book (10:8–11) Receiving the book (vv. 8–10). A voice from heaven commands John to take the book from the hand of the angel (v. 8). The angel told John to eat the book (v. 9). John ate the book (v. 10).

d. Parenthesis (10:1–11:14)
◆ The Book (10:8–11)
✓ Receiving the commission (v. 11).
▶ "they said to me" = "I was told"
▶ John will receive additional prophetic revelation affecting many nations and kings.

Front of the Scroll



Back of the Scroll



Question for Discussion

About which peoples, nations, tongues, and kings will John yet prophesy?

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus, as the Word of God, speaks from heaven.
- Jesus is the eternal living God.
- Jesus is the Creator of all things.
- Jesus will finish the mystery of God.