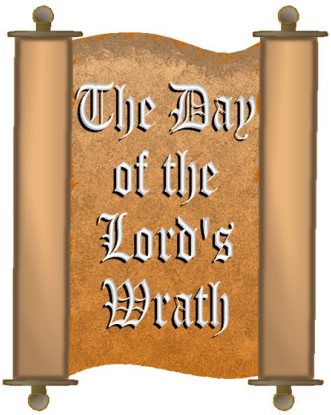


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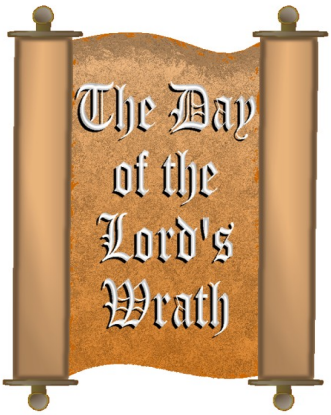
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10:1

"Another mighty angel" - this angel, being called "mighty" (strong) has some characteristics that are like that of his Lord, Jesus Christ [compare his face (Rev. 1:16), and feet (Rev. 1:15)].

NOTE: However, this being is <u>not</u> Christ, but is an angel like the previous angels John saw.
Hence, the phrase "another angel" - "<u>another</u> of the <u>same kind</u>" (Greek = allos).

Note also that this "angel" praises Christ (10:6).

10:2

This ***"little book"*** is no doubt:

--more revelation from God

--more details to fill in the specifics of God's judgments yet to come.
(such details are <u>not</u> for us today, but in the future God will unveil them - cp. v. 3 & 4 - ***"seal up...write them not"*** cp. Daniel 12:4, 9).

"Right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth" - By standing on both the sea and earth this angel certainly has supernatural power over both.

By implication, the judgments in that little book perhaps involve both the earth (dry land - Rev.16:1) and sea (ocean & fresh water - Rev.16:3-4).

10:3

"Lion roareth" - In a context describing God's dealings with Israel, God said through the prophet Amos, *"The Lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"* (Amos 3:5).

10:3-4

"Seal up" - just as scrolls were sealed that no one could see the contents written inside (cp. Rev. 5:1-4), no one knows the contents of what the 7 thunders uttered.

For us today, God has revealed what He will do in the future by the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls. Let us be satisfied with the revelation God has revealed to us in His Word, rather than speculating about what He has not explained regarding the future (Deut.29:29).

The canon of Scripture is closed & complete for us today. However, in the future "Tribulation" period, God has more revelation to unveil, and signs to authenticate it.

The revelation of the 7 thunders is yet to come!

II. GOD'S MESSAGE WILL CERTAINLY BE FULFILLED (v. 5-7)

10:5-6

"Sware by him that liveth for ever and ever"

This mighty angel takes an oath, calling on the Creator to be his witness that ***"there should be time no longer"*** - Meaning: "No more delay." No more time for mankind to repent (cp. 9:20, 21).The time for God's full fury is about to be fulfilled (cp. 15:1; 16:17).

When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, the final judgments are poured out on earth in rapid-fire succession, Christ will return to the earth for Armageddon, and the end of the final 7 years of the times of the Gentiles will come.

10:7

What is the ***"mystery"***?

Two views:

1) The Church removed at the "last trump"

The Church is called a mystery (Eph. 3:3-7, 5:32; Rev. 1:20), and the Church is raptured at the "last trump" (I Cor. 15:51-52; cp. Rev. 11:15).

The difficulty with this view is that God never revealed the mystery of the Church or the rapture to the O.T. prophets - if the word "prophets" indeed refers to O.T. prophets.

Also, if the time immediately preceding the rapture is as Jesus described it in Matthew 24:36-39, there is no way the church will be raptured after experiencing all of the horrors of the first 6 trumpet judgements. Those days in no way correspond to the days of Noah before the flood.

***2) Mystery Babylon destroyed** (Rev. 16:17-19; 17:5-7)

The phrase ***"the mystery of God"*** means "the mystery foretold by God" (Is. 13:1-20; Jer. 50-51) not a "mystery about God."

The word ***"finished"*** means "brought to an end." - Certainly mystery Babylon will be brought to a violent end (Rev. 16:17-19).

III. GOD'S MESSAGE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE WELCOMED (v. 8-11)

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10:8
Why is the little book "***open***?"

Because its events are about to be fulfilled in the last days when its message is proclaimed.

10:9-10
SEE Ezek. 2:8 - 3:4
Ezekiel eats a book descriptive of judgment, which is sweet to his taste.

10:10
Cp. Jer. 15:16-18 - *"Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart . . . I sat alone because of Thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual . . . ?"*

Sweet words with a bitter message.

God's Word is often easy to eat, but hard to swallow and digest.

Truth is always good, even though its message may be undesirable.

EX: The truth about hell is a precious doctrine (because it comes from God and all of His truth is precious); however, it is not a truth that everyone wants to hear or believe.

A faithful pastor must proclaim "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), which includes truth about life and death (II Cor. 2:14-17); good and evil; heaven and hell; future glory and future judgment.
We must not dilute the message to please the listeners (II Tim. 4:1-5).

Noah	preached an unwelcome message	(II Pet. 2:5).
Elijah	"	(I Ki. 18:17)
Ezekiel	"	(Ezek. 3:7-9).
Isaiah	"	(Is. 6:9-11).
Jeremiah	"	(Jer. 20:8-9).
Micaiah	"	(I Ki. 22:8, 14).
Stephen	"	(Acts 7:54-60).
Paul	"	(Acts 13:46, 14:19;I Cor.9:16)

10:10
Just as the book was bitter to John's belly, so will the judgments be to those who experience them!

The Bible describes how those who experience the wrath of the Day of the LORD will bend over and place their hands over their stomachs because of the pain caused by fear (Is.13:8; *Jer. 30:6)

10:11
"Thou must prophesy again . . ." = God via the angel is speaking to the Apostle John.

Could John be one of the two witnesses (Rev.11)? Will John be resurrected to preach before Christ returns (cp. John 21:22, 23)? Evidently not.

NOTE: The word ***"again"*** is the Greek preposition "epi" which can be translated "concerning" or "about." Meaning: "John, you have more prophesying to write and give about people, nations, etc. in the rest of the book of Revelation."