

THE MIGHTY ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE SCROLL REVELATION 10

There was an interlude between the sixth and seventh seal judgments that presented the faithfulness and mercy of God in the midst of judgment (Rev. 7). There is also an interlude that is placed between the sixth and seventh trumpet judgments (Rev. 10). We must never forget that even in the darkest days of judgment our God is a God of faithfulness and mercy.

I. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ANGEL. 10:1-4.

A. The Identity of the Angel.

1. Some think the angel is Christ. Cp. Rev. 1:12-16.
2. Others think this angel is an angel and not the Lord.
 - * The word “another” (*allos*) denotes another of the same kind. This messenger is like the other angels. *

B. The Description of the Angel.

1. Clothed with the cloud of God’s glory. Ex. 40:34.
2. Adorned with the rainbow of God’s mercy. Gen. 9; Rev. 4.
3. Possessed a face that radiated with glory.
4. Had feet that spoke of greatness and glory.
5. Held a little scroll in his right hand.

C. The Command of the Angel.

1. The great authority of this angel.
 - a. One foot on land another on sea compassing all the earth.
 - b. A loud voice as the sound of a lion roar.
2. The message of the seven thunders.
 - a. Thunders speak of power and judgment. See Rev. 4:5; 8:5.
 - b. This tells us that the judgments described in the seals, trumpets and vials are not all the judgments that will fall on earth during the tribulation.
 - c. The message of the seven thunders is the only concealed message in Revelation.

II. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE END. 10:5-7.

A. The Formality of the Announcement. 10:5-6a.

1. His hand is raised to take a solemn oath.
2. He swears by the one true God.
 - a. The eternal God.
 - b. The creator God. Cp. Rev. 4:11.

B. The Content of the Announcement. 10:6b-7.

1. The completion of God’s judgment will soon be completed.
2. The answer to the saint’s prayers will soon be fulfilled. Rev. 6:9-11; Matt. 6:10.

III. THE EATING OF THE SCROLL. 10:8-11.

A. The Significance of the Scroll. 10:8,9.

1. The scroll contains the fulfillment of God's judgment which ushers in the fulfillment of God's promises.
2. The message of the scroll must be assimilated by the messenger of God. Ezek. 3:1-3.

B. The Taste of the Scroll. 10:10,11.

1. Sweet as honey to his mouth.
 - * Wonderful to know that the plan of God will be fulfilled and righteousness will prevail. *
2. Bitter in his stomach.
 - * As the message of God's judgment penetrated his soul, John realized the tragedy of man undergoing the judgment of God. *

Revelation 10 reminds us that in the darkest days God is still the sovereign ruler of the universe. His plans and purposes will be fulfilled. One day judgment will be over and righteousness will reign forever and ever.

