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The Strong Angel, the Little Scroll and the Commission

Rev. 10:1-11

Introduction

Rev. 10-11 (between the 6th and 7th trumpets) parallels the interlude of Rev. 7 (between the 6th and 7th seal).

From one angle, the purpose of Rev. 11, like Rev. 7, is to show that the church endures as a witness to the Gospel and gives the full warrant of the final judgment.

I. The Mighty Angel (1-2)

- A. Another mighty angel (cf. 5:2)
- B. Coming down from heaven ~ Theophany – Ex. 19:9-19
- C. Clothed with a cloud ~ Deity (Ps. 97:2; 104:3), Christ (Dn. 7:13; Rev. 1:7; 14:14)
- D. A rainbow around his head ~ Ezek. 1:26-28; Rev. 4:3
- E. Face like the sun ~ Rev. 1:16 (cf. Matt. 17:2)
- F. Feet as pillars of fire ~ Rev. 1:15 (cf. Wilderness, Ex. 13:20-22, et al).
Note: Ex. 14:19; 23:20, 23; 32:34; 33:2)
- G. In his right hand he had an opened little scroll
- H. Set his right foot on the sea and his left on the earth

II. “Seal the voice of the seven thunders” (3-4)

- A. And he cried out with a loud voice, just as a lion roars
- B. When he cried out, the seven thunders sounded with their own voices

Could be the seven-fold voice of God or Christ (Psa. 29*)

Precursor to judgment? John 12:28-31
- C. And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write
John was about to do his duty – 1:11
- D. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “seal what the seven thunders said, and do not write them”



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III. **The Mighty Angel (5-7)**

- A. The angel raised his right hand and swears
Cf. Dan. 12:7; cf. Deut. 32:40-43
- B. Content of the oath
 - 1. Time shall be no more (No more delay)
 - 2. But in the days of the seventh angel
 - a) When he is about to trumpet
 - b) And the mystery of God shall be complete
 - c) As He announced to his own servants the prophets
Amos 3:7 (4-8)
Rom. 16:25-26

IV. **Commission: Take the Scroll and Eat It (8-9)**

- A. Come and take the scroll
- B. And I went to the angel saying, Give to me the little scroll
- C. And he says to me, Take and devour it

John's prophetic commission, Eze. 3:3-10, 14; 4:1-2; Jer. 15:15-18

V. **Commission: Prophecy Again (10-11)**

- A. And I took the book from the hand of the angel
- B. And devoured it
- C. And it was in my mouth as sweet honey
- D. And when I ate it, my stomach became bitter
- E. And they said to me, It is necessary again to prophesy to peoples, nations, tongues, and many kings

The Church needs to be proclaiming and spreading the sweetness of the Gospel. We need to do it with a sense of urgency.

Evangelism and missions is the lifeblood of the church, it is the heartbeat of her witness.

What is the best way to be a good missionary or evangelist?

