

Book of Revelation

Chapter 10: Angel & the Little Scroll

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Revelation 10

- Revelation 10:1-4 ~ Appearance of the Angel
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- Revelation 10:8-11 ~ Appropriation of the Book

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Middle to End of the Tribulation

- Chapter 10 introduces us to the Middle of the Tribulation
- Antichrist breaks covenant (Daniel 9:27)
- He reveals himself in satanic fury
- The two witnesses minister during this first 3 ½ years
- Jewish remnant is protected by God during last 3 ½ years
- Beast given worldwide authority during last 3 ½ years
- Satan cast to earth & persecutes believers
- Jerusalem is trodden down by Gentiles for 3 ½ years

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Middle to End of Tribulation

- Slight parenthesis between the Sixth & Seventh Trumpets (10:1-11:14)
- Seventh trumpet introduces seven vials/bowls of wrath of God
- Last 3 ½ years of Tribulation will begin

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Revelation 10:1-4 Appearance of Angel

- Some commentators believe this “mighty angel” to be Jesus
- Evidence points to another angel, not Jesus (Greek meaning is “another of the same kind as before”)
- Description of the Angel:
 - Crown was a rainbow – symbol of God’s faithfulness and mercy
 - Face was radiant – reflecting glory and majesty of God
 - Feet/legs were fiery – the pillar of fire in the wilderness; manifesting God’s holiness, mercy & judgment

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Revelation 10:1-4 Appearance of Angel

- Angel’s voice announces judgment
- Announces God will work speedily to finish His purposes on the earth
- **SCROLL:**
 - This one is opened - large scroll from 5:1 was sealed
 - This is a scroll of prophecy; verifies what has been foretold by prophets (v 7)

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Revelation 10:5-7 Announcement from Angel

- Angel raises his hand and confirms there will be “delay” no longer; the final process will begin
- Presently, delay allows for repentance and receiving salvation
- During this part of the Tribulation, time is running out
- “Mystery” (v 7): a hidden truth from God – probably refers to unrevealed details of God’s plan for humanity that He is about to reveal
- Specifically, it reveals what will occur so that the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of Christ (11:15)
- God will correct all wrongs

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Revelation 10:8-11 Appropriation of the Book

- John is told to EAT the scroll (v 9)
 - It will be sweet to the taste
 - It will be bitter to the stomach
- God’s Word is our food
- We must “eat” (receive knowledge) before we can appropriate and live by it
- The good news of His Word is salvation!
- The bad news is eternal separation for all who fail to believe!
- John is being told more judgment is on the way

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Revelation 10:8-11 Appropriation of the Book

- John was told he must continue “prophesying” or preaching the truth of God’s revelation to people throughout the world
- Satan meanwhile will be stirring the nations up and getting them ready for Armageddon (Rev 16:12-14)
- Closer it gets to this time, the harder Satan will work

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Next time: Revelation 11

- The ministry of the Two Witnesses

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