

Bittersweet Ministry

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Revelation 10:1

Three views on the mighty angel in chapter 10

1) The mighty angel represents Jesus (Exodus 13:21-22, 14:24, Amos 3:8, Daniel 7:13, Ezekiel 1:26-28, 3:1-3, Jeremiah 25:30, Matthew 17:2, 5, Revelation 1:15-16, 4:3).

2) The mighty angel is associated with Jesus (similar to the Angel of the Lord in the OT)

3) The mighty angel represents the church

Revelation 10:2-3

Right foot on sea / left foot on land = Supreme sovereign rule of Christ over all creation

Loud voice like a roaring lion = The authority and thundering judgment of Christ

Revelation 10:4

Seven thunders = NO ONE KNOWS!

Revelation 10:5-7

What is Jesus or His representative promising?

The promise = There will be no more delay

The 7th trumpet would fulfill the mystery of God

Revelation 10:8-9

Revelation 10:9-11

The little scroll: God's revealed plan and purposes for His people (Gospel and Scriptures)

- To take in and digest all Christ has done and commanded
- To proclaim Christ
- To suffer for Christ
- To embrace sweet and bitter gospel ministry

Application:

God doesn't tell us everything we want to know but He tells us all we need to know

The Word of God must fill you

You must proclaim the Word entrusted to you

Christian living and ministry are bittersweet (Rom 8:18)

Do not grow weary in receiving and imparting the gospel and Scriptures

The end is coming. One day, time will be no more