

Mighty Messenger

Revelation 1:7, 15-16

Behold, he is coming with the clouds,...

...his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters... his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

Big Angel, Little Scroll

Revelation 10:1-4

Then I saw another <u>mighty</u> <u>angel</u> coming down from heaven, <u>wrapped in a cloud</u>, with <u>a rainbow over his head</u>, and his <u>face was like the sun</u>, and his <u>legs like</u> <u>pillars of fire</u>. He had a <u>little</u> <u>scroll open</u> in his hand.

And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down."

"The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but **seal up** the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

Daniel 8:26

"Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Revelation 22:10

When he opened the <u>fifth seal</u>, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, <u>how long before</u> you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Revelation 6:9–11

The Wait is Over!

Revelation 10:5-7

And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

This <u>mystery</u> is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **Ephesians 3:6**

"As long as the Temple in Jerusalem stood, there would be standing pressure for Gentiles to become Jews as a part of becoming Christian. This was the great controversy of the first generation in the church." ~ Douglas Wilson (When the Man Comes Around)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. Galatians 2:11–12

Good Scroll Gone Bad

Revelation 10:8-11

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

That Which is Salvageable

Revelation 11:1-2

Then I was given a **measuring rod** like a staff, and <u>I was told</u>, "Rise and **measure** the <u>temple</u> of God and the <u>altar</u> and <u>those who worship there</u>, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months."

"Vespasian received his commission from Nero, and declared war on Jerusalem February, AD67. The siege ended with the fall of Jerusalem, the burning of the city and temple, in August, AD70. This computation of dates yields the forty-two months..." ~ Foy E. Wallace

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart,.. for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written... They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Jesus (Luke 21:20-24)