"The Mighty Angel & The Little Book"
Revelation 10:1-11
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Message 18

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: "The Mighty Angel & The Little Book"
- ***Review***
    - ***Timeline –***
    - ***Chapter 6***
        - **7 Tribulation Period begins**
            - Remember we are Pre-Trib NOT Pre-Trouble
                - We will see all that is happening now is birth pains
        - **First Seal Judgment vv. 1-2**
            - White Horse - False Peace – Anti Christ - With Deception
        - **Second Seal Judgment - vv. 3-4**
            - Red Horse - War
        - **Third Seal Judgment - vv. 5-6**
            - Black Horse - Famine
        - **Fourth Seal Judgment - vv. 7-8**
            - Pale Horse - Death
        - **Fifth Seal Judgment – vv. 9-11**

        - Martyrs = Tribulation Saints

    - **Sixth Seal Judgment – vv. 12-17**

        - Catastrophe – Great Earthquake – Sun Became Black – Moon Blood Red

    - **We see the people on earth**

        - NOT Repenting - Hiding in caves asking the mountains to fall on them

- ***Chapter 7***

    - **Question asked in Chapter 6:17 –**

        - Who is Able to Stand – Answered in 7

    - **We saw 144,000 Jewish men sealed and protected**

        - Proclaiming the Gospel in the Tribulation period

        - We ALSO talked about that God is NOT done with Israel

        - That Hatred for the Jewish people Anti-Semitism is on the rise

        - We traced Anti-Semitism back – we noted that the Catholic Church has a long history with Anti-Semitism

    - **A huge multitude of Tribulation Believers in heaven**

        - Resting 😊

        - Asking for judgment on those who persecuted them

- ***Chapter 8***

    - We saw the planet get hammered by the first 4 Trumpet judgments

- **1. Trumpet**
    - Hail & Fire from heaven 1/3 of all trees, grass burned up
- **2. Trumpet**
    - Something "like a mountain" hit the sea…
        - ⅓ Of the sea became blood
        - ⅓ Of sea life died
        - ⅓ Of ships destroyed
- **3. Trumpet**
    - A Great Star fell to Earth
        - ⅓ Of all fresh water was poisoned - Rivers & Springs
- **4. Trumpet**
    - The Sun, Moon and Stars were darkened by 1/3
    - Probably affecting temperatures
- ***<u>It's about to Get EVEN WORSE</u>***

- ***<u>Chapter 9</u>***
    - UNLOCKING & UNLEASHING HELL
        - The ARMY Of Hell Released vv. 1-12
            - Star Fallen = Satan
            - Keys to Bottomless PIT
            - Like Locust – Scorpion Tails
            - Torment men for 5 months

        - Wish they would die and can't
    - The ANGELS At The River Released vv. 12-19
        - 4 Angels released at the River Euphrates
        - Large Demon Army
        - To KILL a Third of mankind
    - Mankind Remains ARROGANT vv. 20-21
        - Man's Hearts remains Hard
        - Did NOT REPENT
        - Worship Demons, Idols
        - Continued in Murder, Sexual Immorality, Sorceries – Drugs

- ***Remember - "Why would a God of Love do this?"***
    - ***1. We Are Sinners - God is Holy & Righteous***
        - **1. We are Sinful**
            - Now a lot of people don't Think they are Sinful
            - They measure themselves by other people
            - Next to Hitler, I look pretty good

Proverbs 21:2 (NKJV)
2 *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.*

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)
23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- **2. God is HOLY**
    - God would not be Holy if He did not judge SIN
    - So God Must judge and JUDGMENT is COMING
    - A lot of people DON'T want to think that a God of LOVE will judge BUT HE WILL
    - Sodom and Gomorrah
    - God is ALOS JUST – a Just God MUST JUDGE

- ***2. To Wake People Up***

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV)
11 *Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD,* ***'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways****! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'*

- Remember God DIDN'T just destroy everything all at once
    - In this process He is screaming wake up and come to Me
- He has His Messengers and Angles doing the same thing
    - Remember, Many will come to Christ in these times

- ***3. Prepare Israel for their Messiah***

- The Book of Revelation is ALL about Israel
- It's about finishing what He started with Israel

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)
10 *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they*

pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- ***Now to Chapter 10***
    - ***Remember – It Is A Parenthetical Section***
        - There are 5 Non – Chronological Parenthetical Insertions in the Book Of Revelation
            - Meaning – That the Book of revelation is not in complete Chronological order
                - 1. Revelation 7 – 144,000 Jews
                - 2. Revelation 10:1-11:14 - Announcement of no more delay and 2 witnesses
                - 3. Revelation 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beast, six scenes of hope
                - 4. Revelation 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
                - 5. Revelation 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's Fall
                - These BRAKES Occur, between the 6th and 7th Trumpets.
        - This is 2nd BRAKE we have seen
            - The 1st Brake was in Chapter 7 the 2 groups
                - The redeemed and sealed during the Great Tribulation.
            - The 2nd Chapter 10 -
                - Just Like God to Give us a BRAKE in the MIDDLE of ALL the Judgment

- John is given a vision of a Mighty Angel with this Little Book

- ***<u>This Morning We want to look at 2 Main Points</u>***
  - The Coming Of The Mighty Angel vv. 1-7
  - The Command For John To Eat The Little Book vv. 8-11

The Coming Of The Mighty Angel vv. 1-7

- ***<u>1. Who is this mighty angel v. 1a</u>***

Revelation 10:1 (NKJV)
1 <u>I saw still another mighty angel</u> *coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.*

- ***<u>1. Who is this MIGHT ANGEL?</u>***
  - **A LOT of Discussion and Disagreement**
    - There are Great Bible teachers and Commentators who Disagree
      - Some say this is - Jesus Christ
      - Some say it's a - Unique Angel
  - **Now we will look at both sides**
    - But I will let you know what I believe
      - I lean to a Unique Angel and not Jesus
        - I have actually gone back and forth a little
          - I have several reasons for that…
      - But I'm not dogmatic about it
        - Let's take a look at this Angel

- ***2. First the Word - Another***
    - **1. ANOTHER**
        - In Greek there are 2 words for “Another”
            - 1. Another of a Different Kind
            - 2. Another of the Same Kind = “Allos” or “Allon”
    - **2. The Word “Allos” “Allon”**
        - An ANGEL OF THE “SAME KIND”
            - The same kind as what? (Rev. 5:2)

Revelation 5:2 (NKJV)

2 *Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”*

            - Strong or Mighty Angel (same word) and it’s very clear the angel is NOT Jesus in (Rev. 5)
            - So if this angel is similar in nature to the angel in chapter 5 (or trumpet angels)
    - **3. Now when we think of Strong Angels…who comes to mind?**
        - Gabriel
            - Names means “Strength of God”
                - So he’s obvious a strong angel
            - He was used to
                - Announce the birth of Jesus
                - In the prophesies given to Daniel

- Michael
    - Michael means “Who is Like God”
        - In the Book of Daniel there are similar descriptions of him
        - Michael’s characteristics
            - He reflects the attributes of God
            - He is called the archangel
            - He’s the ruling angel
            - In Jude we read that he disputed with the devil over the body of Moses
            - In Revelation 12, he leads a battle against Satan and boots him out of heaven
- Many Commentators Believe it’s Michael

- ***<u>3. The Description Of This Angel</u>***
    - **1. Coming down from heaven v. 1b**

Revelation 10:1 (NKJV)
1 *I saw still another mighty angel* ***<u>coming down from heaven</u>****, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.*

- He comes down from heaven and where does he go? ***<u>(Earth)</u>***
    - To identify him as Jesus…
        - Is to add Another Coming of Christ

- Which we don't find anywhere else in the Bible

- Remember we are in the middle of the tribulation period

- Because it's very clear he comes down to the earth…

- To have Jesus on earth at this point seems to be a contradiction

- **2. Another Reason for it NOT to be Jesus - Titles For Jesus**

- Christ appeared frequently as the Angel of Jehovah in the Old Testament (Gen. 16:13; 24:7; 31:11, 13; Jud. 6:22)

  - But He is not referred to an Angel in the NT

- Whenever Jesus Christ appears in Revelation, John gives Him an Unmistakable Title

  - He is called…

    - LAMBO haha – Lamb of God

    - Lion From the Tribe of Judah

    - The Faithful Witness

    - The Firstborn of the Dead

    - The Ruler of the kings of the earth (1:5)

    - The Son of Man (1:13)

    - The First and the Last (1:17)

- The living One (1:18)
- The Son of God (2:18)

- **3. Clothed… v. 1c**

Revelation 10:1 (NKJV)
1 *I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven,* ***clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.***

- **NOW Reason Given: WHY this it is Jesus**
  - When you look at this description – it sure seems like Jesus
- **Clothed with a Cloud**
  - Similar to Jesus in chapter 1:7
    - It's because of this description in verse 1, that people believe that this is Jesus…
  - It reminds us of the SHEKINAH GLORY of the Lord
- **A Rainbow was on his head**
  - The last time we saw a rainbow was in chapter 4
    - The rainbow is a reminder of the faithfulness of God…
      - Remember where it came from
- **His face was like the sun**
  - Again, we see this of Jesus in Revelation 1:16
- **Feet like pillars of fire**

- Revelation 1:15 describes the feet of Jesus in a similar way

- Indicate the firm resolve with which he will execute the Day of the Lord.

- ***<u>Some have Suggested Reason for Similarities</u>***

  - Why does he have so many similarities to God?

    - Why does this Angel resemble Jesus?

      - It's a principle of Scripture YOU BECOME WHAT YOU WORSHIP!!!

      - Turn To

Psalm 115:4–8 (NKJV)
4 *Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.*
5 *They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;*
6 *They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell;*
7 *They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat.*
8 *Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.*

      - You can sometimes see this literally…

        - When we see people who look like those they idolize

          - They copy their clothing or their hairstyles

          - Or maybe their tattoos and piercings

  - Application

    - Now this principle of you become "like what you worship" is a great principle for us –

- Because we worship the Lord – More like Him
- So as we come together here at church…the worship & study of God is hopefully making us more like Him
- He is TRANSFORMING US to be more like Him / molding & shaping our very hearts after His
- It happens more & more as we spend time with Him!
- Example: Like Moses on Mt. Sinai
    - His face had a shinning glow after coming down from God's presence
    - But after a while it began to fade
    - The more time we spend with the Lord, the more we reflect Him
    - But the world takes the glow right out of us!

- ***2. The Depiction Of This Angel vv. 2-3***
    - ***1. The Little Book v. 2a***

Revelation 10:2 (NKJV)
2 He had a little book open in his hand. *And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,*

- **What is this Little Book?**
    - Some Believe
        - This little book the same as the scroll no one except Jesus could open in Revelation 5:1-7

- The 7 Sealed Scroll?
- The reason that it is smaller is that it contains ONLY Remains to come

- ***2. It Pictures God's Control v. 2b***

Revelation 10:2 (NKJV)
2 *He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,*

- **Right foot, left foot"**
  - All hell is breaking loose BUT God's in charge
  - Application
    - THINGS ARE NOT OUT OF CONTROL
      - We need to know it!

- ***3. It Pictures God's Cry For All To Hear v. 3***

Revelation 10:3 (NKJV)
3 *and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

- ***As a lion roars***
  - Judgment is coming
  - The judgment of God against the wicked
  - BE WARNED

- ***3. The Directive Given From Heaven v. 4***

Revelation 10:4 (NKJV)

4 *Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."*

- ***<u>1. Notice that the sounds of the thunders are to be sealed</u>***
  - What did they say?
    - We simply don't know
      - While Revelation is primarily designed to reveal and not to conceal God's purpose and future events…
      - Some revelation was kept hidden as illustrated by God's prohibiting John to write what "the voices" of the seven thunders said.
      - Sometimes those things that we don't understand about God or the Bible…can kinda bug us
        - But really it's a blessing in disguise
- ***<u>2. Reason Why it's Okay not to Fully understand God</u>***
  - **It Keeps us HUMBLE**
    - When I start thinking that I have all the answers I become pride full & self sufficient
    - There are so many things I don't understand about God / Trinity / Eternity / God's Foreknowledge & Sovereignty

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV)
8 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*
9 *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

- But that doesn't bug me – it encourages me

- I am so glad that God is bigger than I can figure out…bigger than I can comprehend

- Story: DL Moody was asked about a certain passage

    - "Mr. Moody How do You explain this."

    - Moody responded, "I don't"

    - Well how do you interpret it…he said, I don't

    - Well how do you understand it…he said, I don't understand it

    - Well what do with it…he said, I Believe it

- So it has a way of keeping me humble

- ***4. The Declaration Of This Mighty Angel vv. 5-7***

    - ***1. He Swore By God's Eternal Power v. 5***

Revelation 10:5 (NKJV)
5 *The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven*

- **The angel swears by God the Creator**

    - Emphasizing God's authority behind what is to take place

    - The importance of God's character and promises are being illustrated here….

    - God will not lie

    - The end is coming….God's purposes will be fulfilled on this planet

    - ***2. He Revealed That God's Plans Were On Schedule v. 6***

Revelation 10:6 (NKJV)
6 *and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,*

- **The angel announces that "There should be delay no longer"**
    - God is now ready to complete
        - His predicted plans for judging this world
        - To answer the prayers of the saints (Rev. 6:9-11)
- **Human history operates according to divine plan**

Psalm 135:6 (NKJV)
6 Whatever the LORD pleases He does*, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.*

- **Application**
    - Events are God's
    - Duty is MANS

- ***3. He Declared That God's Promise Would Be Fulfilled v. 7***

Revelation 10:7 (NKJV)
7 *but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.*

- **In the NT, a "Mystery"**
    - Is a truth that God concealed
    - But has revealed through Christ and His apostles
- **According to Revelation 11:15**

- The mystery involves the establishment of God's kingdom on earth With His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, ruling and reigning over all

- The long-standing promise of God is about to be fulfilled

- The prophets knew portions of this mystery, but did not understand it in its complete fulfillment

- Major mysteries discussed:

  - Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven – Matt. 13:11
  - Mystery of the Kingdom – Mark 4:11
  - Mystery of Israel's blindness – Romans 11:25
  - Mystery of the rapture – 1 Cor. 15:51
  - Mystery of His will – Eph. 1:9 - (gather together in one all things in Christ)
  - Mystery of Christ and the Church – Eph. 5:32
  - Mystery of the Gospel – Eph. 3:4; Col. 1:26-27; 4:3
  - Mystery of iniquity – 2 Thess. 2:7
  - Mystery of God and Christ – Col. 2:2
  - Mystery of the faith – 1 Tim. 3:9
  - Mystery of godliness – 1 Tim. 3:16
  - Mystery of the seven stars and golden candlesticks – Rev. 1:20
  - Mystery of Babylon the great – Rev. 17:5
  - Mystery of woman – Rev. 17:7

The Command For John To Eat The Little Book vv. 8-11

- ***1. The Reminder Of A Previous Revelation v. 8-9a***

Revelation 10:8–9 (NKJV)
8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."
9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." *And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."*

- ***1. Similar to the experience of the prophet Ezekiel – Turn To***

Ezekiel 2:9–3:3 (NKJV)
9 *Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it.*
10 *Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.*
1 *Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."*
2 *So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.*
3 *And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.*

  - Although the message of the scroll Ezekiel was instructed to eat contained judgment, it was sweet to his taste

  - God's Word is like that SWEET (Psalm 19:10; Jeremiah 15:16)

Psalm 19:10 (NKJV)
10 *More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

Jeremiah 15:16 (NKJV)
16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*

- ***WE MUST CONSUME God' WORD***

  - Internalizing God's Word

    - Now as John ate that Little Book…what was he doing?

    - Internalizing the Word of God…and it was sweet and bitter…sweat and sour so-to-speak

    - There are several passages that liken the Word to food !!!!

      - (1 Peter 2)

        - Refers to the PURE MILK of God's Word
    - (Hebrews 5)
        - Refers to God's Word as SOLID FOOD…like meat
- How Do you Eat - 2 Examples
    - **Show Video 1**
        - Some eat God's Word like the Mouse
    - **Show Video 2**
        - The Right Way - Others Like the Cookie Monster

- Application
    - But God's Word =Has both a SWEET & SOUR effect on our lives
        - Some parts of the Word are Sweet –
            - Like the Psalms – Hagen daz Bar
        - The book of Hebrews is like Steak…
        - Ephesians like Pizza (Favorite Passages)
    - If We are Honest
        - Some passages you study –
            - Right On! Yes Lord, Amen! Preach it brother!
        - But there are other passages –
            - That can rub us the wrong way – Conviction

- Love the Comfort, Rapture, Encouraging passages
- BUT others that challenge us…
  - Husbands LOVE your Wife JUST AS
  - Wives – Submit
  - Sermon on the Mount – if you've thought it you've done it
- The Question is HOW WILL YOU Rsponded
  - A lot of believers ignore

- ***2. The Response Of John Was Two-Fold vv. 9b-10***

Revelation 10:9–10 (NKJV)
9 *So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book****." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."***
10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

- ***Unlike Ezekiel, John experiences both sweetness and bitterness***
  - **We rejoice that God's plan is fulfilled and His righteous judgment executed**
    - BUT we also grieve to see what people will suffer

- ***3. The Responsibility Given To John v. 11***

Revelation 10:11 (NKJV)
11 *And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."*

- ***John is told that he Must Continue***

- His hesitation
    - No doubt came from his bitter stomach as he realized the awful suffering the tribulation will bring
    - But the angel now orders him to continue

- ***<u>The words "You must prophesy"</u>***
    - Remind all of us that God's Word cannot be compromised
    - God's Word must be proclaimed no matter how it affects or offends people
    - We should speak God's truth in love
    - Sadly there is too much compromise in the pulpits of our churches
    - The Bible's message on judgment, God's wrath, and hell is rarely heard or understood by today's culture
    - May God help us to be faithful to it and to heed what it says!
    - John is told that he must continue
    - THE CHURCH NEEDS to get a BACKBONE
        - **Pic #1**
        - **Pic #2**

Closing

- REMEMBER
- Jesus is COMING SOON
- Be Ready
- Be About His Business / Share your faith
- Be Encouraged