Revelation 10:1-11 Little Book – Seven Thunders Prophesy About Many People of The World

The Mighty Angel with the Little Book

- 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.
- 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, ³ and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.

Seven Thunders

When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. 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."

Mystery of God finished in Seventh Trumpet

⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 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, 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.

John Eats the Little Book

- 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."

- 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.
- 11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

The Mighty Angel with the Little Book

- 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. [Revelation 10:1]
- 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, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. [Revelation 10:2-3]
 - ♦ The awesome appearance of the Angel coming down from Heaven shows the origin of the message is Authorized by God.
 - ♦ Clothed with a cloud ties him to the same God Who led Israel in the Wilderness wanderings for forty years as a pillar of cloud.

- ♦ The rainbow on his head shows God even now remembers His covenant of love for His creation and His promise to Noah is never ending.
- → Face like the Sun shows the glory of the presence of God and reminds us that the face of Moses did shine after being in the presence of God on the mountain.
- → Feet like pillars of fire reminds us of the pillar of fire by night that led Israel in the Wilderness and speaks of judgment as God pours out His Wrath on a sinful humanity.
- ♦ Standing on land and sea demonstrates divine power over both the land and the sea.
- ♦ The loud voice like the roar of a lion certainly gets the attention of the hearer.
- ♦ The book is the message.

Seven Thunders

- When he cried out, **seven thunders** uttered their voices. 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.**" [Revelation 10:3-4]
 - ❖ The message of the seven thunders was understood by John as indicated when he was about to write them down.
 - ♦ The command to seal up the messages and not to write them shows us that there are seven plagues of the Great Tribulation that are not recorded and will be in addition to the plagues that are recorded.

Mystery of God finished in Seventh Trumpet

- The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 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, 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. [Revelation 10:5-7]
 - ♦ As the seventh Seal included everything that was to follow, so also the Seventh Trumpet includes everything that follows in the book of Revelation.
 - ❖ This mystery includes the plagues and judgments of the Wrath of God, defeat of Satan, the return of Christ and His Kingdom, the Great White Throne Judgment, the end of the Old heaven and earth and the coming of the New Heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem, River and Trees of Life, and the invitation from the Spirit and the Bride.
 - ♦ All of these make up the Mystery of God declared to His prophets but kept hidden until given to John on the Isle of Patmos and clarified for our understanding.

John Eats the Little Book

- 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."

 [Revelation 10:8]
- ♦ So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." [Revelation 10:9]
- 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." [Revelation 10:9]
- 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. [Revelation 10:10]
 - ❖ The Word of God and revelation of the future is sweet as honey in the mouth as we share it with the world around us.
 - ❖ Understanding the terrors of the process of fulfillment is bitterness to the innermost part of the prophet when we consider the impact of plagues yet to come, the destruction of evil and the hardness of the heart of mankind as they rebel against God's rule after a thousand years of perfect environment which results from total righteousness of the Kingdom age.

- ❖ It brings bitterness to the stomach, even though we realize the total gloriousness that is coming in the end.
- And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings." [Revelation 10:11]
 - ❖ The prophecies of Revelation are not about Israel alone, but impact all people, nations, tongues, and rulers of the world as do all End Time Prophecies of the Bible.
 - ♦ The message is to all the World of mankind.
 - ♦ The warning is accurate, the call is to repentance, the motive is the coming Wrath of God which will strike all the world and rule of mankind, the Hope is the promise of a future that is glorious for those who love the Lord.
 - ❖ The Book of Revelation is an expression of the love of God Who has revealed the things He has in store for the wicked of the earth and shows God's great desire for mankind to respond to the warning by repentance and turning to God in obedience to His call to righteousness.
 - ♦ Our faith is based on God's loving promise of Salvation for everyone who believes and accepts His gift of Salvation through Jesus our Messiah and Lord, and soon coming King.
 - ❖ To everyone who is willing to repent of his wickedness and lovingly obey the righteous commandments of Jesus which are based on love of God and love for your brother.