

# Revealing the Mystery God's of Judgment.

Revelation 10:1-15

# I. God Reveals Truth that People Need to Know but Cannot Learn on Our Own vv. 1-4.

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup> He had a little scroll open in his hand.

And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup> and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. <sup>4</sup> 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.”

# I. God Reveals Truth that People Need to Know but Cannot Learn on Our Own vv. 1-4.

- A. God sent this mighty angel with a little scroll to reveal truth to the Apostle John.
- B. Your Bible is a collection of eternal truth from God about life, humanity, sin, righteousness, judgment, salvation. It is truth from God that you cannot know in your own wisdom, but that you often feel in your heart and soul.

## II. God Reveals Truth that But His Plans are Still Somewhat Shrouded in Mystery vv. 5-7.

<sup>5</sup> And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> 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.

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- A. Throughout the Bible, God revealed through the prophets, apostles, and Jesus Himself that a day of judgment was coming (See Matthew 24).
- B. This mighty angel swore that the mysteries announced by the prophets are about to be fulfilled.
- C. This day of judgment is certain to come. Are you ready?
- D. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom. 10:13)!



### III. God Reveals Truth to His People So That We Can Tell Others vv. 8-11.

<sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> So I went to the angel & 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.” <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

### III. God Reveals Truth to His People So That We Can Tell Others vv. 8-11.

- A. John eats and internalizes the scroll's bittersweet message of God's judgment.
- B. The day of the Lord is bittersweet because there will be both terrifying judgments for sinners & rewards for the servants of God (Rev. 11:18).
- C. The day of the Lord is even sweeter for God's servants because the earth will be restored to the glory it had before sin entered the world.

God has revealed to us the truth of His offer of salvation from judgment so that we can tell others

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”