

## A Mighty Angel

Rev 10:1-11 NIV Then I saw **another mighty angel** coming down from heaven. **He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head**; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. 2 He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion.

### Another mighty angel

- **The first one is found here** - Rev 5:2 NIV **And I saw a mighty angel** proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

### There is disagreement among scholars as to whether this is Jesus or an angel

- There are two GK words translated as "another" in the New Testament, *allos*, and *heteros*. *Allos* denotes "another of the **same** sort;" whereas *heteros* denotes "another of a **different** sort." This scripture uses ALLOS - another 'mighty angel' of the same sort. (a created being not the creator). That being said, in this vision the angel is described with a number of features that are also attributed to God...which should not be unusual as angels are His messengers.

### Robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head

- Gen 9:11-17 NIV I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 **I have set my rainbow in the clouds**, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 **I will remember my covenant** between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. **Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.** 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." 17 So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."
- Perhaps a reminder to John that God is faithful to His covenant
- Although the earth is about to undergo tremendous judgements, His covenant to Noah is still intact, and will remain so

### Face was like the sun

- Mat 17:1-2 NIV After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and his clothes became as white as the light.
- Rev 1:16 NIV In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. **His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.**

### Legs were like fiery pillars

- **Daniel had a similar vision - this was an angel** Dan 10:5-7 ESV I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, **his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze**, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.
- **Jesus is described in a similar manner** - Rev 1:14-16 ESV The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 **his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace**, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

### He was holding a little scroll which lay open in his hand

- Not sure what is in the scroll
- Maybe it is a reference to the scroll from

### He planted his right foot on the sea -- He planted his left foot on the land

- Many scholars and commentators state the sea is representative of the **Gentiles**...while the land is often referring to **Israel**.
- Rev 17:15 NIV Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages."

### He gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion (is this Jesus, or an angel speaking under the authority of Jesus?)

- Rev 5: 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David**, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

### The Seven Thunders

When he shouted, **the voices of the seven thunders spoke**. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "**Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.**"

### God's voice is like thunder

- Joh 12:28-30 NIV Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had **thundered**; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine."

### Seven times “the voice of the LORD” is expressed in Psalm 29

- Psa 29:1-11 NIV A psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. 3 The **voice** of the LORD is over the waters; ***the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.*** 4 The **voice** of the LORD is powerful; the **voice** of the LORD is majestic. 5 The **voice** of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The **voice** of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. 8 The **voice** of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. 9 The **voice** of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. 11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

### There are things that God chooses to NOT reveal

- Dan 12:1-13 NIV "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. 4 **But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.** Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."
- Deu 29:29 NIV **The secret things belong to the LORD** our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.
- 2Co 12:3-4 NIV And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows-- 4 was caught up to paradise and **heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.**
- Mar 13:32 NIV "**But about that day or hour no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

5 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land **raised his right hand to heaven.** 6 And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "**There will be no more delay!** 7 But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, **the mystery of God will be accomplished**, just as **he announced to his servants the prophets.**"

### Lifting the hand is to swear an oath

- Gen 14:22 NIV But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

- Deu 32:40 NIV I lift my hand to heaven and solemnly swear: As surely as I live forever,

### **There will be no more delay**

- **This means there is a delay currently in place** - 2Pe 3:3-10 NIV Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "**Where is this 'coming' he promised?**" Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 **The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.** 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

### **The Mystery of God**

- Rom 11:25-26 NIV I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, 26 and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
- Rom 16:25-27 NIV Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with **the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed** and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, **so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith--** 27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.
- 1Co 2:7-8 NIV No, we declare God's wisdom, **a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.** 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**
- Eph 1:4-10 NIV For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 **he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure,** which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment--to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.
- Eph 3:1-11 NIV For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- 2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to

me for you, 3 that is, **the mystery made known to me by revelation**, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand **my insight into the mystery of Christ**, 5 which was not made known to people in other generations as it has **now been revealed** by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 **This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.** 7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and **to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery**, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Col 1:21-26 NIV **Once you were alienated** from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. 24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-- 26 **the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.**
- Col 2:1-3 NIV I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. 2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order **that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ**, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

### **Just as he announced to his servants the prophets**

- Amo 3:7 NIV Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

### Take and eat the scroll

8 Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." 9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but 'in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.'" 10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. 11 Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

- Eze 2:8-10 NIV But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; **open your mouth and eat what I give you.**" 9 Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, 10 which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.
- Eze 3:1-4 NIV And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. 3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. 4 He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them.
- Jer 15:16 NIV When your words came, **I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight,** for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.
- Psa 119:101-103 NIV I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. 102 I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. 103 **How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**