



God's Revelation of the Future

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The Angel with the Scroll

- 10:1-11

In this vision John sees an angel with a scroll in his hand. John takes the scroll which subsequently he is told to eat.

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Psalms 2:7-9 – ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Isaiah 2:2 – It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it.

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Zechariah 14:1, 4, 8-9 – ¹ Behold, a day is coming for the LORD ⁴ On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives ⁸ On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem ⁹ And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

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- 10:8-10

⁸ 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." ⁹ 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."

¹⁰ 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.

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 - What is the point of this “eating-the-scroll lesson” for John?

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“The act of eating the scroll symbolized the absorbing and assimilating of God’s Word ... When John took in the divine word concerning the remaining judgments as the Lord took possession of the universe, he found the words ... both sweet as honey and bitter. Sweet because John, like all believers, wanted the Lord to act in judgment to take back the earth that is rightfully His and be exalted, honored, and glorified as He deserved. But the realization of the terrible doom awaiting unbelievers turned that initial sweet taste into bitterness.” (MacArthur, *Revelation 1-11*)

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- 10:11

¹¹ And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

The Two Witnesses

- 11:1-13

This vision starts with more involvement by John as he measures the earthly temple. It then moves on to describe activities associated with two men who are called “my two witnesses.”

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- 11:1-3

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“The act of measuring seems to signify that the area belongs to God in some special way. It is an evaluation of his property.” (Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*)

“John’s measuring of the temple symbolized the marking out of the believing Jewish remnant that God would spare from judgment.” (John MacArthur, *Revelation 1-11*)

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