***REVELATION***

**Revelation 10:1-11**

Chapter 10 occurs just prior to the 7th trumpet, which may be the announcement of the Great tribulation

This Angel is may be Michael because there are similarities between them both--- **Daniel 12:1**; **12:6-7**

**I. The Mystery of the Angel** **V. 1**

 A. Popular theories are that this angel is either Michael or Jesus

 B. Much of the imagery presented here could be representative of either one.

 1. **Rev. 1:15-16** also describes Jesus’ countenance as being like the sun

 C. We ***DO*** know a few things however:

 1. He has a book in His hand---v. 2

 a. John used different words to describe the scroll of Revelation 5:1 and the little book written of here.

 b. It is probably best to see them as different, yet probably closely related.

 c. The book’s contents are not revealed, but seem to represent the angel’s written authority to fulfill his mission

 2. He has great power and authority

 3. He spans the sea and the land----possibly gigantic in size

 4. He signals another interlude in the judgements, just as the final set is to be introduced---chance to repent

 5. He tells us that “time is up!”---**V. 6**c ***“…there should be time no longer: “***

 D. What we ***DO*** ***NOT*** know:

 1. **Rev.** **10:3-4**---We don’t know what are the 7 thunders---Still sealed even until our day!

 2. Possible clue--- **Psalm 29:3 *MIGHT*** be a reference to this event.

 3. There are things that we are not supposed to know yet--- **Deuteronomy 29:29**

**II. The Mystery of God** **Rev. 10:5-7**

 A. A mystery in scripture is something that must be revealed in order to know it.

 B. The phrase, “mystery of God” is used for many different aspects of God's plan.

 1. The ultimate conversion of the Jewish people is called a mystery---**Romans 11:25**

 2. God's purpose for the church is called a mystery---**Ephesians 3:3-11**

 3. The bringing in of the fullness of the Gentiles is called a mystery---**Romans 11:25**

 4. The living presence of Jesus in the believer is called the mystery of God---**Colossians 1:27-2:3**

 5. The gospel itself is called the mystery of Christ---**Colossians 4:3**

 C. Here, it probably refers to God’s plan for Israel---**Rev. 10:7**c ***“..as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”***

 1. Scripture warns Gentile believers not to boast against Israel---**Rom. 11:18**b

 2. Gentiles are allowed in on these promises by the grace of God; but they still belong to Israel--- **Rom. 11:25-27**

 3. The prophets have long predicted both the return of Israel to their land and their status as the people of God

 4. This status begins with the start of the great Tribulation---possibly right before it’s start!

**III. The Mystery of the Book** **Rev. 10:8-11**

A.Likely to be the word of God--- the content of the scroll is connected to John's command to prophesy to all men.

 B. This symbolism indicates that the truth written on that scroll becomes personal.

 C. When you eat food, it, becomes you!---You wear it, and soon it will become visible on you!---***TOO VISIBLE*** actually!

 D. “Eating” a scroll symbolized that he was taking it in and becoming personally involved with it. ---**Ezekiel 2:9-3:3**

 1. Often, the promises of God ***ARE*** sweet, but the preparation to get us to where God wants us is quite bitter

 a. We find that there are cherished attitudes, biases, bad habits, and bigotries that you have to lay aside.

 b. There is hurt in obeying the Lord’s Word – in order to get to the sweetness He has for us.

 2. It was only after the bitterness, that John was ready for a new assignment! ---**Rev. 10:11**

 3. Only after we personally enter into the ***searching*** of God are we prepared to speak with impact to others.