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REVELATION 10

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..."Go, *take the little book* which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." ⁹So 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."

[REV 10:8-9]



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1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was on his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

Another mighty angel

2THES 1:6-8, it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven *with His mighty angels*, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Coming down from heaven

DAN 4:22-23, you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth. ²³And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, *a holy one, coming down from heaven* and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field...

Robed in a cloud

1COR 10:1-4, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²*all were baptized into Moses in the cloud* and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ;

JOB 36:27-30, For He draws up drops of water, Which distill as rain from the mist, ²⁸Which the clouds drop down And pour abundantly on man. ²⁹Indeed, *can anyone understand the spreading of clouds*, The thunder from His canopy? ³⁰Look, He scatters his light upon it, And covers the depths of the sea.

Rainbow above his head

JOB 29:2-5, As in the days when God watched over me; ³When *His lamp shone upon my head*, And when by His light I walked through darkness; ⁴Just as I was in the days of my prime, When the friendly counsel of God was over my tent; ⁵When the Almighty was yet with me.

Face was like the sun

PRO 16:14-15, As messengers of death is the king's wrath, But a wise man will appease it. ¹⁵*In the light of the king's face is life*, And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain; ECC 11:7, Truly the light is sweet, And *it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun*.

Legs were like fiery pillars

EXO 14:23-28, the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians *through the pillar of fire and cloud*, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians"...

CONSIDER THIS —

An angel comes down to exact judgment upon the current leader of the world:

DAN 4:22-23, you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth. ²³And inasmuch as the king saw *a watcher*, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it...



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2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth.

He was holding

EST 9:24-25, Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them and destroy them; ²⁵but when Esther came before the king, *he commanded by letter* that this wicked plot which Haman had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

Little scroll

EZRA 6:1-5, King Darius issued a decree, and a search was made in the archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon. ²And at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, *a scroll was found*, and in it a record was written thus: ³In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits...;

ISA 30:8-11, Now go, write it before them on a tablet, And *note it on a scroll*, *That it may be for time to come*, Forever and ever: ⁹That this is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the Lord; ¹⁰Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits...

Little scroll... lay open

NEH 8:5, Ezra *opened the book in the sight of all the people*, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Planted his right foot

In contrast to —

DEUT 28:64-65, ...⁶⁵"among those nations you shall find no rest, *nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place*; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul;

2CHR 33:8, *I will not again remove the foot of Israel* from the land which I have appointed for your fathers-only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses".

His right foot on the sea

PSM 24:1-4, The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ²For *He has founded it upon the seas*, And established it upon the waters...;

PRO 4:26-27, *Ponder the path of your feet*, And let all your ways be established. ²⁷Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

His left foot on the land

GEN 1:10, *God called the dry land Earth*, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good;

JOSH 14:9, Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely *the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance* and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God'.

CONSIDER THIS —

The angel stands as a messenger to earth and sea

PSM 24:1-2, The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ²For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.



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3 And he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth. And when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Loud shout

2CHR 15:10-14, So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. ¹¹And they offered to the Lord at that time seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil they had brought. ¹²they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ¹³and whoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ¹⁴Then *they took an oath before the Lord with a loud voice*, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns;

PSM 132:16-18, I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And *her saints shall shout aloud for joy*. ¹⁷There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. ¹⁸His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish".

Roar of a lion

PRO 20:2, *The wrath of a king is like the roaring of a lion*; Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life.

When he shouted

JOB 30:3-5, They are gaunt from want and famine, Fleeing late to the wilderness, desolate and waste, ⁴Who pluck mallow by the bushes, And broom tree roots for their food. ⁵They were driven out from among men, They *shouted at them as at a thief*.

Voices of the seven thunders spoke

JOB 37:2-5, *Hear attentively the thunder of His voice*, And the rumbling that comes from His mouth. ³He sends it forth under the whole heaven, His lightning to the ends of the earth. ⁴After it a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard. ⁵God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend;

PSM 29:3-8, The voice of the Lord is over the waters; *The God of glory thunders*; The Lord is over many waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

CONSIDER THIS —

The wrath to come is in the bowl judgments:

PRO 20:2, *The wrath of a king is like the roaring of a lion*; Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life.



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4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Seal up the things which the seven thunders have spoken; and write them not.

When the seven thunders spoke

ISAM 9:27, they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." And he went on. "But *you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God*".

I was about to write

JOHN 21:25, there are also many other things that Jesus did, which *if they were written* one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

A voice from heaven

DEUT 4:36, "*Out of heaven He let you hear His voice*, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire;

PSM 68:32-33, Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah ³³To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old! Indeed, *He sends out His voice, a mighty voice*;

JOHN 12:27-31, Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸'Father, glorify Your name.' Then *a voice came from heaven*, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." ²⁹Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered...

Seal up

DAN 12:3-4, Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. ⁴"But you, Daniel, *shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end*; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase".

What the seven thunders have said

ISA 29:10-11, the Lord has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers. ¹¹The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "*I cannot, for it is sealed*".

Do not write it down

JOHN 19:19-22, Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ²¹Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " ²²Pilate answered, "*What I have written, I have written*".

CONSIDER THIS —

Not for us to know... yet?

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5 And the angel, whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven,

The angel I had seen standing

NUM 22:21-27, Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab. ²²Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and *the Angel of the Lord took His stand in the way as an adversary against him*. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³Now the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. ²⁴Then the Angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. ²⁵And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. ²⁶Then the Angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. ²⁷And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

Standing on the sea and on the land

PSM 77:19, *Your way was in the sea*, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

Raised his right hand to heaven

EXO 15:6-7, *Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power*; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. ⁷And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble;
PSM 20:6-8, Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; *He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand*. ⁷Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. ⁸They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

CONSIDER THIS —

When God's anger is aroused:

NUM 22:22, ...the Angel of the Lord [takes] His stand in the way *as an adversary*...



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6 And he swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things which are therein; and the earth, and the things which are in it; and the sea, and the things which are therein: That time shall be no longer.

He swore

HEB 3:7-12, ...¹⁰I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' ¹¹So *I swore* [ᾄμωσα] *in My wrath*, 'They shall not enter My rest.' " ¹²Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

Him who lives for ever and ever

DAN 12:7, I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and *swore by Him who lives forever*".

Him... who created the heavens

GEN 1:1, In the beginning *God created the heavens and the earth*;

PSM 121:2-3, My help comes from the Lord, Who *made heaven and earth*. ³He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

All that is in [the heavens]

COL 1:15-17, He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For *by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible*, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Him... who created... the earth

ISA 42:5-7, Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who *spread forth the earth and that which comes from it*, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it...

All that is in [the earth]

GEN 2:4-7, This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, *in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens*, ⁵before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; ⁶but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Him... who created... the sea

PRO 8:29, *He assigned to the sea its limit*, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth.

All that is in [the sea]

GEN 1:20-22, Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ²¹So *God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded*, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good...

No more delay!

ISA 13:19-22, Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. ²⁰It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there...²²*Her time is near to come*, And her days will not be prolonged".

CONSIDER THIS —

The trumpet has blown, the destroyer has come... (see REV 9:1-11)

JER 4:5-7, ..."Blow the trumpet in the land; Cry, 'Gather together,' And say, 'Assemble yourselves, And let us go into the fortified cities.' ⁶Set up the standard toward Zion. Take refuge! *Do not delay!* For I will bring disaster from the north, And great destruction." ⁷The lion has come up from his thicket, And the destroyer of nations is on his way. He has gone forth from his place To make your land desolate. Your cities will be laid waste, Without inhabitant.



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7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared by his servants the prophets.

In the days

LUKE 17:26-30, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷"They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

The seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet

ISA 27:13, it shall be in that day: *The great trumpet will be blown*; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

The mystery of God will be accomplished

MATH 13:10-15, the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know *the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven*, but to them it has not been given. ¹²"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³"Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴"And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; ¹⁵For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should

heal them.'

Just as he announced

DEUT 30:17-20, But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸"I announce to you today that you shall surely *perish*; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess...; ECC 8:10-13, I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity. ¹¹Because *the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily*, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. ¹²Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him...

His servants the prophets

JUDE 1:14-15, *Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also*, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵"to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him".

CONSIDER THIS —

The mystery of God will be finished?

MATH 13:11-12, ...it has been given to you *to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven*, but to them it has not been given. ¹²"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.



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8 And I heard a voice from heaven again speaking to me, and saying: Go, and take the book that is open, from the hand of the angel who standeth upon the sea, and upon the earth.

The voice... from heaven

ISA 1:2-9, *Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!* For the Lord has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me; ³The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider." ⁴Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward... ⁹Unless the Lord of hosts Had left to us a very small remnant, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah.

Go

EXO 10:9-11, Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the Lord." ¹⁰he said to them, "The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. ¹¹"Not so! *Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord*, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Take the scroll

JER 36:2-8, *Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day...* ⁷"It may be that they will present their supplication before the Lord, and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the Lord has pronounced against this people"...

The scroll that lies open

LUKE 24:44-45, He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that *all things must be fulfilled which were written* in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

In the hand of the angel

DAN 4:17, 'This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And *the sentence by the word of the holy ones*, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men'.

Angel standing on the sea and on the land

NUM 22:28-35, ...³¹the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw *the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand*; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face... ³⁴And Balaam said to the Angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back"³⁵Then the Angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

CONSIDER THIS —

Consume the Word of God, the bread of life:

LUKE 24:44-45, He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might *comprehend the Scriptures*.



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9 And I went to the angel, saying unto him, that he should give me the book. And he said to me: Take the book, and eat it up: and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey.

I went to the angel

JUDG 13:8-21, Manoah prayed to the Lord, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born." ⁹And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. ¹⁰Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!" ¹¹So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When *he came to the Man*, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And He said, "I am"...

I... asked [the angel] to give me the little scroll

JER 36:15-18, they said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing." So Baruch read it in their hearing. ¹⁶Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, that they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words." ¹⁷And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how did you write all these words-at his instruction?" ¹⁸So Baruch answered them, "*He proclaimed with his mouth all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink in the book*".

Take it and eat it

EZE 3:1-7, He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; *eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.*" ²So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness...

Turn your stomach sour

PRO 18:20-21, A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth, From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. ²¹*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit;*

PRO 13:25, The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, But *the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.*

In your mouth

EXO 13:9, "It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, *that the Lord's law may be in your mouth;* for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt;

1KING 17:21-24, ...²³Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" ²⁴Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that *the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth*".

Sweet as honey

PSM 19:7-11, The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; *Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.* ¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

CONSIDER THIS —

God's Word is spiritual food:

PRO 13:25, *The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.*



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10 And I took the book from the hand of the angel, and ate it up: and it was in my mouth, sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

I took the little scroll

JER 36:21-32, So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and *he took it from Elishama the scribe's chamber*. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king... ²⁹"And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'Thus says the Lord: "You have burned this scroll, saying, 'Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to cease from here?'"..."

From the angel's hand

ACTS 7:35, Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer *by the hand of the Angel* who appeared to him in the bush.

Ate it

JUDG 14:13-14, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it." ¹⁴So he said to them: "*Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet.*" Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

Tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth

PRO 24:13-14, My son, *eat honey because it is good*, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste; ¹⁴So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

I had eaten [the little scroll]

JER 15:16, *Your words were found, and I ate them*, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

My stomach turned sour

JER 4:14-22, ...¹⁸"Your ways and your doings Have procured these things for you. *This is your wickedness, Because it is bitter*, Because it reaches to your heart." ¹⁹O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war. ²⁰Destruction upon destruction is cried, For the whole land is plundered. Suddenly my tents are plundered, And my curtains in a moment. ²¹How long will I see the standard, And hear the sound of the trumpet? ...

CONSIDER THIS —

Man shall not live by bread alone:

JER 15:16, *Your words were found, and I ate them*, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.



REVELATION 10

11 And he said to me: Thou must prophesy again to many nations, and peoples, and tongues, and kings.

I was told

DAN 7:15-16, "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶"I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So *he told me and made known to me* the interpretation of these things.

You must prophesy again

ISAM 10:1-7, ...⁵"you [Saul] shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. ⁶"Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and *you will prophesy with them* and be turned into another man. ⁷"And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.

Nations

JER 25:13, I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has *prophesied concerning all the nations*;

MIC 4:11-12, *many nations have gathered against you*, Who say, "Let her be defiled, And let our eye look upon Zion."

¹²But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord, Nor do they understand His counsel; For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

Many peoples

ECC 12:9-11, because the Preacher was wise, *he still taught the people knowledge*; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright-words of truth. ¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

Languages

1COR 14:9-10, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰There are, it may be, *so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance*.

Kings

ISA 52:13-15, Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; ¹⁵So shall He sprinkle many nations. *Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.*

CONSIDER THIS —

We are blessed:

MATH 13:16-17, ...blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷"for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and *to hear what you hear*, and did not hear it.



GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 10:1, 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.

- ⊕ **1. How might we know that this angel is not a representation of Jesus?**

REV 10:4, 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.*"

- ⊕ **2a. Why might John be told to not write what he heard the seven thunders say?**

(see 2COR 12:2-4 & DAN 12:4)

ISA 29:11, The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please." And he says, "I cannot, for *it is sealed.*"

- ⊕ **2b. What is the meaning of the phrase, 'seal up'?**

REV 10:7, 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.*

- ⊕ **3. List things that God has declared to His prophets.**

(see DEUT 30:17-18, ECC 8:11-13 & JUDE 1:14-15)

REV 10:9, 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."

- ⊕ **4a. What is the significance of eating the little book?**

(see also LUKE 11:28, JOHN 8:51-52, JOHN 14:23, 1PET 1:22-25, 1JON 2:12-14 & REV 22:7)

- ⊕ **4b. Why might the little book make his stomach bitter?**

(see also JOHN 6:53-61 & EZE 3:7-11)

REV 10:10, 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.

- ⊕ **5. How do we react to the Word of God? How may we be more willing to accept the Truth of His Word?**

(see ROM 12:1-3, 2COR 4:16-18 & EPH 4:21-24)

REV 10:11, he said to me, "*You must prophesy again* about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

- ⊕ **6. What are some things that John had prophesied about 'peoples, nations, tongues, and kings' thus far?**

(see REV 1:7, REV 5:9-10, REV 6:15-17 & REV 7:9-17)

NEXT SESSION —