

**“Unveiling the Mystery of the Ages”**  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ — Part 16  
*Revelation 10*

**1. The Mystery of the Mighty Angel.**

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. 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, and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. 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."  
Revelation 10:1-4

***Who is this Mighty Angel?***

**Clues to the Mystery:**

Robed in a cloud—Exodus 13:21

Rainbow above his head—Revelation 4:3

Face like the sun—Revelation 1:16

Legs like fiery pillars—Revelation 1:15

Right foot planted on the sea and left foot on the land—

Shout like the roar of a lion—Revelation 5:5

And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.  
2 Corinthians 12:3-4

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.  
Deuteronomy 29:29

**2. The Mystery of God.**

Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 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! 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."  
Revelation 10:5-7

***What is the mystery of God?***

**Clues to the mystery:**

There will be no more delay

The mystery will be accomplished when the 7th trumpet is about to sound

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign." Revelation 11:15-17

**Mystery solved: God will begin to reign on earth!**

*"It is the consummation of God's plan in bringing His glorious kingdom in Christ to fulfillment. It involves the salvation of the elect and their place in His glorious kingdom and all that goes with that. It includes the judgment of men and demons."*

John MacArthur

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

### **3. The Mystery of the little scroll.**

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." 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." 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. Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings." Revelation 10:8-11

#### ***What is the mystery of eating the little scroll?***

##### **Clues to the mystery:**

It will turn your stomach sour—Ezekiel 3:14

It will taste sweet in your mouth—Ezekiel 3:3-4

You must prophesy again—Psalm 19:7-11

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. He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them." Ezekiel 3:3-4

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

**Life Response:** Are you allowing the Word of God to be internalized such that it changes your life, not just informs your mind?  
Revelation 10 emphasizes the truth that each of us has a crucial mission to share the good news of salvation with our world.

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us...*  
2 Corinthians 5:19-20

As ambassadors for Christ, we must not only understand the gospel but accept it for ourselves; then we must be able to communicate the message to others.

Have you accepted God's commission on your life?