Revelation Study ~ Chapter 10 part 2

Revelation 10:7-11 ~ The Mighty Angel and the Little Scroll (part two)

As we continue looking at this mighty angel with the little scroll, we hear from this angelic messenger the reality of what is to come. Upon the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the "mystery of God" will be fulfilled as God had announced through His prophets.

What "mystery of God" is being referenced?

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In the Old Testament, many prophets warned of the coming judgment of God. We cannot cover all the Old Testament truth of the end of days, but here are three:

What end times truth is being revealed in the texts below:

- **Daniel 12:9-12 –**
- **Ezekiel 38:19-23 –**
- **Joel 2:1-11 –**

What idea is conveyed when the angel says that the mystery is "fulfilled?"

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The next thing to take place is that the same voice from heaven (from verse 4) commands John to go and receive the little scroll. There is a purpose for this. And John, obedient to the voice, steps up to the mighty angel and receives the scroll.

When John receives the scroll the mighty angel tells him to eat it.

Why would the angel command John to eat the scroll?

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What metaphorical significance can be ascertained from this directive?

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The angel promised two things would occur from eating the scroll: a sweet taste in his mouth and a bitter result in his stomach.

Describe what each might mean:

- **Sweet Taste –**

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- **Bitter Stomach –**

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The result of John's eating the scroll was exactly as the angel had described. Then the angel gives one more directive, that John must again prophecy about four specific groups: peoples, nations, languages and kings.

What is the significance of each of these groups (see key words):

- **Peoples –**
- **Nations –**
- **Languages –**
- **Kings –**

How does the command to "again prophecy" relate to the eating of the scroll?

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Key Words:

Mystery – (Greek: "musterion") meaning: "mystery, secret, imposed silence"
Fulfilled – (Greek: "etelesthe") meaning: "finish, pay, fulfill, accomplish, conclude"
Sweet – (Greek: "gluku") meaning: "sweet, not bitter, fresh"
Bitter – (Greek: "epikranthe") meaning: "to make bitter, grow angry, harsh"
Prophecy – (Greek: "propheteusai") meaning: "foretell, set forth a matter, prophecy"
Peoples – (Greek: "laois") meaning: "general groups of peoples, crowds"
Nations – (Greek: "ethnesin") meaning: "race, nation, gentiles, foreign"
Languages – (Greek: "glossais") meaning: "different tongue, language"
Kings – (Greek: "basileusin") meaning: "king, ruler, emperor, one in power"