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DAY 26: IDENTIFYING THE MIGHTY ANGEL WHO COMES FROM HEAVEN

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. 2 He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, 3 and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. 4 And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." 5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven 6 and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, 7 but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets. (Revelation 10:1-7)

I. THE GREAT ANGEL

- A. This passage is an interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpets
- B. Some will say this is Jesus (v. 1)

II. PRIMARY ARGUMENTS AGAINST JESUS AS THE MIGHTY ANGEL

- A. Those who believe that this angel is just a powerful angel, claim it would be blasphemous to call Jesus an angel
- B. The "Mighty Angel" is referenced in three places throughout the Book of Revelation
 - 1. Revelation 5:2
 - a) "Who is worthy to open the scroll?"
 - b) If he's asking the question, he is not Jesus; he's referring to Jesus
 - 2. Revelation 10:1
 - a) "Swore by him who lives forever and ever"
 - b) Why would Jesus swear upon God?
 - 3. Revelation 18:2



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III. PRIMARY ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF JESUS AS THE MIGHTY ANGEL

- A. Yahweh is self-revealing, self-lowering; He humbles Himself to be seen
- B. Pre-incarnate Jesus is referred to as an angel as he appears to Abraham, Jacob, and Hagar
 - 1. "I have seen the one who sees me" (Genesis 16:13)
 - 2. "Angel of God" (Exodus 14:19)
 - 3. "An angel before you... my name is in him" (Exodus 23:20-21)
- C. Jesus prays to God numerous times, He can swear by Himself
- D. Yahweh is The Coming One, The Cloud Rider
 - 1. Exodus 19:16-17, 20
 - 2. Deuteronomy 33:26
 - 3. Psalm 68:4
 - 4. Daniel 7:13
 - 5. Matthew 24:30
 - 6. Revelation 1:7

IV. THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

- A. The rainbow is the sign of the first covenant (Genesis 9:12-15)
- B. Later states that Jesus will return with this sign on his head, in the clouds
 - 1. Ezekiel 1:26-28
 - 2. Revelation 4:2-3
 - 3. Matthew 17:2
 - 4. Revelation 1:16
 - 5. Malachi 4
- C. "Feet like pillars of fire"
- D. The "Mighty Angel" is very likely the Angel of the Lord, as proved throughout the history of Old Testament text.
- E. The Angel comes from heaven, clothed in clouds.
- F. The language used surrounding the Mighty Angel is related to the return of Jesus.

