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DAY 27: THE MIGHTY ANGEL WITH A VOICE LIKE A LION

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 MIGHTY ANGEL

- A. The Mighty Angel is likely Jesus
 - 1. He comes from heaven
 - 2. Clothed with clouds
 - 3. Face shining like the sun
 - 4. Feet like fire
 - 5. Rainbow around his head
 - 6. Voice like a lion

II. THE LITTLE SCROLL

- A. Some see this scroll as a different scroll than the one that Jesus himself opens
- B. Others argue that this is Daniel's scroll
- C. However; it is most likely that this is indeed the scroll that Jesus has opened
 - It is only little in comparison to how mighty this angel is
 - 2. The contents of the scroll are the events that have already taken place and the events that are still to come
 - 3. Scroll in Revelation 5 is one that none but Jesus is worthy to look into
 - 4. This imagery is intended to make us think of the coming return of Jesus

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III. JESUS' RETURN: LAND AND SEA

- A. The Angel's right foot is on the sea, left foot on the land (Revelation 10:2b)
 - 1. This means he is facing south
- B. This may lead us to think of Isaiah 19 (dealing with Egypt)
- C. May be intended to communicate thoughts of the Second Exodus
 - I. Will Jesus split the sea yet again? (Isaiah 10:26)
- D. During the Ultimate Exodus, Jesus will lift His staff against the seas (Isaiah 11:15)
 - 1. Regather the Jews
 - 2. Jesus will judge the Red Sea
- E. Jesus is saving His people (Habakuk 3:8-15)
 - 1. Describes Jesus riding on horses, but also riding on a chariot (Ezekiel 1)
 - a) Chariot Throne
- F. Jesus, as the Greater Moses, may very likely retrace his steps in the Second Exodus as He saves His people from the deep, unknown realms of the enemy

IV. VOICE LIKE A LION

- A. The Messiah will come from the line of Judah (Genesis 49:8-10)
- B. The Mighty Angel, with a voice like the lion [of Judah] being the only one worthy of opening the scroll sounds heavily like the language used to describe Jesus

V. THE SEVEN THUNDERS

- A. Sounding like seven thunders (Revelation 10:3)
 - 1. The throne of God itself is described as
 - 2. Seven typically points to God himself
- B. However, we don't know exactly what the seven thunders were

VI. EAT THE SCROLL

- A. Prophetic act of assimilating the scroll and its content (Revelation 10:8-11)
- B. Initially receiving God's word is sweet, but eventually tastes bitter
- C. The Lord is calling a host of people to eat the scroll in the final days

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