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A Mighty Angel and a Little Scroll

Revelation 10:1-11

- The Book of Revelation pulls back the veil between the physical and spiritual world as no other book of the Bible... as that veil is pulled back, and as we peer into the invisible spiritual world, we can see more things than we could have conceived by our unaided imaginations
- Certainly the most significant invisible reality we see by the Book of Revelation is the glory of God... the Triune God... God the Father, seated on a throne of glory; God the Son—Jesus Christ—pictured as a high priest robed in white walking among seven golden lampstands; and God the Spirit, pictured as a seven-fold lampstand blazing with the fire of holiness... no book in the Bible so powerfully reveals the hidden nature of God's glory like Revelation
- But that is not all the Book of Revelation unveils about the spiritual realms... for there are awesome created beings that we would never have known about if we did not read them in this book... that includes beings we commonly call ANGELS
- Today, we are going to have an encounter through the text with an angel that still lives, every bit as powerful and glorious as the day the Apostle John saw him. This encounter will give us a broader sense of the true universe in which we live, both the physical and the spiritual realms.

Context:

- The Apostle John is in exile on the Island of Patmos off the coast of modern-day Turkey... he was being punished as an old man by the Roman Empire for his bold faithfulness to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- On that tiny, rocky, barren, deserted island, the Apostle John was commanded by Christ Himself to ascend through the sky to a doorway opened for him in heaven, to learn about the FUTURE. John was empowered by the Spirit to obey this command, and he passed through that doorway into the heavenly realms and saw a THRONE IN HEAVEN with SOMEONE SEATED ON IT... that is the throne of Almighty God, God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe... God the Creator is

worshiped in heaven by twenty-four elders and by four living creatures and by 100 million angels.

- In the right hand of God there is a scroll, sealed with seven seals. And a mighty angel proclaims in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to take the scroll and break open its seals?" But no one in heaven and earth or under the earth is found... then Jesus steps forward, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah... looking like a Lamb that had been slain. He is worthy to take the scroll and break open its seals. When he takes the scroll, all of heaven breaks out in cascading worship of Christ the Redeemer, whose blood purchased people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation
- Jesus began opening the seven seals, and as he did, events began unfolding on earth... the four horsemen of the Apocalypse bringing false peace, war, famine, and death... the martyrs who would be slaughtered for the word of God; and with the sixth seal, the end of the physical universe
- Revelation 6 ends with the poignant question the terror filled inhabitants of the earth ask as they flee the wrath of God: THE GREAT DAY OF THE WRATH OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?
- Revelation 7 gives the answer: the redeemed, sealed from every tribe of Israel and from every nation on the face of the earth, a multitude greater than anyone can count; this is the POINT of all of redemptive history
- But then the Lamb breaks open the seventh seal, which gives way to the seven trumpets... the first six of these seven trumpets sound in Revelation 8-9 resulting in terrifying judgments on the ecology of the green vegetation, on the oceans, on the fresh water, on the sun/moon/stars... a demonic horde is unleashed to torment the people like a plague of locusts and scorpions... and a demonic army of 200 million to slaughter 1/3rd of the earth's population...
- So we come to Revelation 10, a **dramatic pause** before the seventh trumpet sounds... a vision of a mighty angel and a little scroll... and the recommissioning of the prophet John to speak future words of sweetness and bitterness that we desperately need to hear and to EAT!
- I. The Mighty Angel Described (vs. 1-4)
 - A. What are Angels?
 - 1. The word "angel" comes from the Greek word meaning "messenger"

- 2. Angels are CREATED SPIRITUAL BEINGS, different from human beings in that they have no physical existence—no birth, no aging, no death—they are SPIRITS, not flesh and blood
- 3. There are good angels who serve God, and there are wicked angels, called demons, led by their fallen king, Satan
- 4. While angels are active throughout the Old Testament, their activity in the New Testament is even clearer and more dramatic
 - a. A glorious angel appeared to the terrified shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem and announced the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ, in the city of David... and then a whole army of angels appeared in the heavens to the shepherds, saying "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
 - b. Angels also appeared at the resurrection of Jesus; an angel came to Jesus' tomb... his appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow... the Roman guards that were guarding Jesus' tomb shook with terror when they saw him and became like dead men... this ONE ANGEL went to the stone, rolled it back by himself, and sat on it... awesome power!
 - c. An angel also stood next to the disciples as they watched Jesus ascend to heaven and told them to stop looking into the clouds, but that Jesus would return in the same way from heaven

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

- B. What Are the Benefits of Studying Angels in Scripture?
 - 1. Knowing how protected we are, that angels fight for us against the devil and his demons and keep us from being tempted and attacked beyond what we can bear
 - 2. Knowing more of the complexity of the spiritual realms that God has made... angels glorify God because he made them
 - 3. Imitating angels in their passionate, prompt, heart-felt obedience

Matthew 6:9-10 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Angels truly obey God's will in heaven "all the way, right away, and with a happy spirit"
 - C. What Is the Danger in Focusing on Angels?

- Artistic renditions of angels fascinate me... some of the older artists depicted them as fat babies, cherubs with wings... but in our day, like in Christian book stores, angels are drawn as beautiful young women with long flowing hair... there is no biblical support for this... actually in scripture angels usually appear as young men, warriors, strong, powerful; so, the false depiction of angels as women shows the tendency of human beings to use IMAGINATION and not SCRIPTURE when it comes to angels
- 2. Angels are supernatural beings, often depicted surrounded by awesome displays of radiant light, heavenly light
- 3. Therefore, people are tempted to WORSHIP angels for their beauty... even John would succumb to this at the end of Revelation not once but TWICE

Revelation 19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Paul specifically warned about the worship of angels:

Colossians 2:18 Do not let anyone who delights in ... the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize.

4. Satan and his demons take advantage of this human tendency to worship angels and masquerades this way

2 Corinthians 11:14 Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

- 5. Perhaps a lot of New Age mysticism and occultic religions are really seeking supernatural encounters with demons
- 6. People can focus too much on angels and forget that they only are created beings, servants like us, as the angel told us... to spend a huge amount of time thinking about angels is misplaced focus
- D. How Are Angels Especially Active in Revelation?
 - 1. 73 of the 188 mentions of angels in the NT are found in the Book of Revelation
 - 2. Since Revelation is all about the unveiling of the spiritual realms and of the future, it is not surprising that angels figure so prominently
 - 3. Angels are depicted around the throne of God worshiping him continually; this is the most powerful activity and delight of angels

- 4. Angels are directly active in unleashing the wrath of God on earth... one angel in Revelation 8 took live coals from the heavenly altar, put them in a golden censer and hurled it on the earth
- 5. Revelation 8-9: Angels sound the seven trumpets bringing terrifying judgments on earth... Revelation 12 will see the battle between good angels and evil angels (demons) led by their king, Satan; Revelation 16 shows the angels pouring out the bowls of God's wrath on the earth celebrating the justice of God's wrath... angels are actively involved in the unfolding events of the Book of Revelation in heaven and on earth
- 6. Perhaps the most important role of angels up to this point in redemptive history has been their direct activity in giving us the scriptures... the Word of God... it is depicted as mediated to us by ANGELS
 - a. Revelation 1, an angel was tasked to bring the Book of Revelation itself to the Apostle John so he could reveal it to the whole world
 - b. We have learned that this was God's consistent pattern in the past... the law of Moses itself was put into effect through angels, Stephen and Paul both teach us
 - c. Angels carry messages from God to the prophets... and this is exactly what this angel in Revelation 10 will do for the prophetic ministry of John... he will call him in God's name to be recommitted to his prophetic ministry
 - d. Perhaps the clearest parallel is between this chapter, with its overpowering vision of a mighty, gigantic angel and what happened to Daniel in Daniel 10-11
- Daniel 10:5-8 I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. ⁶ His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. ⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.
- This angel was dispatched by God answer Daniel's prayer for wisdom about the future.
- Daniel 10:14 Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.
- So that angel had the same function as the angel in John's vision in this chapter... it was to bring him the word of God to proclaim to the world

But his appearance was so overwhelming that Daniel was knocked to the ground...

Daniel 10:16-17 I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I am helpless.¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."

- e. This should give us a sense of the overpowering strength and might of some of the angels of God... and so also this on in Revelation 10
- E. How is this Angel Described?

Revelation 10:1-3 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. ² 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, ³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion.

- 1. He is described as "another" mighty angel... in other words, he is like some of the other angels John has already seen in his vision; John describes him as MIGHTY... the word means strong, powerful, able to do violence by warfare
- 2. He is COMING DOWN from heaven; this means John is now no longer in heaven in his visions, but back down on the earth; this angel descends from heaven to bring him a message from God
- 3. He is ROBED IN A CLOUD: often in the Bible, clouds represent judgment from God... gathering clouds represent the unleashing of a storm of God's wrath
- 4. Yet, there is a RAINBOW above the head of the angel... this of course hearkens back to the end of the flood, God's covenant
- 5. His face was LIKE THE SUN... again, the sense of radiant, brilliant, heavenly light... angels shine like the sun with a glory God gave them in their holiness
- 6. Legs are like FIERY PILLARS: this must remind us of the pillar of fire that led Israel through the desert and through the Red Sea; the pillars of fire that took their stand between Israel and Pharaoh's mighty Egyptian army... these pillars of fire are the angel's legs...
- 7. He was HOLDING A LITTLE SCROLL which lay open in his hand
 - a. This scroll is the focus of the entire vision... it is his reason for coming down from heaven to interact with John
 - b. It is called "little", based on the Greek word John used... perhaps the scroll appears tiny compared to the awesome messenger, but the impact on the

world is as great as the impact of a tiny acorn which grows to a massive forest of oaks

- c. It LAY OPEN in the angel's hand... some people have concluded this refers to the original scroll in God's hand, sealed with seven seals, which have now been broken so the scroll is unrolled
- d. It may or may not be the same scroll... but it's LAYING OPEN represents God's willingness to REVEAL the contents to the human race through John

Daniel was told to seal several of his visions for the future... their meanings will be HIDDEN until then:

Daniel 12:4 Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end... THE DISTANT FUTURE

- 8. In this OPEN SCROLL lays the revelation of mysteries that God will only grant through his prophet at the end of the world
- 9. So he will say plainly:

Revelation 10:7 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.

- 10. This vision is about the granting by God of the revelation of the final mysteries of God as we shall see
- 11. Beyond the scroll, the angel takes a MIGHTY STANCE on the surface of the earth:

Revelation 10:2-3 He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion.

- a. This stance is one of a mighty warrior, who cannot be moved from his position
- b. He plants one foot on the dry land, and one foot into the sea
- c. John tells us the right foot in the sea, and the left foot on the land
- d. I DON'T KNOW WHY the right and left are signified... however, it gives us a sense of his awesome power, but also that the message he comes to bring encompasses the entire surface of planet earth... it will affect all the creatures in the heavens (for this angel's head reaches the clouds and his face is like the sun), the earth (for his left foot is there), and the sea (for his

right foot is there)... the word of God, small as it may seem in his hand, is more permanent than any of them

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

- 12. This angel's VOICE is like the roar of a lion... often when God brings his message, like at Mt. Sinai, he surrounds it with terrifying light and noise so his people take it very seriously
- F. The Seven Thunders and the Limited Revelation

Revelation 10:3-4 he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. ⁴ 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."

- 1. We don't know what the "voices of the seven thunders" are... perhaps other heavenly angels whose voices sound like thunder
- 2. They say certain things, intelligible to John, but he is forbidden from writing them down... they are SEALED UP, not revealed to the human race
- 3. Like what happened when the Apostle Paul visited the third heaven but was forbidden to talk about it (2 Corinthians 12)
- 4. So the seven thunders spoke some words so impressive John felt obligated to write them down; but he was FORBIDDEN to do it
- 5. Thus, there are some MYSTERIES that God will not reveal ahead of time

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever

- G. What Do These Symbols Mean?
 - 1. To sum up, the angel is awesome and glorious, mighty and massive
 - 2. He comes to bring an open scroll revealing secrets and mysteries through John to planet earth—every nation and language and king—concerning the end of the world which he will finally reveal, first through the rest of the Book of Revelation, and second, through the unfolding events of history that will happen just as the Lord ordains
- II. The Message from the Angel: No More Delay (vs. 5-7)
 - A. The Solemn Oath

- Revelation 10:5-6 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. ⁶ 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!
 - 1. The angel takes this powerful stance, with his right hand and left hand as we've noted
 - 2. Then he raises his rand hand to heaven and takes an oath
 - 3. The taking of an oath is given for the purpose of giving a sense of of absolute certainty to John and through him to us...
 - 4. This angel swears to give us a sense of certainty about his message
 - 5. He swears by the ETERNAL GOD... the God who lives forever and ever, whose Kingdom never changes
 - 6. He swears by the CREATOR GOD... the King of all creation
 - a. The text looks at all the SPHERES of creation, heaven, earth, the sea... and it extends also to all the creatures who dwell in those spheres
 - b. The God who made 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
 - c. This is the God of the universe... "BY HIM, I SWEAR" the angel is saying
 - d. OK... what do you swear???
 - B. The Main Message: There Will Be No More Delay

Revelation 10:6 ... "There will be no more delay!

- 1. The unfolding of the plan of God seems so slow to us as we go through it
- 2. We are forever asking, "How long, O Lord??!!"

Daniel 12:6 One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"

3. We saw the martyrs in heaven asking that very question

Revelation 6:10-11 "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹ *Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer*

4. But there will come a time when these things will rapidly come to an end

- 5. This is in the middle of the seven trumpets... the next thing that will happen is the sounding of the seventh trumpet
- 6. At the point in which all these events have happened, including the terrifying ecological plagues described in Revelation 8 and the even more terrifying demonic plagues described Revelation 9, THE TIME WILL BE VERY SHORT INDEED!
- 7. Jesus said plainly,

Matthew 24:22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

- C. The Significance of this Promise
 - 1. These days will be so severe, so terrible, so terrifying, that it will be vital for the people of God to know that they will not last long
 - 2. When you see all these things, you know the end is VERY NEAR
- D. The Mystery of God Accomplished

Revelation 10:7 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."

- 1. As we've noted, the significance of the open scroll is that God is going to reveal many of the secrets of his redemptive plan ahead of time... but not all of them! Since the seven thunders said some things that John was forbidden from recording
- 2. The mystery of God is his plan for redemption, for the glory of God in the salvation of the elect from every nation and tribe and people and language on the earth

Ephesians 1:9-10 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

- 3. This is what this is all about... an end to the rebellion and disunity caused by sin
- 4. The Book of Revelation, represents the final stage of prophetic unfolding of the mysterious plan of God in writing ahead of time

- 5. In the days of the seventh trumpet, the end of all the messages ever given through both the OT and NT prophets and apostles will be ACCOMPLISHED... fulfilled
- TO THAT END, the angel has come to recommission the Apostle John to finish his writing... the rest of the Book of Revelation
- III. The Mission of the Angel: John Commissioned Again (vs. 8-11)
 - A. The Command to John: Go Take the Book from the Angel

Revelation 10:8 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."

- 1. The giving of the scroll and the resultant proclamation of its message to the nations of the earth was the whole reason for the mighty angel's descent from heaven to earth
- 2. Daniel was absolutely overwhelmed by the vision of the angel that brought him his prophetic message... he was on the ground and could scarcely breathe; the angel had to give him strength or he would not be able even to stand up
- 3. Here it is not so dramatic, but John has to be commanded to go take the scroll from the hand of the angel
- B. John's Request of the Angel
 - 1. So John went and requested the scroll as he was commanded

Revelation 10:9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll.

- 2. But the angel told something about this scroll and the effect it would have on him... and through him on every faithful heart that receives it
- C. Eating the Book: Sweet and Bitter

Revelation 10:9-10 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." ¹⁰ 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.

- 1. The angel told John to EAT the scroll, representing the prophetic revelation of the future
- 2. The eating of the word of God by a prophet was already well-known:

- Ezekiel 3:1-4 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ 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. ⁴He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.
 - 3. The eating of the scroll represents a TOTAL ABSORPTION of the word of God into our inner being... it is our food, our nourishment
 - 4. John is to take this message into his mouth and digest it inwardly... then PROCLAIM IT to the entire world!!
 - 5. The sweetness of the word of God in our mouths is well known... Psalm 19 says God's word is "sweeter than honey from the comb"
 - 6. BUT John's experience would be different... sweet, yes, but also BITTER in the stomach
 - 7. The final outcome of the Book of Revelation is utterly glorious, the final salvation of the elect from every nation on earth and a New Heavens and New Earth, a New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband... radiant glory shining everywhere... what could be sweeter than that??
 - 8. But it comes at a terrible cost as we travel the journey there... the destruction of the world, and all the unbelievers, their condemnation under the wrath of God, is bitter for us... this is why Jesus WEPT over Jerusalem; this is why Paul was in unceasing anguish for the lost among the Jews
 - 9. The carnage of the Book of Revelation is all yet to come... and the events of Revelation should be BOTH bitter and sweet;
 - 10. Yet we know it will only be sweet in the end... for in heaven there will be no more grieving or mourning or pain for anything
 - D. John Recommissioned to Preach to the Nations

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

- 1. John's eating of the scroll results in his writing of a prophetic message that the entire world MUST HEAR...
- 2. YOU MUST prophesy... it is absolutely necessary for you to write this message down for the world; John is called by God and has no choice!

- 3. The Greek is a little unclear: you must prophecy ABOUT many nations (ESV: meaning they are the topic of John's prophetic words)... or AGAINST many nations (meaning they are God's enemies, to be destroyed by John's prophetic words)... or BEFORE many nations (KJV: meaning they are the audience)
- 4. There are several of these four-fold descriptions of the people of the earth in the Book of Revelation... and they're always a little different
- 5. Here, we have peoples, nations and languages... but also KINGS
 - a. The word of God overrules and will outlast the reigns of all earthly kings

Isaiah 40:23-24 He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. ²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

b. Also some of the Kings will be converted by hearing the prophetic word preached, as Isaiah made plain about Jesus' blood and the gospel

Isaiah 52:15 so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

IV. Applications

- A. This Chapter is Awesome, but merely an INTERLUDE
 - 1. The wrath of God being unfolded in the pages of Revelation are overwhelming
 - 2. We've seen the destruction unleashed by the six trumpets extending to the green plants, the grass, the trees, one third of them burned to ashes; the seas turned to blood, resulting in the death of one third of the living creatures; the poisoning of much fresh water resulting in the deaths of countless people; the striking of the sun, moon, and stars, resulting in the reduction of their light; the unleashing of a plague of demons from the depths of the pit like a plague of locusts that stung like scorpions, making people yearn to die; and then a terrifying demonic army, 200 million strong, running roughshod over people and slaughtering a third of the population of the earth
 - 3. These terrors are so overwhelming, we the readers need this interlude to catch our breaths
 - 4. This vision, however, is not a mere throwaway, an intermission, before a return to the action
 - 5. Rather, it shows again the invisible reality of a spiritual world of angels and their role in delivering the word of God to the human race

- 6. And it shows the grace of God in unrolling the sealed scroll to tell us plainly what is going to come
- The temptation of all of us is to read the words of the Book of Revelation and then go out and look at the sun in the sky like it always is, the birds flying in flocks like they always do; the trees swaying in the summer breeze the way they did before your grandfather was born; you go visit the ocean, and its reassuring surf keeps crashing on the shore like it always has for centuries... and you watch the human race hustle and bustle and build fortunes and parents raising their children – taking them to the park, watching them play like they did when they were children...
- And you think... is this really going to happen, the things written about in Revelation??
 - 7. We need to read these words as an UNSEALED SCROLL from the mind of God
 - 8. We need to hear the message that God gave to John through that awesome angel... and know that every word is true
 - 9. God hasn't told us everything, but we know enough
 - 10. The same two applications will stand over us, as Peter gave us
 - a. Time is not what it seems... for us, there IS a delay, because the seven trumpets have not yet started to blow
 - b. BUT the time will fly by... and God's patience is to allow people to come to repentance
- 2 Peter 3:8-9 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
 - 11. And we are called on to preach this gospel to lost people, warning them to FLEE TO CHRIST
 - 12. Also, Peter calls on us to live holy lives

2 Peter 3:11-12 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

- 2 Peter 3:14 make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
 - B. Parents: Teach Your Children These Things

C. Understand Angels... Awesome Warriors!!

D. The Word of God... a Tiny Scroll that Will Outlast the Kings of the Earth