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A Mighty Angel

Coming down from

Heaven

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A Mighty Angel Coming Down from Heaven.

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A MIGHTY ANGEL COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN

- **Revelation 10:1:** Then I (John) 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.

The words, "coming down from heaven," means the angel was divinely commissioned by God, and sent by God. This angel is a representative of Christ's presence and God's love and righteousness. After John's previous vision of this prophecy this angel opens another scene introducing a further revelation concerning the state of the church and the world. John had so far seen seven angels standing before God ready to blow their trumpets (Rev. 8:2), six of these he saw blow their trumpets and is now seeing "another mighty angel," signifying that this mighty angel is not only different in some way from the other seven, but also separate from them.

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The mighty angel is seen coming down from heaven to accomplish some important purpose, before the seventh angel gives the final blast of his trumpet. This angel is characterized as a mighty angel one of strength and power; implying that the work to be accomplished by his mission required the intervention of an angel of higher and exalted rank above that of the previous seven angels with trumpets (perhaps in the order of the Arch Angel Michael, protector of Israel or Gabriel who announced the birth of Christ to Mary).

HEAVEN OPENED

- **Revelation 4:1:** After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

In this verse John sees a door of heaven opened, and in the following verse he sees heaven opened:

- **Revelation 19:11:** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

Seeing a door opened, signifies a limited view of heaven, in contrast to this, seeing heaven opened, carries the idea of seeing all of heaven opened, as if an opening were made through the sky, and John was permitted to look, into heaven and clearly see, this opening of heaven signifies a new vision.

I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS, THE EARTH, AND THE SEA

- **Haggai 2:6–7:** For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

These prophetic words of Haggai carry within them an echo of the Lord Jesus Christ's return in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16), to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain), to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign on earth, during which time all nations will come up to the Temple of the LORD and worship and glorify God. Prior to this glorious time, God will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all nations, meaning He will put the nations of Judah, Israel, and all the inhabitants of the earth, and their trade (i.e., all kinds of business, small and great) that is done on the sea and land into great chaos, turmoil, and upheaval.

THE HEAVENS WILL BE BURNED AND DISSOLVED

- **2 Peter 3:10:** The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

The heavens will pass away: in certain contexts, heaven signifies governments. In this context the heavens signify those who hold high religious positions of authority and who have great influence over a multitude of people, that teach and deceive others (i.e., the chief priests, Pharisees, and scribes etc.), will pass away.

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Pass away with a roar: signifies all false religious teachers will be destroyed by the wrath of God.

Heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved: signifies the destruction of the city of Jerusalem, the temple and the removal of the Levitical priesthood and the Jewish religious system with all its ceremonial rites, religious customs, and traditions.

The earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed: signifies all the corruptions of worldly governments, the political system and the world's financial system being exposed for all to see, including the hatred powerful religious leaders have against God's people. It is certainly true that these events did occur. In 70 A.D., when the armies of Rome brought ruin to the city of Jerusalem and destruction to the temple. However, the ultimate fulfilment of Peter's words will be when the Lord Jesus Christ returns, for then God's judgment will be poured out on the world and all that is corrupt (religious and secular) will be exposed and brought to ruin. With this global view in mind the following would apply:

The heavens passing away: would signify the ruin of all false religious temples (i.e., the Vatican City, Moslem Mosques and other similar religious buildings and corrupt religious organisations).

The heavenly bodies being burned up: would signify the total removal of the world's false religious teachers and leaders, and all man-made ceremonial rites, religious customs and traditions being made obsolete.

The earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed: would signify everything corrupt in the world being exposed, such as:

- Deceitful governments and corrupt leaders of nations.
- The oppression of the banking system, the stock exchange and global trading.
- The rich taking advantage of the poor for their own selfish gain and to enhance their profit and bank balance.
- The wickedness of those who scheme and plot war.
- All that is corrupt in our justice system.

DISCUSSING THE LORD'S RETURN

To discuss the Lord's return in an atmosphere of spiritual adventure and peace is enormously exciting, joyful, and spiritually healthy (I love these discussions), but to discuss it with those who dogmatically hold to a particular view concerning the exact detail, can be extremely unhealthy, for it can lead to strife, contention and worse still division between believers truly devoted to Christ, even though they hold to the same views concerning the Gospel and Salvation. Though it is exciting to have a good understanding of Christ's return, and it does strengthen a believer's joy, hope and faith, it is not important to know or understand every detail of His return to be saved to eternal life.

It is interesting to notice; after Christ's resurrection almost all New Testament writers give very little detail of what we will be resurrected to, all we are told is that we will be gathered together to be with Christ, given an immortal body, and forever be with Him, for me this is enough, for if I am given an immortal body and dwell with Christ forever, it matters little to me where the place of forever will be, for wherever I am with the One who laid his life down for me, and who I love, will be absolute joy.

No brother or sister who faithfully follows the Shepherd of the sheep, and remains in faith, trusts in God's grace and endeavours to faithfully live a godly lifestyle (none of us attain to this perfectly, if we could Christ died for no reason) with an excitement of His return, should fear missing the Lord's trumpet call, because they lacked a full understanding of their Saviour's return, but rather be confident they will be gathered-together (whether dead or alive) to be with Him in everlasting glory.

- He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3).
- He goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (John 10:4).
- The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11).
- I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. (John 10:14).
- My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27).

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