Revelation 10:1-11

Introduction:

John is given a small scroll and is told to eat it. He does, and as promised, it tastes sweet in his mouth, but makes his stomach sour.

- I. The Messages Given By The Angel Of God (10:1-7)
 - A. The appearance of the angel (10:1)
 - 1. He is robed in a cloud with a rainbow over his head (10:1a)
 - 2. His face is as the sun and his legs are as fiery pillars (10:1b)
 - B. The actions of the angel (10:2-7)
 - 1. What he holds (10:2a): He holds an open scroll in his hand.
 - 2. What he does (10:2b): He stands on the land and sea.
 - 3. What he says (10:3-7)
 - a. The first message (10:3-4): John hears what is said, but is forbidden to write it down.
 - b. The second message (10:5-7): The angel says God's message will be revealed at the sounding of the seventh trumpet.
- II. The Mission Given To The Apostle Of God (10:8-11)
 - A. To partake (10:8-9a): John is to eat the scroll held by the angel.
 - 1. It will taste like honey in his mouth (10:9b, 10a)
 - 2. It will turn bitter in his stomach (10:9c, 10b)
 - B. To prophesy (10:11): He is to proclaim the Word of God to many people groups and potentates. This assured John of his release from Patmos and continued ministry.

{Note: Ezekiel 2:9-3:3 - Ezekiel was commanded to consume a scroll that contained the judgement of God, "lamentations, and mourning, and woe..." and then preach to the nation of Israel...}