

A SCROLL UNSEALED

Sweet Fulfillment; Bitter Means (Handout 1)

The scroll is to reveal the way in which the Lamb's victory is to become effective in establishing God's rule over the world.

Ezekiel 1.5—In the middle of it was something like FOUR LIVING CREATURES.

Ezekiel 1.26— . . . something like a THRONE.

Ezekiel 2.9-10—I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3.3—He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Ezekiel 3.4-6—He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the house of Israel—not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, THEY WOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU.

Luke 9.22—And he said, "The Son of Man MUST suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Revelation 5.1-6—Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne A SCROLL with WRITING ON BOTH SIDES and sealed with seven seals. And I saw A MIGHTY ANGEL PROCLAIMING IN A LOUD VOICE, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain . . .

Revelation 10.1-2—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. He was holding a SCROLL, which lay OPEN in his hand.

Revelation 10.8-10—Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the SCROLL that is OPEN in the hand of the angel . . . So I went to the angel and told him to give me the SCROLL; and he said to me, "Take it, and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth." So I took the scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was SWEET AS HONEY IN MY MOUTH, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. Then I was told, "You must prophesy again to many PEOPLES, NATIONS, LANGUAGES AND KINGS."

Revelation 1.1—THE REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST, which GOD GAVE HIM to show his servants what *must soon take place*; he made it known by SENDING HIS ANGEL TO HIS SERVANT JOHN, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Revelation 22.16—"It is I, Jesus, who SENT MY ANGEL TO YOU with this testimony for the churches . . ."

Daniel 7.13-14— . . . I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and KINGSHIP, that all PEOPLES, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his KING-

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Daniel 12.5-7—Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others appeared, one standing on this bank of the stream and one on the other. One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was upstream, “HOW LONG shall it be until the end of these wonders?” The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS LEFT HAND TOWARD HEAVEN. And I heard him SWEAR BY THE ONE WHO LIVES FOREVER that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, ALL THESE THINGS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

Amos 3.7—Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, without revealing his SECRET to HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.

Revelation 6.9— . . . I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge [Psalms 96 & 98; Revelation 14.6-7] the inhabitants of the earth and vindicate [Thayer] our blood?”

Revelation 11.13-15— . . . the survivors feared the God of Heaven AND gave Him glory . . . The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.

SHIP is one that shall never be destroyed.

Revelation 10.2-7—He held a scroll open in his hand. Setting his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, he gave a great shout, like a lion roaring. And when he shouted, the seven thunders sounded. 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.” Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND TO HEAVEN 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: “There will be no more delay, but in the days when THE SEVENTH ANGEL IS TO BLOW HIS TRUMPET, the MYSTERY [SECRET] OF GOD will be FULFILLED, as he ANNOUNCED [EUAGGELIZO] TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.”

Isaiah 40.9—You who bring GOOD NEWS to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

Isaiah 41.27—I was the first to tell Zion, ‘Look, here they are!’ I gave to Jerusalem a messenger of GOOD NEWS.

Isaiah 52.7—How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring GOOD NEWS, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 61.1—The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim GOOD NEWS to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

Psalms 96.2-3,10—Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory AMONG THE NATIONS, his marvelous deeds among ALL PEOPLES. (10) Say AMONG THE NATIONS, “The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will JUDGE the peoples with EQUITY.”

Revelation 14.6—Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal GOSPEL to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment [Psalms 96 & 98] has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”



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Ezekiel 37.27-28—My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then THE NATIONS shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them forevermore.

Zechariah 2.10,11—Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the LORD. MANY NATIONS shall join themselves to the LORD on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

Revelation 21.3—And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among the people. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

Isaiah 60.1-3—Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Revelation 21.24—THE NATIONS will walk by its light, and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH will bring their splendor into it.

Isaiah 2.2-4—In days to come the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; ALL THE NATIONS shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall JUDGE between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Revelation 11.7-14—Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and **KILL THEM**. Their bodies will lie in the public square of **THE GREAT CITY**, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days many from **EVERY PEOPLE**,

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TRIBE, LANGUAGE AND NATION will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts . . . But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were feared the God of Heaven and gave Him glory.”

Revelation 11.15—The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

Revelation 10.10—So I took the scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was **SWEET AS HONEY IN MY MOUTH**, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made **BITTER**.

Matthew 16.24—Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

