Main Thought: This begins a 2nd interlude (Rev. 7 was the 1st interlude) which contain the midpoint events of the seven year tribulation period (Rev. 10-14).

The Witness of the Mighty Angel (Rev. 10).

The Description of the Mighty Angel (1-4).

• While all angels excel in strength (Psa. 103:20), another mighty angel (5:2; 18:21) comes down from heaven (20:1; 21:2).
• He was robed in a cloud like Jesus (on the clouds – 1:7; ascended on a cloud – Acts 1:9; God’s chariot is on the clouds – Psa. 104:3).
• A rainbow (4:3b) was above his head reminding us of mercy (Hab. 3:2).
• The angel’s face (1:16) and feet (1:16) were like that of Jesus.
• His voice like that of a lion (5:5); so too Satan the counterfeiter (1 Pet. 5:8).
• The little scroll (diminutive form) was in the left hand (5) in contrast to the full sized scroll in the right hand of God (5:1).
• This scroll was already open giving authority to this mighty angel to act.
• The mighty angel, in colossal form, planted one foot in the sea and another foot on the land like Joshua claiming the promised land (Josh. 1:3).
• The angel gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion and God answered with the seven thunders (Psa. 29:3-9 – the seven-fold voice of God; Jn. 12:28-29).
• John was forbidden to reveal this message (Deut. 29:29; Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 9; 2 Cor. 12:4) unlike the entire Book of Revelation that he wants us to know (22:10).

The Declaration of the Mighty Angel (5-11).

• With an uplifted right hand, this mighty angel swore an oath as God himself had done (Acts 2:29; Heb. 6:13; 7:20-22).
• Oaths today are permissible (Jesus – Matt. 26:63-64; Paul – 2 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 1:20) such as wedding vows, a court of law, and government service. Jesus’ prohibition (Matt. 5:34,37) was against two standards of truth; always speak the truth (Eccles. 5:4), not just when you have sworn.
• He swore by the creator of the heavens, land, and sea (Gen. 14:22).
• “There shall be time no longer” (KJV) means time has run out – there will be no more delay (NIV). This answered the martyrs “How long?” (6:10-11).
• God’s patience means salvation for many (2 Pet. 3:9, 15).
• The righteous should hide themselves (in Noah’s ark; in Christ) for a little while until the wrath of God has passed by (Isa. 26:20-21; Hab. 2:3-4).
• John was told to eat the scroll (Ezek. 3:1; Psa. 119:103); it contains both judgment (sour) and salvation (sweet). The word of God is the Christian’s food (bread – Matt. 4:4; milk – 1 Pet. 2:2; meat – 1 Cor. 3:1-2).
• John’s prophecy would resume after this interlude with the seven last plagues (15:1) / bowls (16:1) – the 3rd woe (11:14) / 7th trumpet (11:15).