

REVELATION CHAPTER 10

(Note: 10:1 – 11:14 forms a parenthetical section)

The Mighty Angel; The Little Book; and the Seven Thunders

Vs 1 "Another Strong Angel"

Another of the same kind – an angel similar to the other angel which was previously introduced.

Rev 5:2

1. "Coming down out of Heaven", in contrast to Rev 9:2 – coming up out of the pit The entire angelic realm is involved in carrying out the judgment of God.

2. "Clothed with a cloud" – 9 of the 20 occurrences of clouds in the NT are connected with scenes of judgment.

Matt 24:30; 26:64; Rev 14:14-16

Because Christ is the One seen in the clouds in judgment, there

are

some who believe That the Angel is Jesus, similar to the Angel of Jehovah revelations of the OT.

3. "The rainbow was upon His Head" A rainbow surrounds God's Throne in Heaven.

Rev 4:3

It is a sign of a covenant between God and the Earth. Gen 9:13

God's covenant remains!

4. "face like the sun" – Rev 1:16

Again, this Angel is either Christ, or has left His Presence.

Ex 34:29; 2 Cor 3:7 (Rev 18:1)

5. "feet like pillars of fire"....

His right foot on the sea and His left foot on the land"

a. Throughout this book, fire equals judgment

b. "standing on both the sea and the land" Rev 10:2,5,8 – stresses

the

extent of the judgment and this Angel's power and

authority.

Nothing will escape this judgment sent from God.

As the Noahic Flood was universal, so will

the Tribulation Judgment be!
Men today who deny the universal flood, will
not miss the universal judgment to come.

Vs 2-4

"A Little Book"

In Rev 5 we had a "book" which revealed the coming judgments of the tribulation.

Here in chapter 10 we have a small book, already opened. We are not told what is written upon it but, in context, what it may have is the judgments that this angel is to carry out.

They are summarized as the Seven Peals of Thunder. (Thunder means that the lightening has already struck.)

God has chosen not to reveal them to mankind before their occurrence.

Rev 1:1

NOTE: The fact that John was about to write the Seven Thunders down, means that he understood the revelation.

CONCLUSION: This revelation was for John. God wanted him to know but not the rest of mankind.

1. "his voice like a lion roaring"

It will be hard not to hear this Angel when his appointed time comes.

Vs 5-7

Announcement of the End of the Age

1. The Angel swears to God – would not be Jesus Christ

2. God – who has created "all" things

Heb 1 :1– 3; Genesis

3. The delay is over! The sounding of the Seventh Trumpet will end the mystery!

4. "The mystery of God" – why God allowed Satan and fallen humanity to reign over God's creation Rev 20:7-9 speaks of further rebellion, but God will put an end to it immediately.

5. We will see that the Seventh Trumpet involves extensive judgment – The Seven Bowl Judgments.

6. Christ (God) as Creator has the right to put an end to this present creation.

Rom 9:18-24

Vs 8-11

The eating of the Little Book

1. John eats the book – the prophecy is fulfilled.
2. The symbolic act of eating a book is not limited to John.

Jer 15:15-18; Ezk 2:9 – 3:4,14

3. Why the eating of the book?

- a. John, by eating the book, partakes of its content.
- b. In his act of obedience he appropriates the statements,

promises,

and affirmations which are contained in the book.

- c. The book, in effect, is the revelation of God, given to man.

4. Once eaten, His Word becomes our words.

5. His Word tastes sweet to us, but at the same time, it affects our

community

with the world of lost humanity.

Ultimately, we must separate ourselves from them.

When we do, they hate us; we are not one of them, therefore life takes on a bitterness.

John's experience is an example: God is revealing to John that his persecutors will receive their judgment, but for now, John experiences the Isle of Patmos.

6. The "many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings" includes all of

humanity.

The Tribulation is that which awaits the world!!