

Study Notes – Revelation 10

The second Interlude – Part 1

- ✚ God interrupts the Trumpet judgements between the 6th & 7th Trumpets.
- ✚ His emphasis temporarily shifts from the outpouring of His wrath on unbelievers to consoling and encouraging believers.
- ✚ The 6th Trumpet judgement ends in Revelation 11:14.
- ✚ Chapter 10 is still in the first 3.5 years. Horrific suffering and death of half the world's population – billions of people.
- ✚ God is now declaring His intention to take possession of the earth (Land & Sea).
- ✚ The Messianic Kingdom will be established at the end of the Daniel's 70th week.

The Angel with a Little Scroll

Rev 10:1 ¹Then I saw another powerful angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire.

- ✓ another powerful angel – (allon): another of the same kind.
 - Possibly one of the 7 Angels which stand before God.
 - John saw him descending from Heaven as a messenger from God.
- ✓ wrapped in a cloud – (nephele): Cloud mass; signifying his heavenly origin and connected with judgement. Matt 24:30, Mark 13:26, Luke 21:27
- ✓ rainbow – (iris): symbol of God's faithfulness and mercy. Rev 4:3
- ✓ His face was like the sun – Reflecting the glory and majesty of God. Similar to the angel in Dan 10:6.
- ✓ his feet like pillars of fire – pillar (stulos) reminiscent of the pillar of fire in the wilderness; a manifestation of God's holiness, mercy and judgement. Mal 3:14 - 4:2

Is this Yeshua? Rev 1

- ✚ Powerful angel (angelon ischyron) is the same phrase translated "strong angel" in Rev 5:2-5
- ✚ Later on a mighty / powerful / strong angel takes up a great stone and throws it into the sea to indicate Babylon's destruction. Rev 18:21
- ✚ In Dan 10 the mighty angel (angelon ischyron) requires help from Michael (powerful angel) to withstand other fallen angels. Dan 10:12-13, 20-21
- ✚ Although this angel has similar qualities, he is not Yeshua, who is in the heavenly throne room giving orders to the angels to carry out. This angel is acting under the authority of Yeshua.

10.2 ²He had in his hand a little scroll that was open. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

- ✓ little scroll – (biblaridion): a small book, little scroll; a rare Greek word.
 - **Not** the scroll held by the Lamb. Rev 5:8
 - Similar to the scroll Ezekiel was told to eat. Ezk 2 & 3
 - The Lamb's book is held in His right hand, this angel holds his in his left hand as he raises his right hand in an oath. Rev 10:5
- ✓ was open – (eneogmenon): perfect tense passive participle "having previously been opened" - someone had opened it and was then open in his hand; probably a new revelation from God. Ezk 2:9 – 3:3, Jer 15:15-17

10.2 ² He had in his hand a little scroll that was open. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, (continued)

- ✓ right foot – (dextros): Power, authority.
- ✓ the sea – usually represents Gentile nations. Rev 13:1, 17:15
- ✓ left foot – (euonumos): ill-omen, sinister, disfavor, unfortunate omen.
- ✓ the land – Land may represent Israel. Gen 13:15, Lev 25:10-28, 27:24, 2 Chr 10:7, Psa 83:12, Joel 1:6, Joel 3:2
 - If so, it may indicate that the judgement will begin with the Jewish nation as they have great responsibility. Rom 2:9, Matt 10:15, Luke 12:47-48
 - It is Daniel's 70th week.

Note: This message symbolizes his authority over the whole earth. Exo 20:4, 20:11, Deut 11:24, Psa 69:35 This is repeated in verses 5 & 8 – Important!

10.3 ³ and he cried out with a loud voice, just as a lion roars. When he cried out, the seven thunders spoke.

- ✓ loud voice – the angel lets out a terrifying cry.
 - John is ready to write down what he hears.
- ✓ Roars – (my katai): the verb is originally applied to the bellowing of cattle; can be used as the roar of a lion, or of thunder.
 - Lion roar here is associated with God's ferociousness in judgement. Both Jews & Gentiles. Joel 4:12-16, Jer 25:30-38
- ✓ seven thunders – Who are they?
 - 7 = completeness
 - Their identity is a mystery
 - What they say is a mystery Thunder warns of more judgements to come.

10.4 ⁴ And when the seven thunders had spoken, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said. Do not write it down!"

- ✓ An authoritative voice, probably Yeshua's, did not permit John to record the judgements the 7 thunders revealed. 2 Cor 12:1-4
 - Do not try to interpret this! Deut 29:28
 - Some secrets God chooses **not** to reveal; His rules Pro 25:2

10.5 ⁵ Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven

- ✓ raised his right hand – Raising the right hand toward God was and is a common gesture when taking a solemn oath. Gen 14:22
 - Both Creator and on all things created. Deut 32:40, Dan 12:7

10.6 ⁶ and swore by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay.

- ✓ God owns what he created. Gen 2:1, 1 Cor 10:26
- ✓ Yeshua is repossessing the title to the earth. Soon it will not be Satan's.
- ✓ God made covenants and promises to Israel and He will keep them. Hab 2:3
- ✓ The Tribulation martyrs would have to wait no longer for vindication – Blood Avenger.

10.7 ⁷ But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel—when he is about to trumpet—the mystery of God is completed, just as He declared to His servants the prophets.

- ✓ about to trumpet – when the 7th angel trumpets, it brings in the 7 bowls of 100% of God’s wrath.
Rev 11:15-19
- ✓ the mystery of God – (musterion): to learn the secret, knowledge withheld, truth revealed by God.
 - Previously unrevealed but known details of God’s plans for humanity that He is about to reveal.
 - What will take place, so the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of Yeshua. Rev 11:15
- ✓ is completed – (etelesthe): emphasizes the certainty of the future event as if it had already occurred.
 - The mystery is finished in the sense that God would then have no more to reveal about the Kingdom plans. He revealed to His servants the Prophets in the Old Testament – only partially. Heb 1:1-2
 - The Millennial reign of Jesus. Rev 20
- ✓ Declared – (evangelisen): “He announced good news” to declare glad tidings, a message designed to cheer those who receive it.
 - Of Yeshua’s provision for man’s sin.
 - Of God’s ultimate plan to reclaim fallen creation.
 - Revelation is connected with a large portion of end time prophecy in scripture: Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Amos and Zachariah wrote about it.
 - The Prophets speak unitedly of the Messianic Kingdom.
 - Fulfillment of all the covenants and promises made to Israel.
 - Our Kinsman Redeemer will restore the entire created order.
 - He is the Lion of Judah! Isa 9:5-6

10.8 ⁸ Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land."

10.9 ⁹ So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he tells me, "Take and eat it. It will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth."

- ✓ give me – Normally an imperative mood verb would be used here “You give”. Here it is an infinitive (dounai moi): “to give to me”. This probably John’s tentativeness to tell the mighty angel what to do, even though his instruction and authority are from Heaven.
- ✓ Take and eat it – a curious command. Eating is a universal figure of speech for receiving knowledge and internalizing it in him. Jer 15:16, Ezk 3:1-3
 - “take and eat it” (labe kai kataphage): 2 verbs in the imperative mood, “You take and You eat!”
 - John was to eat prophetic word from God (sweet), but judgements that are to happen next are cause for lamentations, mourning and woe (bitter). Amos 5:18-20, Ezk 2:9 – 3:3
- ✓ Bitter – (pikranie): used “of honey mixed with wormwood.”

10.10 ¹⁰ So I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth; but when I had swallowed it, my stomach was made bitter.

10.11 ¹¹ And they tell me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

- ✓ They – Yeshua and the Strong angel possibly.
- ✓ "You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings." – Global,

Summary of Chapter 10:

- ✦ The sweet part of this prophecy is knowing God will settle the scope of man's inhumanities to man and people's rejection of God's son Yeshua.
- ✦ When we truly begin to understand the magnitude of the devastation that will come upon the earth and it's inhabitants, it becomes quite sobering and bitter.
- ✦ Removal before God's wrath – that is sweet.
- ✦ For the ones who stay behind, it is a very bitter to "swallow."
- ✦ The "hard hearted" Earth Dwellers who rejected Yeshua will realize too late that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, upon His return.
- ✦ But, there are others who will turn their hearts to Yeshua and be saved.