

Guide & Record of your thoughts

5/16/2010 Week 20 - Revelation 10:1-11

Following the Message:

1. Chapter 10 is an interlude before the blowing of the seventh trumpet which will signal that time when all counsels and purposes of God concerning the world will be consummated. Christ will come and His kingdom will be established on earth.
2. (10:1) This other strong angel is not Jesus because Jesus is never called an angel in Revelation; angels elsewhere in scripture have splendor and power and not identified as Jesus; there is no biblical evidence that Jesus comes down from heaven midway in the Tribulation; and Jesus wouldn't be swearing an oath to God because He is God.
3. (10:1) Even in wrath, God remembers His mercy (Hab. 3:2)
4. (10:2, 3) The little book lying open in this angel's hand unveils all the terrors of the bowl judgments yet to come.
5. (10:2, 3) Thunder is portrayed as the voice of the Lord seven times. This is pictured in Psalm 29:3-9 which speaks of the voice of the Lord. It is upon the waters; is powerful; is majestic; breaks the cedars; hews out flames of fire; shakes the wilderness; and makes the deer to calve. (7 things)
6. (10:2, 3) In the physical world, thunder warns of an approaching storm, but in the spiritual world, thunder warns of impending storms of judgment.
- 7 (10:6) Significant for us living in these last days is the answer to these two key issues: the existence of God, and creation vs. evolution.
8. (10:7) Once the 7th trumpet sounds, God will act swiftly to establish His rule on earth.

9 (10:7) "complete the mystery of God." This is a clue that the contents of the book are all the information regarding the rest of the tribulation.

10. (10:9) Eating is an ancient idiom for obtaining/receiving knowledge

11. (10:10) God won't force feed us His Word; rather, He calls us to take it from His hand, devour/consume it and absorb it into our lives.

Greek and Hebrew words used today:

Revelation 10:1- strong (Greek); **ischuros**, is-khoo-ros'; forcible:-boisterous, mighty (-ier), powerful, strong (-er, man) valiant

Psalm 103:20 – strength (Hebrew); **gibbor**, ghib-bore'; powerful; by implication warrior, champion, chief, giant, strong, valiant

Revelation 10:6 – swore (Greek); **omnuo**, om-noo'-o; to swear, take (or declare on) oath

Revelation 10:7 – preached (Greek); **euaggelizo**, yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo; from (eu) and (aggelos); to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel: - declare, bring, glad (good) tidings, preach

Revelation 10:7 – mystery (Greek); **musterion**, moos-tay'-ree-on; (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed)

Revelation 10:9 – eat (Greek) **katesthio**, kat-es-thee'-o: to devour

Reflecting on the Text

It is certain (See question 1) that Christ will come and establish His earthly kingdom. Do we believe that? Do we live in anticipation of participating in that earthly reign?

Reflect on the fact that the world is Satan's current kingdom. The judgments in revelation will set the stage for God to take back the earthly kingdom that rightfully belongs to Him. Think about our current allegiance. Is it to the current king who deceives with the things of the world (lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life) or to the coming King who does not deceive but speaks Truth and expects righteousness?

Are we feeding on the Word of God beyond Sunday morning? Do we expose our life to the truth of the Scriptures? As we assimilate the Word of God into our lives, we can be daily transformed by the power as the Holy Spirit teaches us. God's Word will never return empty without accomplishing the purpose for which God has sent it.