

The Angel and the Little Book

Revelation 10
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I. Introduction

- A. This is the longest vision in the book! "I saw" does not appear again until 13:1.
- B. This is the longest interlude between judgments (10:1-11:14).
- C. "Like Chapter 7 it does not advance the narrative but presents other facts which contribute to the total prophetic scene." – Jon Walvoord
- D. What time is it? Halfway through. See 11:2, 3; 12:6, 14; 13:5

II. The Angel and the Little Book – Chapter 10

- A. The description of the angel – vs. 1, 2
 1. Strong (5:2).
 - a. See Psalm 103:20
 2. He came from heaven (same as in Revelation 8:3)
 3. Clothed with a cloud with a rainbow on his head (4:3)
 4. His face was like the sun and feet like pillars of fire (1:15, 16)
 5. In his hand was an open book (a small scroll versus the one held by the Lamb in 5:1)
 6. His right foot on the sea and left foot on the land.
 - a. Sign of total conquest by God.
 7. There are over 60 references to angels in Revelation.
 8. Some say this is Jesus. I think Michael.
- B. The cry of the Angel – vs. 3, 4
 1. He cried out with a loud voice with the authority of a lion.
 2. Seven peals of thunder followed.
 3. A command not to write.
 4. God's children do not need to know everything.
 - a. See Deuteronomy 29:29; II Corinthians 12:4
- C. The allegiance of the Angel – vs. 5-7
 1. God has authority over everything because He made everything.
 - a. See 4:11; 14:7; Colossians 1
 2. God's patience has come to an end. He will "delay" no longer.
 - a. Romans 2:4; II Peter 3:3-9
 3. The mystery of God is finished.
 - a. Ephesians 2:1-7; Galatians 3:28; Jeremiah 31:34
- D. The command to take the book from the angel – vs. 8-10
 1. Same voice as in verse 4:1
 2. John is told to eat the book.
 - a. Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:9; Psalm 19:9, 10
 3. The prediction by the angel is true

4. Some practical lessons

- a. The study of prophecy at first maybe enjoyable but if digested, will bring heaviness of heart
 - b. Those of us who desire to serve on our Lord's behalf must first let God's Word affect (change) us before we minister to others.
 - c. In Christ, the Word became flesh. We must incarnate the Word.
 - i. John 1:14; Isa. 66:2; II Timothy 3:16
 - d. The Word is compared to bread (Matthew 4:4), milk (I Peter 2:2), meat (I Corinthians 3:1, 2) and honey (Psalm 119:103).
- E. Commissioning by the Angel – v. 11
1. "They say", not "he said".
 2. "You must"; it is necessary to prophesy again (Galatians 6:9)
 3. "again"; renewal of repetition of the action
 4. John's responsibility was to minister to all peoples through written revelation

III. By Way of Application

- A. We must declare the truth of God to a world that knows not our God. The following quote is from *Discipleship on the Edge* by Darrell W. Johnson, pp. 199-200:
 1. "Chapter 10 shows us the role of the church as judgment is worked out on the stage of history. We are to declare the truth in the midst of all that is happening. The truth is this: There is a God, a living God. This is God's world. It works God's way or it does not work. If we violate God's will and way, it will turn back on us. But there is a way through all of this. Jesus has made a way. He is the Lamb, slain for our sin. He can lead us back on track. The way back is to run toward God. Yes, run toward the One who has the right to judge, and you find a Lamb ready to receive you. Then to follow him. The way to life is the way of costly obedience, to follow Jesus, come what may."
- B. How do we do this?
 1. We need to repent of anything and everything contrary to God's will and way
 2. Identify: who has God laid on your heart?
 3. Intercede: pray for them.
 4. Invest: spend time with them
 5. Invite: share Christ with them and invite them to make a decision.