

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"The Bittersweet Truth"
Revelation 10:1-11
Part-21

Isaiah 30:10

When we study the Scriptures, we find the content to be both sweet and bitter. Revelation 10:10

This passage is called a "Parenthetical Passage": interlude, pause, break of the action.

Revelation 7 – Has an interlude between the 6th & 7th Seal.

Revelation 10:11:14 – Has an interlude between the 6th & 7th Trumpet.

Revelation 16:15 – Has an interlude between the 6th & 7th Bowl.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts:

- 1. "Things which you have seen"** – Rev. 1 – Vision of the coming of Jesus.
- 2. "The things which are"** – Rev. 2-3 – 7 Churches.
- 3. "The Things which shall take place after these things"** – Rev. 4-2.2.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: God Always Leaves His Witness. In The Darkest Of Times, We Have God's Word Which Is His Witness.

1. Verses 1-4 – The Mighty Angel

2. Verses 5-7 – The End Of The Age

3. Verses 8-11 – Eating The Book

1. Verses 1-4 – The Mighty Angel:

Revelation 10:1 – "I saw" – This is a term John uses to introduce a new vision in the Revelation.

"I saw another strong angel" – The word "Angel" – messenger. Some believe this to be "The Angel of The Lord", OT Theophany or Christophany.

Genesis 16:7; 18:1-33; Exodus 3:1-14; Judges 2:1-4, 6:11;
2 Samuel 24:16; Daniel 3:24-25 (Never NT).

Word "another" (same kind); "strong angel" – This strong angel is an envoy that represents Jesus, who is in heaven and who will return, Revelation 19. The reason being that after the resurrection, Jesus is not revealed as "The Angel of The Lord" but "The Glorified Son". This angel Revelation 10:6 – "swore by Him who lives forever and ever," – The Son of God does not swear by God but by Himself! Heb 6:13-18.

Description – "strong angel" – "mighty or having great power"

"coming down out of heaven" – coming from heaven as the envoy of God.

"clothed with a cloud" – Speaks of the Second Coming, Matthew 24:30.

"rainbow was upon His head" – Genesis 9:13-16; Rev. 4:3 – rainbow – "God's mercy".

Habakkuk 3:2

"his face was like the sun," – Revelation 1:16 – The radiance of His glory that is His presence. Exodus 34:29

"and feet like pillars of fire" – The pillars of fire – unbending holiness and judgment, Revelation 1:15.

Revelation 10:2

"he had in his hand a little book" – Greek "biblion"; word only used here, Revelation 10:2, 9-10; Revelation 5 – Book, Scroll, title deed; Revelation 10 – Little Book.

"which was open" – "permanence"; This is an open book. Revelation 5 – it was a closed book or scroll. Daniel 12:4

Revelation 5:1 – that foretold of the coming Judgments; Seal, Trumpet Judgments; now they are revealed, open!

"placed his right foot on the sea and left on the land." – Making a claim of both sea and land.

Joshua 1:3

Speaks of Ownership – 1 Corinthians 10:26

Revelation 10:3

"He cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars" – The Lord is described as a roaring lion that is going to strike, Amos 1:2, Hosea 11:10, Joel 3:16.

Jeremiah 25:30

Peter Said Of Satan: 1 Peter 5:8

"when he had cried out, the seven (completeness) peals of thunder" – speaks of "God's judgment".

Revelation 8:5

John 12:28-29

"uttered their voices" – voice of the Lord – Psalm 29:3-9

Revelation 10:4

Revelation – "to unveil, to uncover, to reveal". Here, God said Seal up the things; 2 Corinthians 12:4.

Deuteronomy 29:29

2. Verses 5-7 – The End Of The Age:

Revelation 10:5

"Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea" – Revelation 10:1-3.

"lifted up his right hand to heaven," – The position of someone taking an oath.

Revelation 10:6

Eternal One: "and swore by Him who lives forever and ever,"

Hebrews 6:13

The True God, The Creator: "WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT," – Colossians 1:16

Message Of The Oath: "that there shall be delay no longer," – or "time has run out!"; "no more intervening".

2 Peter 3:9

Revelation 6:9-12 – This announcement is welcome news for martyrs of the tribulation. The Prayer Request Answered – Matthew 6:10.

Revelation 10:7

Revelation 11:15-19 – Seventh Trumpet.

“mystery of God is finished,” – Term “mystery” – a doctrine or teaching that was not previously understood or known, or fully revealed. Mystery of the kingdom, Matt 13:11; Mystery of Israel’s blindness, Rom 11:25; Mystery of the Rapture, 1 Cor 15:51; Mystery of Lawlessness, 2 Thess 2:7; Mystery of the Incarnation, 1 Tim 3:16.

“then the mystery of God is finished,” – 7th Trumpet, Revelation 11:15.

“as He preached to His servants the prophets.” – Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Joel, Amos, and Zachariah.

NT Matthew 24; 2 Thess 1:5-2:12.

3. Verses 8-11 – Eating The Book:

Revelation 10:8

Revelation 10:4 – The voice that forbid John of writing or recording.

Revelation 10:9

“give me the little book.” – “the Word of God to John.”

“And he said to me, ‘Take it, and eat it;’” – “devouring, appropriating it, assimilating God’s truth”... Food becomes a part of us.

Jeremiah 15:16

Ezekiel 3:1-3

“and it will make your stomach bitter” – sorrow, bitter warnings – prophecies of judgments – sober truths.

The preacher/teacher must be affected by the Word before he gives it out to others!

“sweet as honey” – “promises, assurances, truths, joy, peace, security”,
Psalm 19: 9-10.

Hebrews 4:12 – speaks of God's Word as being a “two-edged sword”.

Revelation 10:10-11

Application:

1. This Passage Is A Combination Of Both Sweet And Bitter. Jesus Will Return Victorious, But Sinners And Demons Will Be Judged.
2. Believers Have A Responsibility To Share And Warn Those That Are Lost.
3. Christians Need To Take The Book, Eat The Book, Allowing The Book To Become Part Of Us. Then We Can Effectively Warn And Teach Others.