

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 10:1-11 the second interlude begins as we are shown 5 actions by a mighty angel representing God.

- I. The mighty angel appears and speaks with God's authority and power (vs. 1-3a).
- II. The mighty angel calls forth another cycle of judgment which God then commands John to seal (vs. 3b-4).
- III. The mighty angel proclaims final judgment will be delayed no more (vs. 5-6).
- IV. The mighty angel proclaims God's final judgment will complete God's plan just as He promised (vs.7-8).
- V. The mighty angel presents John with God's bitter-sweet prophetic message that must be preached before the final judgment occurs (vs. 8-11).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 2, 2018

Passage: Revelation 10:1-11

Memory Passage: Revelation 10:9-11

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Revelation 10:1-11.** This week we try something a bit different. Each day I will make a statement about the meaning of the text, and it is your job to search the Scriptures to support the statement, or, if you disagree, support a different understanding. All the statements I will make are what I think the text means (at least today ☺). Remember to keep the verse in context (start with the closest verses and move in your thinking to what immediately precedes and follows, to the book of Revelation, to the other writings of John, to the NT, to the OT, and to biblical theology as a whole), to consider the genre of apocalyptic and its interpretive guidelines, and to check your understanding by asking if it would make sense and apply to the 7 churches to whom the letter was written. Remember, you must support the statement from Scripture if you agree with it (don't simply say "I agree") and if you disagree, you must prove why it is wrong as well as support your view from Scripture.

(b) Statement #1: The angel's appearance reminds us of Christ, but he is still an angel, not Christ.

(c) Statement #2: The angel bears the image of His master, the risen Christ, and the characteristics of his appearance cause us to remember God's sovereignty over land, sea, and heaven, especially important in the context of this interlude and the events portrayed throughout the book of Revelation.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 10:1-11.** Statement #3: The angel's appearance causes us to remember God delivering His children from slavery in Egypt into the kingdom of the Promised land through the physical exodus and then to reflect upon the work of Christ who delivered His people from slavery to sin to the eternal Kingdom through a spiritual exodus.

(b) Statement #4: The angel's loud voice, "like a lion roaring," reminds us that God comes to judge sin, especially in light of the call for John to prophecy.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 10:1-11.** Statement #5: The "seven thunders" sounded another round of judgment (just as the 7 seals, trumpets, and upcoming bowls), but John was forbidden to write them down because it is time for God to answer the prayers of the saints through showing the final judgment (the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet). The earth-dwellers who survived the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet still refused to repent (9:20), so God is about to act.

(b) Statement #6: The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet will call forth events that bring about the fulfillment of God's sovereign plan to unite all things in heaven and on earth in Christ through the preaching of the gospel to every tribe, tongue, people, and nation and both the salvation and judgment it produces.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 10:1-11.** Statement #7: Just as the prophet Ezekiel was to eat God's word and speak it back to the Israelites, John is to eat, to feed on, God's word, and then to universally prophesy (to all people in all nations) that same word, the gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel will be sweet to John as he feeds upon it because it contains the promise of salvation to people from every tribe, tongue, nation, and people, but it also includes judgment of idolaters from these same groups, so it makes his stomach bitter.

(b) Statement #7: Revelation 10 prepares us for Revelation 11:1-14 because this sovereign God, who cannot be thwarted from fulfilling His plan of redeeming His people and judging His enemies, protects His church in the age between the advents as they preach the gospel in midst of persecution. The encouragement of chapter 10 leads to the faithfulness of 11:14.

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 10:1-11.** Write down several specific applications of the truths found in Revelation 10 in each of the following areas: (1) the way in which the Biblical theology you learned will impact your everyday life, (2) your role of representing Christ and His attributes to a lost and dying world, (3) your commitment to regularly intake ("eat") God's word, (4) your commitment to preach the full gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, (5) your trust in the truth and sufficiency of God's word for the most minute details of your daily life.

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*Sweet in Your Mouth, Bitter in Your Stomach*