

BOOK OF REVELATION

14. The Angel and a Scroll



Revelation 10

Introduction

We have often heard the phrase, 'The End Times'. There are many passages in the Bible that refer to the events that will take place in those days. These events are described in the book of Revelation as the 7 Seals and the 7 Trumpets. Just as there was a pause after the 6th seal to see what is happening to the church, so there is a pause after the 6th Trumpet to hear what God is saying to his prophets and witnesses. This is just before the 7th trumpet sounds.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 10:1-11



Describe the appearance of the Mighty Angel John saw in his vision. v1 Compare with the vision Daniel received in Daniel 10:4-6.

(Daniel

Dressed in linen

Belt of gold

Face like lightening

Arms & legs like burnished bronze

John

Robed in a cloud

Rainbow over head

Face like sun

Legs like fiery pillars)



What did this Mighty Angel do and say? v2, 5-6. Compare with what happened in Daniel's vision. Daniel 12:5-7

(Daniel

He appeared above the waters

Lifted his right & left hand

Made an oath giving time

Words closed & sealed

John

Planted his feet on land & sea

He raised his hand to heaven

Made an oath saying no delay

Told to take scroll and eat it)



Why do you think this Angel makes an oath? V6-7 Read Hebrews 6:16-20. What encouragement does this give to you?

(In a law court a person has to take an oath before becoming a witness, to say that he will speak the truth. When God makes a promise it is absolutely trustworthy, but to reassure us He makes an oath to confirm that His word is true. And so we have God's word on oath that once the time comes He will bring about these things with no more delay.)



The Angel says that when the 7th Trumpet sounds the mystery of God will be accomplished. What is this mystery? v7, Ephesians 1:9-10, Colossians 1:26-27, Revelation 11:15.

(This is no longer a mystery to believers, as it has already been revealed in Christ. The mystery is God's plan that Jesus Christ will rule and reign forever, and when the 7th Trumpet sounds this will come to pass.)



What did the Angel then tell John to do? V8-11 Discuss the significance of this.

(What John experienced was similar to what had happened to the Prophet Ezekiel. Both were told to take the scroll and eat it, and both said it tasted as sweet as honey. However both had messages of judgment to bring. God's Word brings a warning (which is bitter), but when we keep it there is great reward. (it will then be sweet)



Share a time when God's word has been sweet to your taste, and another time when it seemed bitter, because God was giving you a warning.

Conclusion

God's Word is totally dependable and true. What He has said WILL come to pass. We all love to remember the promises and cling to them in times of trouble, but we also need to take heed to the warnings. Let's learn to take in God's Word and digest it well, so we will respond to what God is saying to us and be changed by it. Psalm 19 says: "By them (God's Words) is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."