

Revelation 10..

Visions covered by the first six (6) trumpets

Revelation chapter 10 begins another parenthesis in the chronology of Revelation.

My thoughts:

- These visions relate to the time period covered by the first six trumpets, and thus to the latter half of the Tribulation.

Revelation 10:1-2, Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars.² He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

At no other time does Christ appear as an angel or created being after His resurrection. Therefore,

- This angel is most likely Michael, Gabriel, or an angel equal to them who swears an oath by Jesus Christ, indicating something significant is about to happen.
- Angels play a prominent role in the Apocalypse, being mentioned sixty-six times.

The cloud, the rainbow, the sun, and the pillars of fire may refer to deity.

The prophetic Word, which is what the "Little Book (Scroll)" is, contains the "sweet" message of God's wonderful plan for mankind including the coming of Christ, the Millennium Kingdom, and Heaven, but

- *It also contains the Judgment of God on sinners who do not repent and come to Him, and their ultimate consignment to hell.*

Just the fact that it is opened tells us that it is to be revealed to those who will consume it.

Remember—There is an open door available to all until their last final breath.

The planting of the feet on the sea and the earth (dry land) shows:

- Christ's authority over the earth in its entirety, and
- The appropriation of His promised inheritance as Messiah.

Revelation 10:3-4, “..And he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.’”

It seems that John was attempting to write down everything as he saw it; but, this little book is not for the world to see (not for the world in general).

- Only the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are supposed to understand what is in the Book, and then only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and studying the Word.
- Jesus, or God the Father, stops John from revealing these things by telling him not to write this down.
- Thundering voices must have come either from God or something very near Him. The voices that sound like seven thunders are a unique feature in the book of Revelation.
- John is prepared to write down what these thunder like voices say when he hears another voice telling him to "seal up and not write down what he heard".

This is the only proclamation in the entire book of Revelation that is sealed up.

Both Daniel and John were instructed to seal up much of what they saw, reserving the interpretation for the generation to whom it would be obvious:

John and Daniel: JOHN: "I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them." And then, IN DANIEL: "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

NOTE: It should be apparent to even the most casual of readers that this is the generation in which knowledge has increased to the level necessary to understand the differences between symbols and substance.

This is the generation in which many will experience John's eyewitness testimony, to their everlasting regret! This is the Generation of End Times.

Revelation 10:5-6, Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. ⁶And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who

created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay!"

- Lifting the hand signifies taking an oath (Gen. 14:22, 23; Dan 12:7).
- The announcement of the angel is that there will be no more delay in the establishment of the millennial kingdom of Christ.
- Time no longer.
This literally means "delay no longer" and indicates that the time of the end is rapidly approaching. From the sounding of the seventh angel's trumpet, the world will move relentlessly toward the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Bible, culminating in the coming of Christ to the earth.

Revelation 10:7, "But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

This seventh trumpet means this is the final judgment. Throughout the New Testament, God spoke in parables so the world would not understand. Just those to whom Jesus would reveal Himself would understand.

Revelation 10:8-9, "Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but 'in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.'"

- This is the third reference to the location of the angel who stands on the sea and earth. (Verses 2, 5 and 8)
- This emphasizes strongly the unusual authority he has over the earth.
- John is told to eat the little book, and when he does, it becomes sweet in his mouth (Ps. 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16) but bitter in his belly.

The act of eating represents the understanding and appropriation of prophetic revelation.

- ❖ The message is "sweet" because at last the kingdom's promises are about to be fulfilled.
- ❖ It is bitter because it can only be accomplished through more judgment and tribulation.

As believers, we are told to eat this book, just as John was told to eat it. This "little book", I believe, is the Word of God, the Bible.

The Bible (Word) is alive.

- When we eat the Bible it gives us the strength to live victorious lives before Him.
- Jesus is in dominion over everything. He is our source of power.
- Studying the Bible is more important to our life than our daily bread.
 - The Bible is of no private interpretation. God the Holy Spirit will teach each of us what the Bible is saying to us.

Revelation 10:10, "I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour."

- The act of eating the book (scroll) symbolizes the absorbing and assimilating God's Holy Word. The Bible
- When John consumed the book, the words that were written were sweet as honey. (very pleasing); But, for those who would be tormented in hell for the rest of eternity which was about to happen,
- John then tasted the bitterness as He knew God was about to take back the earth which was rightfully His, and be exalted, honored and glorified as He deserved.
- John realized the terrible punishment that was about to be given to unrepentant unbelievers and that caused the sweet taste to turn to bitterness.

Revelation 10:11, "Then I was told, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.'"

This verse is a key to the chronology of the Book of Revelation.

- John is told to prophesy again concerning many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
- The seal and trumpet judgments have brought the chronology close to the end of the Tribulation period and to the return of Christ to the earth (Rev. 11-15).

**Jesus is King
His Kingdom will be established.**