

The book of Revelation

Chapter 10

An interlude between trumpet 6 & 7

-This interlude is purposeful and is given to redirect the hearers mind to the sovereignty of the Lord over these events and to reaffirm them of His _____ for His people during such devastation upon the earth (just as the interlude after seal six demonstrated).

“Between the sixth and seventh trumpets, as between the sixth and seventh seals, an interlude is inserted to dramatize the delay of final judgement and to refocus our attention on God’s care for His church in the midst of His providential and _____ judgments on its oppressors.” (Johnson, 152)

1. *The angel with a little scroll (10:1-7)*

-Another mighty angel appears (different from the strong angel already mentioned in 5:2) who is described in ways very similar to how Christ has been described. However, this close description should not lead us to _____ this angel with Christ.

“Their symbolism clearly indicates that this angel is very closely associated with Christ (1:7, 17; 4:3). Look up these references and see the close resemblance between Christ and the angel. Yet the two figures do _____ indicate the same person.” (138)

“The appearance of the angel replicates the glories of God and of the Son of Man so closely that some readers believe that the angel is Christ...nevertheless we should probably not equate the strong angel with the Lamb...The radiance of the angel’s appearance marks him as one who bears the _____ of His Master, reflecting the Master’s glory as he brings the Master’s message.” (Johnson, 157-158)

-This angel had a little scroll in his hand that was open. The angel is so _____ that he places one foot on the sea and another foot on dry land. This mighty angel then declares something with a loud voice leading seven thunders to sound.

“Why does this angel stand upon the sea and upon the land and why does he utter a great shout like the roar of a lion? Because His message concerns the entire universe and _____ be heard by all.” (139)

-John is about to write down what he heard from the angel and the responding seven thunders but is told not to write it down. Even though God reveals much to us there are some things that happen and will happen that the Lord has not _____ to us.

“The meaning is clearly this: never shall we be able to know and to describe all the factors and agencies that determine the future. We know the meaning of the lampstands, the seals, the trumpets, the bowl, etc., but there are _____ forces at work; there are other principles that are operating in the universe, namely, the seven thunders. What they are we do not know. So let us be very careful in making predictions regarding the future: we may be leaving out a very important factor.” (139)

-The angel then takes an oath that _____ of God’s judgment will be no more. He declares that the angel who blows the seventh trumpet will bring about the fulfillment of the mystery of God which he in former times announced to the prophets.

“The mystery of God-mystery not because it is something entirely unknown, but because it would have remained unknown if God had not revealed it-this mystery of God’s decree with respect to the history of the world is about to reach its _____ in the final judgement.” (139)

“The seventh trumpet is the _____ trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52), and when it sounds no further opportunity for repentance will remain.” (Johnson, 161)

2. *John takes and eats the little scroll (10:8-11)*

-A voice from heaven now commands John to _____ the scroll from the mighty angel. After receiving the scroll from the angel John is told by the angel to _____ the scroll. The angel tells John that it will taste sweet but then give him an upset stomach. John does as he was told and eats the scroll. (Ezekiel 2:8-3:3)

“Psalm 119:103 makes clear what is meant: the scroll is the Word of God, His _____ in which the mystery of salvation is set forth. That gospel is in itself glorious and sweet. But its proclamation is always followed by bitter persecution...the apostle must not merely understand and digest the message of the gospel; but he must experience both its sweetness and the _____, the cross-bearing, which is always the portion of those who truthfully proclaim it” (140)

-This glorious gospel message is to be proclaimed again because it concerns the people of the earth. They are to hear this message of God. But this message is not just a message of good things but also of coming _____ for those who persist in rebellion against the Lord. Just as Ezekiel was told to speak to a rebellious people so too John is called to preach it again to rebellious people.