

Revelation Part 9 | 7/18/17

- The interlude of chapters 10 and 11.
 - Chapters 10 and 11 serve as an interlude between the 6th and seventh trumpet.
 - Similar to the 7th chapter we have a pause where God reminds us that He is sovereign and that ultimately, He will prevail.
- The angel and the little scroll | Revelation 11
 - **Read Revelation 11**
 - Who is the mighty angel?
 - There are two different perspectives as to “who” this mighty angel is.
 - Some see him not as an angel, but Jesus Christ.
 - The description of the cloud which was always depicted with Jesus coming and going.
 - The rainbow was over the throne of God.
 - His face was like the sun was also a description of Jesus in Revelation 1:16
 - Some see this angel as literally a mighty and powerful angel.
 - The definition of the Greek word for “another” means: “being one more in addition to one or more of the same kind”.
 - The descriptive terms may be similar to how Jesus is described but still reflect a very powerful angel that God has called for this purpose.
 - In verse 5 the angel raises his hand to heaven and swears to him who lives forever and ever.
 - In verse 8 a voice from heaven says to take the scroll from the angel, why would God call Jesus an angel?
 - Whichever view you take the end result is the same and doesn’t affect or change anything.
 - God is in control
 - The imagery that we are given of this angel or Jesus Christ shows us that God is fully and completely in control.
 - Even as we have seen the destruction upon the world, the releasing of demonic forces and the upcoming antichrist that God is still in control.
 - The vision of the angel with a foot in the sea and also the land along with the seven thunders is powerful imagery.
 - God is claiming the world everything is His.
 - Even with the following events in which the beast (antichrist) is unleashed on the earth Satan is not in control.
 - The little scroll that is mighty
 - The little scroll is thought to either be a new scroll or possibly the same one that Jesus opened in 6:1.
 - It would seem to be a different scroll as the purpose for this one was for John to consume and then he was to prophesy.
 - The scroll is seen as God’s Word that he takes to then prophecy God’s truth.
 - This scroll is little yet mighty in that God’s word, His truth, His judgment, His mercy and His grace.
 - Seal up what the seven thunders has said.
 - There is an interesting passage in verse 4 where John was about to write what was said out of the seven thunders, but he was told to seal them up and not write it down.

- We do not know what this was of course so we can only speculate. It was something that God chose to withhold from us, that even in this book of prophecy there are many things He will not reveal to us.
- Job 37:5
 - “God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.
- Deuteronomy 29:29
 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”
- **How do you feel after reading these verses, regarding the things that we do not understand and that God has chosen not to reveal to us?**
- There would be no more delay
 - The angel swore to God and said that there would be no more delay.
 - The 2nd coming of Christ is at hand and the final half of the tribulation is getting ready to begin.
 - God has been delaying His final judgment to allow repentance.
 - 2 Peter 3:9
 - “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”
 - This is why God has been delaying His coming, He desires for all to come to repentance.
 - However, God’s “patience” is coming to an end and His righteous judgment will be made unto all the world.
 - 2 Peter 3:10
 - “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.”
 - God is patient but there is an end a time of judgment.
 - **Should this truth cause us to truly be intentional about always looking for opportunities to share the Gospel? That perhaps this is the single most important thing that we have been entrusted to complete?**
- The mystery of God would be fulfilled.
 - A “mystery” according to Scripture is a truth of God that was once concealed, but has now been revealed through Christ and the apostles.
 - Romans 16:25-26
 - “Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal god, to bring about the obedience of faith”
 - There were many mysteries that have been revealed to us through the Scriptures, that were provided during and after Jesus’s time on Earth.
 - Paul understood that there were things once hidden to the world, but God revealed them at the proper time.

