

20211114 – THE MIGHTY ANGEL AND THE LITTLE BOOK

Sunday AM – Revelation 10:1-11

I. THE INTERVAL

- A. Remember that Hell has INVADED the Earth
 - 1. This is an interval between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpets
 - 2. But it is only an interval for John (and us as we read the book!)
 - a. The First Woe is past / Fifth Trumpet REV. 9:12
 - b. But there is no ending to the Second Woe / Sixth Trumpet here!
 - c. The Sixth Trumpet is not ended until REV. 11:14
 - 3. It is important to remember that the final three are called “Woes”
 - a. See all Seven in REV. 8:2
 - b. See that the final three are pronounced in REV. 8:13
 - 4. This is a pattern that we see with both the Trumpets and Vials
 - a. Both have a pause or an interlude in both places
 - b. REV. 16:12 – The Sixth Vial is poured out and then a space
 - c. REV. 16:17 – The Seventh Vial is poured out
- B. The invasion has NOT stopped!
 - 1. There is still a demonic cavalry of 200 MILLION roaming the Earth
 - 2. They are still on fire breathing horses with the heads of lions!
 - a. Why shouldn’t their horses have lion’s heads?
 - b. 1 PETER 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”
 - c. That’s called juxtaposition – the combination of unrelated things
 - i. An herbivore herd animal with a carnivorous head
 - ii. Like sexual deviant men dressing like women
 - iii. Like those who worship the creation more than Creator
 - iv. It’s all OUT of order, two things not meant to go together
 - 3. There are STILL unrepentant DISBELIEVERS
 - a. STILL worshipping devils
 - b. STILL committing murder
 - c. STILL performing sorceries
 - d. STILL pursuing adulteries
 - e. STILL acting in thieveries
- C. But today we see the Mighty Angel and the Little Book
 - 1. We will hear the declaration
 - 2. We will take our instructions
 - 3. We will praise the Lord for His Salvation to us!

II. THE MIGHTY ANGEL

- A. He could be the Lord Jesus Christ

1. PSALM 24:1 – “The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”
 - a. Note that this is ANOTHER mighty angel REV. 5:2
 - b. Remember that angel means “messenger”
 - c. He is the very definition of Good News (the Gospel!)
2. His feet (land and sea) demonstrate His dominion over all the world
- B. There are no other “angels” shown with such a DESCRIPTION (vs. 1)
 1. Clothed with a cloud – Compare with REV. 1:7
 2. Compare with REV. 1:12-16
- C. Look again at His POSITION (vs. 2)
 1. He comes as conqueror of the Earth
 2. PSALM 2:7-8 – “I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.”
 3. He holds the little book OPENED
 - a. REV. 5:3 – “And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.”
 - b. REV. 5:7 – “And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.”
 4. None other than the TITLE DEED to the Earth and the 7 seals are broken!
- D. Listen to His VOICE (vs. 3-4)
 1. The Bible tells us He roars like a LION (of the tribe of Judah)
 2. REV. 5:5 – “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”
 3. His voice is accompanied by SEVEN THUNDERS
 - a. Seven is the number of completeness
 - b. Thunders describes judgment on the Earth
 - c. PSALM 18:13 – “The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.”
 4. God ordered John NOT to write down any details about these Thunders
 - a. They are not for us to know yet
 - b. Something about them must reveal too much / infringe upon faith
 - c. EPH. 2:8 – “For BY grace are ye saved THROUGH faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
 - d. Grace provided the opportunity, but FAITH is the avenue!

III. THE DECLARATION

- A. He swears by the Eternal God – He makes claim on the ENTIRE EARTH
 1. This shows His complete dominion over ALL things
 - a. Satan’s armies are still running rampant
 - b. Hells horses are charging

2. But God is still the ALL-POWERFUL King!
3. Only He can swear by Him that liveth for ever and ever!
- B. What is the promise? What is the Declaration? No more time! (vs. 6)
 1. Many take that verse incorrectly – think that it looks to a future state
 2. A state of eternity in the New Heaven and New Earth
 3. But read it in context with Vs. 7 (There's a colon there)
 4. The MYSTERY that was begun will be COMPLETED
- C. What God sets His hand to will be done.
 1. Satan WILL be bound
 2. Satan WILL be cast into Bottomless Pit
 3. Satan WILL be finally cast into the Lake of Fire
 4. It's as certain as if it's already done!

IV. THE LITTLE BOOK

- A. John is commanded to eat the book (vs. 8-9)
 1. Ezekiel had a similar command
 2. EZEKIEL 3:1-3 – “Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. (2) So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. (3) And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.”
 3. Just as we are to study (chew) and digest the contents of THIS BIBLE
- B. Look at the results when John ate the Book (vs. 10)
- C. It was sweet as honey in his mouth
 1. This tells of the sweet thoughts of our Conquering King Jesus Christ
 2. The Glories of God and His Righteous Victory
 3. The Wonderful Grace of Salvation and the Blood He Shed
 4. 1 COR. 2:9 - “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”
- D. But see, it's BITTER in the belly
 1. As we continue to consider we think of those under God's wrath
 2. Those to whom we should witness but don't
 3. Those, even those wicked idolators in Ch. 9, who will die
 4. They will go to a Christless Hell, dying forever, without hope

V. THE INSTRUCTION

- A. John must prophesy again
 1. Some believe that John will be one of the two Witnesses in Chapter 11
 - a. That's going to be exciting to look at when we get there!
 - b. Who are those two witnesses?

2. But that's not fully applicable to the context (Vs. 10)
 3. This book IS Prophecy!
 4. It IS read by many peoples, nations, tongues, and Kings!
- B. What does the word "prophecy" mean?
1. People sometimes get the wrong idea - there are 2 connotations
 2. First of all - it means to tell the truth
 - a. DEUT 18:22 tells us the measure of a false prophet
 - b. A prophet must always tell the truth 100% of the time
 3. Prophecy is certainly FORE TELLING the future or God's plan
 4. But that isn't the only way the word can be used.
 5. ACTS 21:9 – "And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy."
 - a. That means they were FORTH TELLING the Gospel
 - b. These daughters took after their Daddy
 - c. They would tell anyone who would sit still about Jesus!
- C. We must also be prophets in that sense
1. We must FORTH TELL the truth of Jesus Christ
 2. That the WAGES of sin is DEATH
 3. But the GIFT of God is Eternal LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord
 - a. Sin is the Problem
 - b. Hell is the Penalty
 - c. But Jesus Provides Salvation!