

“Revelation #14”

Revelation 10: 1-11 / 11: 1-14 (Scroll, two witnesses and the 7th trumpet)

Review: Chapters 8 – 9

- Six trumpet judgements of God on the earth... throughout history and increased when the end is near. (Jesus say's it's: Like birth pains)
- After all these judgements... man's heart is hardened. (Refused to repent)

These things, (judgements) are and do happen throughout history and continue even today.

J.I. Packer:

“Futurist interpreters see a chronological order between the seven seals, seven trumpets and seven bowls... Rather than being ordered as a straight chronology, the book of revelation is organized in a number of sections that cover the same chronological ground over and over again. This way of organizing a book is called recapitulation... we find recapitulation in the Old Testament prophetic book that most influenced the writing of Revelation. For instance, in Daniel 2 and 7, the same sequence of events is described using different symbols, in Revelation, the seals, the trumpets, and the bowls describe events that occur during this present age... Between the first and second comings of Jesus.”

I know not everyone agrees, especially like me if you were saved during the thief in the night, the left behind teachings... (My testimony, how I used to believe) *next week, study on the second coming...*

Text chapter 10: 1 – 4 NIV Before I read these verses. Let's look at some background...

- Second interlude, between the 6th and 7th trumpet.
- The first interlude was between the 6th and 7th seal. (Chapter 6:17 and Chapter 7)
- What's the purpose of these interludes...
- The first: *To see who is able to stand and the sealing of Gods people; those able to stand are those washed in the blood of Jesus.*
- Now the second: *Since these punishments haven't brought the people to repentance... what more can God do? (For he is longsuffering... not willing that any should perish)*

Why I decided to use the NIV for this section of study... (Read V's 1 – 4)

J. I. Packer:

*“in Revelation, there are seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls. There are also seven thunders, though most people don’t know about them. There’s a reason for that: when the angel called out, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded. (John says) “I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down...” John is to keep the message of the seven thunders secret by not writing what they reveal. This is an important reminder for all readers of Revelation. **God reveals some things to us, but not all things...** Realizing this should humble us before His sovereign wisdom, but also strengthen us in hope, as we realize that God has purposes and plans, we do not know, for events and circumstances we do not understand.”*

Text 10: 5 – 7 Read

- Angel lifts his hand to God in praise and reverence...
- Seventh trumpet... the mystery of God will be fulfilled.

Text 10: 8 – 11 Read

- What is this scroll... and why is bitter and sweet. (The word of God)
- V 11... *“I was told you must prophesy...”*

Text 11: 1 – 4 Read

- Number 1, what is this temple, is it literal? Or is it the church? **(We are the temple of God)**
- Answer: I believe it's both... V2... most scholars believe the trampling of the holy city is in reference to the destruction of the temple in 70AD.
- Roman general Titus between June 67AD and December 70AD **(Exactly 42 months)** came and leveled the city and then tore down the temple. (This is also a fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy)
- And who are these two witnesses? V's 3 – 4... ***"Two olive trees and two lampstands"***

Zech 4: 4-7 and 4: 11-14 Read.

- Two witnesses could be two actual men...
- Or it could be the word of God... preached by the church, ***The two witnesses being, Law and Gospel?***
- Whichever you believe... they are in sack cloth, to me this is the important thing!
- Sack cloth in the bible speaks of repentance and mourning...

Text 11: 5 – 11 Read. (How you interpret these next verses depends on if you see this as allegory or actually two men)

- Again, this can be two actual prophets or the message from believers preaching.
- Either way the word is being preached and it infuriates the people and demonic forces... the beast rises up against the word preached.

Text 11: 12 – 13 Read.

- God calls them to heaven... ***"Come up here... and their enemies watched them!"***
- Because of this statement I lean towards two actual prophets.
- But I've read compelling arguments either way.