

“Revelation; God’s Final Word” by David O. Dykes

“The Angel and the Little Scroll” Chapters 10-11

This is the future – what Jesus says “will take place later.”

Ch. 10

The seven seals have been opened. The first six trumpets have sounded.

A Mysterious Angel

Rev. 10:1-3 – “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. 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, and he gave a loud shout like the Roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke.” – The book of Psalms and the book of Revelation speak most about angels than any other book. Why do you think this is so and how are they different in the two books?

John was told not to write down what the seven thunders spoke, “seal it up” (10:4). Had he written it, we would have had seven seals, seven trumpets, seven thunders, and then seven bowls of wrath.

Rev. 10:7 – The angel raised his right hand and swore allegiance to God “that there would be no more delay,...the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.” What is the mystery of God?

Evil is building up in the world like the waters on a dam. He is pleading with us to accept his love and mercy. The dam of God’s rath will break when there is “no more delay”. Judgement of the world is coming. Why is God giving us this window into the future when these events will occur?

2 Peter 3:3-4 – “First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this coming he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” Do you have scoffers in your life?

2 Peter 3:9 – “He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” What does this tell you of the character of God? What does this tell you of the character He wishes upon us?

A Bittersweet Book

John eats the open scroll in the hand of the angel. It is sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach.

Ezekiel 2:7-10 – Ezekiel is filled with the Spirit and sent to the rebellious Israelites - “You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.”

Ezekiel 3:3 – “Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.”

Sweet – what is sweet about the words of God?

Bitter – What is bitter about the words of God?

What are the similarities between John the Ezekiel?

Ch. 11

The Two Witnesses – Rev. 11:1 – “Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Math: $42/12=3.5$ years. $1260/365=3.45$ years – This is a 3-and-a-half-year period. What will these times be like?

Daniel 9:27 – “He (the ruler who will come) will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven’. In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” Jesus spoke of this in Math. 24:15. The antichrist will demand to be worshipped.

A New Temple

The Israelites have had 3 temples:

1. Portable Temple
2. Solomon built a temple – destroyed in 586BC
3. Zerubbabel’s Temple (“Herod’s Temple” during Jesus’ time) – destroyed in 70AD
4. A new temple will be rebuilt. Can we see this happening during our days?

The Temple Mount – Muslims say Mohammed ascended into heaven there, but Mohammed never visited Israel. It is not on the ancient Jewish Temple. We do not know when or how the new temple will be rebuilt.

The Two Witnesses – They will hold back the rain, turn water to blood, and strike the earth with plagues.
Where in scripture have we heard this before?

Are the two witnesses Moses and Elijah? Elijah – held back rain for 3.5 years and called down fire (2 Kings1).

Moses – turned water into blood and brought deadly plagues on the earth (Exodus). We do not know as they are not named in Rev.

Rev. 11:7 – “...the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,” Their bodies will lay in the streets of Jerusalem for 3.5 days and the world will celebrate. People will celebrate and exchange gifts like an Anti-Christmas. How is it possible that the entire world will be able to watch the dead bodies of the two witnesses?

God then breathes life into their bodies, and they rise, alive again. He then calls them to heaven in a cloud. A tenth of the city is then destroyed by an earthquake and seven thousand people are killed. What will be the reaction of the world?

Back in Heaven

Rev. 11:15 – “Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

A time is coming when the governments of the world will be on the shoulders of Jesus Christ. There will be a one thousand millennial reign of Jesus. What does this mean to you and our world? And what does this say about our Father in heaven?