

**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

*1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”*

**Title:** No More Delay

**Series:** Revelation ... 16

**Text:** Revelation 10:1 - 11

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to PRAY for “many peoples and nations and languages and kings.” Revelation 10:11

### Introduction:

In chapter nine we considered the sounding of trumpets 5 and 6: 1) Sounding of the Fifth Trumpet; 2) Sounding of the Sixth Trumpet; 3) Solemn Revelation of the Human Response

In chapter ten we have the second interlude since the opening of the seals on the scroll in Revelation 5: the first interlude was chapter 7 between the sixth and the seventh seals, this interlude is between the sixth and the seventh trumpets!

Notice that these interludes DO NOT advance the chronology of events in Revelation.

This interlude is generally thought to be at the mid-point of the ‘great tribulation.’

There are at least four major elements in chapter 10 worthy of our attention: the angel; the little scroll; the instruction to John; and the prophecy from God.

There are two major points that scholars are NOT in agreement on: the identity of the angel and the identity of the “little scroll.”

### 1. Appearance of the Angel and His Message:

~ vs. 1, “another mighty angel”; same wording as Revelation 5:2, “I saw a mighty angel”

~ “wrapped in a cloud;” 9 of 20 occurrences in the New Testament clouds are connected to judgment – Matt. 24:30, 26:64; Mark 13:26, 14:62; Luke 21:27; Revelation 1:7, 14:14, 15, 16

~ “rainbow” speaks of covenant promise, mercy and grace in the midst of divine judgment (Genesis 9:13); “his face”, remember Moses?; “legs like pillars of fire.” Fire in Revelation speaks of God’s judgment.

~ vs. 2, “And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land,” he has been given divine authority over the whole earth!

~ vs. 3, “loud voice” – reminiscent of Revelation 5:2

~ “seven thunders sounded.” These appear to have more revelation from God but in vs. 4 John is instructed to seal up the thunders and do not write it down. In vs. 7 there is a mention of the “mystery of God.” Mystery in the Bible is a sacred secret, a truth hidden to those outside of God’s mercy but will be revealed to His people by His Word (Matthew 13:10 – 12).

~ vs. 5 and 6, the angel makes a vow to God “that there would no more delay,”

### 2. Attention to the Little Book:

~ vs. 2, “He had a little scroll in his hand.” The word used for the scroll in Revelation 5:2 is NOT the same as that used here in 10:2. Jesus was the ONLY one worthy to take the scroll from the “him who was seated on the throne.”

~ Jesus opened all seven seals on the scroll in Revelation 5:2 and there was no proclamation of a smaller scroll within the first scroll.

~ It appears that this scroll is for the angel to give to John.

### 3. Assignment for John:

~ vs. 8 and 9, John is instructed to take the scroll and eat it.

~ vs. 10, it goes from sweet to bitter!

My personal opinion – Revelation 6:10

### 4. Announcement of Judgment:

~ vs. 11, “And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.

~ Psalm 2 and 89

### Conclusion:

2 Timothy 4:1 – 5

*“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is the judge of the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: (2) preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (3) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, (4) and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” (5) As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”*



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