

When the Lion Roars

Rev 10: 1-11

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- One of the issues one encounters when studying the book of the Revelation are chapter breaks
 - These breaks can cause us to lose focus on what is occurring
 - Here is a prime example
 - Rev 8: 13.....herein are 3 woes foretold.....
 - Rev 9: 1-11....is the first woe
 - The bottomless pit is opened.....
 - Men are to be tormented for 5 months
 - Rev 9: 12.....the first woe is past, and 2 woes are still coming....

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- The second woe begins in Rev 9: 13 and continues until Rev 11: 14.....
 - Here is where it is easy to lose focus
 - Rev 9: 15-16.....
 - A third of mankind is to be killed during this woe
 - Also, during this time there are 3 plagues instituted
 - They are.....Vs 18
 - Fire, smoke and brimstone.....
 - Initiated by the 200M horsemen (Vs 17-18)

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- While this is occurring.....
 - Rev 10: 1-11.....occurs.....
 - Perhaps concurrently or simultaneously???
 - I would suggest that this event (Rev 10) is simultaneous
 - Then in Rev 11: 1-14.....
 - The two great witnesses of the Revelation appear
 - Again, I would say.....simultaneously (part of the 2nd woe)
 - Why would I say this?
 - It is because they too....strike the earth with plagues (Rev 11: 6)
 - It is not until Rev 11: 14 are we told the 2nd woe is past...

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- Here are things we are to note.....
 - First.....Vs 3....this strong angel (Christ)
 - Has the voice of a lion.....
 - Rev 5: 5....."the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome..."
 - What is interesting to note is that there is no recording of what this Lion said.....
 - All we know is that is He placed His right foot on the sea and His left on the land, declaring His right to rule....
 - So, this might be His proclamation of ownership

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- We also know that when He cried out....
 - The seven thunders uttered their voices????
 - What voices? And have we heard about this before?
- Psalm 29: 3-9 there is a phrase used 7 times
 - “The voice of the Lord is upon the waters”
 - It is powerful; it is majestic; it breaks the cedars
 - It hews out flames of fire, it shakes the wilderness
 - It cause the deer calve and strips the forests bare

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- That same voice that controlled the first cataclysmic event is in control now.....
 - Psa 104: 5-7..... *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
 - Just a thought to ponder.....thunder never occurred prior to the flood (Gen 2: 6)

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- Vs 4....John is about to record what is said but..
 - He is told to “seal up the things”
 - Again, we are reminded of the O.T. record
 - Dan 12: 8-9..... And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed-up and sealed till the time of the end.
 - Who gave Daniel these instructions?
 - Dan 12: 5-7.....”swore by Him who lives forever”
 - Rev 10: 5-6.....

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- Vs 7.....the mystery of God is finished
 - What mystery is finished?
 - Rev 6: 9-11.... And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled

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- This may also refer to many questions we have asked concerning the purpose and plan of God
 - Why has God allowed evil to thrive for so long?
 - Why do the righteous at times suffer?
 - Why do young people die?
 - Why does the world hate Israel?
 - When will be the consummation of the Gentile church?
 - Why, why, why???

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- Here is something we must remember.....
 - Isa 55: 6-13.....My ways are not your ways.....
 - We are reminded.....(Rev 10: 6)
 - There will be delay no longer.....
 - We know that He is not willing that any should perish.....
 - But enough is enough...
 - As He preached to His servants the prophets
 - Who is the He?.....II Peter 1: 21
 - Dan 12: 7.....all these events will be completed
 - Zech 14: 9.... And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

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- Vs 9-11.....take the book and eat it
 - It will be sweet to the taste.....
 - And bitter in your stomach.....
- What does this mean?
 - The message of the Cross is two-fold
 - It is a message of Grace beyond human comprehension
 - It is also a message of judgment to all who oppose Christ and His message of Grace
 - While on one hand there is a spirit of joy (Gal 5: 22)
 - Or there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Lk 13: 28)