

The Angel and the Little Book

Rev 10: 1-11

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- In the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ....
 - We find a pattern of the various judgments
 - There are 7 seal judgments (Rev 6)
 - 7 trumpet judgments (Rev 8-9)
 - 7 bowl judgments (Rev 16)
 - There are also 3 “woes” mentioned.....
 - Rev 9: 12; Rev 11: 14; Rev 18: 16
 - Following each series of judgment.....
 - We find an interlude or a short explanation.....

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- These interludes are found in...
 - Rev 7...is an explanation of a revival taking place during the seal judgments....
 - 4 angels are holding back the winds on the earth...
 - 144,000 evangelists are commissioned
 - Multitudes are revealed before the throne of God
- A second interlude is found in Rev 10-11: 14.....
 - It is an explanation of what had been not revealed in the contents of the trumpet judgments
 - But is now be revealed to give further insight....
 - And it starts with a revelation of the sovereignty of God
- The third is in Rev 16: 13-16.....Armageddon

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- Rev 10: 1....”another strong angel”.....
 - The full explanation of this “angel” is found....
 - Rev 10: 1-7....
- It is very easy for you and me to gloss over this description but that would be a grave error....
 - Note the following description....
 - Face shining like the sun.....
 - Feet of raging fire.....
 - Clouds compose His robe.....
 - A rainbow is His crown....

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- He is standing.....(Rev 10: 5)
 - One foot on the sea.....
 - The other on the land....
- His hand is raised into the heavens....
- His voice is like the roar of a lion (Rev 10: 3)
 - Which results in 7 thunders..... (Rev 10: 4)
 - With that voice He swears to “Him who lives forever and ever” (Rev 10: 6)

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- Question.....why should we be so concerned over the appearance of this “angel?”
 - First....we need to understand the title “angel”
 - Greek word is “angelos” which means “messenger”
- Who is this “messenger?”
 - Rev 1: 12-16....
 - Dan 10: 5-6....
 - This “angel/messenger” is none other than the glorified Christ.....as He is this very day!!!
- We would do well to examine each aspect
 - Coming down out of heaven.....
 - Acts 1: 11.....

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- “Clothed with a cloud”remember the O.T. scene...
 - Ex 40: 34-38.... Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.
 - The cloud was the “glory of God” manifested to Israel

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- The crown composed of a “rainbow”
 - Why a rainbow???.....Remember the O.T.
 - Gen 9: 13-16.... I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.
 - The rainbow shows us that peace and mercy will triumph..
 - Rev 21 & 22.....is as sure a promise as the one to Noah

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- “His face was like the sun”.....
 - The degree of His glory defies earthly descriptions..... (Matt 17: 2..the transfiguration)
 - What about Ex 33: 20...And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live?
 - The answer is found in I John 3: 2.. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is.
 - Rest assured the glories of heaven are for the saints.
 - I Cor 2: 9-10....

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- “His feet were like pillars of fire.... (Phil 2: 10-11)
 - “At the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”
- “In His hand was a little book”.....
 - Is this the same as the scroll mentioned in Rev 5?
 - It cannot be since this “little book” is open, whereas the scroll was not and was sealed with 7 seals....
 - It is by this “open book” that He makes His voice heard and His will known.... (Rev 11: 15-19)

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- “He placed His right foot on the sea and His left on the land”remember the O.T.
 - Deut 11: 24-25.... Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.
 - What is being said here is that Satan’s dominion over the Earth is done.....his time/rule is over....

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- We must note the importance of this.....
 - It is not mentioned only once or twice in this chapter but three things to emphasize this truth
 - Vs 2.....right on the sea and left on the land
 - Vs 5....standing on the sea and on the land
 - Vs 8.....who stands on the sea and on the land.
- What are we to learn from this?
 - First....there is a time coming when Jesus Christ will be Lord of every portion of earth....(Rev 21: 1)
 - Second....it is “fait accompli” it is finished.....

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- What then is our lesson for today?
 - It is this.....
 - The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.....
 - Is intended to be a blessing to the Church.....
 - It reminds us repeatedly that the phrase...."Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven" is not just a cliché rather it is a reality!!!
 - The train is leaving the station, and we better be on board when it does.....