

OUTLINE REVELATION 2 DECONSTRUCTION TIME

Interlude #2: Middle of Trumpets & Bowls

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- 1) FIRST GROUP: BELIEVERS—THEY EXPERIENCE PROTECTION IN PERSECUTION.
- 2) SECOND GROUP: UNBELIEVERS—THEY EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD.
- 3) THIRD GROUP: SATAN, THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHETS—THEY ARE GOING TO CREATE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DESTRUCTION IN THE WORLD AND THEN FINALLY END UP IN DOOM.

WHAT DOES GOD CARE ABOUT? HIS—WORD CHAP. 10

"I saw another powerful Angel coming down out of Heaven wrapped in a cloud. There was a rainbow over his head, his face was sun-radiant, his legs pillars of fire. He had a small book open in his hand. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left foot on land, then called out thunderously, a lion roar. When he called out, the Seven Thunders called back."

Revelation 10:1-3 (MSG)

"I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One Seated on the Throne. It was written on both sides, fastened with seven seals." Revelation 5:1 (MSG)

"God, our God, will take care of the hidden things but the revealed things are our business. It's up to us and our children to attend to all the terms in this Revelation." Deuteronomy 29:29 (MSG)

Then the Angel I saw astride sea and land lifted his right hand to Heaven and swore by the One Living Forever and Ever, who created Heaven and everything in it, earth and everything in it, sea and everything in it, that time was up—that when the seventh Angel blew his trumpet, which he was about to do, the Mystery of God, all the plans he had revealed to his servants, the prophets, would be completed. Revelation 10:5-7 (MSG)

"The voice out of Heaven spoke to me again: "Go, take the book held open in the hand of the Angel astride sea and earth." I went up to the Angel and said, "Give me the little book." He said, "Take it, then eat it. It will taste sweet like honey, but turn sour in your stomach." I took the little book from the Angel's hand and it was sweet honey in my mouth, but when I swallowed, my stomach curdled. Then I was told, "You must go back and prophesy again over many peoples and nations and languages and kings." Revelation 10:8-11 (MSG)

"When I looked he had his hand stretched out to me, and in the hand a book, a scroll. He unrolled the scroll. On both sides, front and back, were written lamentations and mourning and doom." Ezekiel 2:9-10 (MSG)

Then in chapter 3 He told me,

"Son of man, eat what you see. Eat this book. Then go and speak to the family of Israel." 2-3 As I opened my mouth, he gave me the scroll to eat, saying, "Son of man, eat this book that I am giving you. Make a full meal of it!" So I ate it. It tasted so good—just like honey. Ezekiel 3:1-2 (MSG)

"When your words showed up, I ate them—swallowed them whole. What a feast! What delight I took in being yours" Jeremiah 15:16 (MSG)

He said, "Take it, then eat it. It will taste sweet like honey, but turn sour in your stomach." Revelation 10:9 (MSG)

Notice the things that we learn for our lives:

1. GOD'S WORD IS SWEET.

"Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, he does. 1 Peter 5:8 (MSG)

2. GOD'S WORD IS BITTER.

3. GOD'S WORD IS TO BE EATEN.

THE WORD—to digest is to...

Hear it • Read it. • Study it. • Memorize it. • Meditate on it & Apply it.

WHAT DOES GOD CARE ABOUT? HIS—PEOPLE--WITNESSES • CHAP. 11

"I was given a stick for a measuring rod and told, "Get up and measure God's Temple and Altar and everyone worshiping in it." Revelation 11:1 (MSG)

"Exclude the outside court; don't measure it. It's been handed over to non-Jewish outsiders. They'll desecrate the Holy City for forty-two months." Revelation 11:2 (MSG)

"Meanwhile, I'll provide my two Witnesses. Dressed in sackcloth, they'll prophesy for 1,260. These are the two Olive Trees, the two Lampstands, standing at attention before God on earth.

If anyone tries to hurt them, a blast of fire from their mouths will incinerate them—burn them to a crisp just like that. They'll have power to seal the sky so that it doesn't rain for the time of their prophesying, power to turn rivers and springs to blood, power to hit earth with any and every disaster as often as they want.” Revelation 11:3-6 (MSG)

“When they've completed their witness, the Beast from the Abyss will emerge and fight them, conquer and kill them, leaving their corpses exposed on the street of the Great City spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, the same City where their Master was crucified. Revelation 11:7-8 (MSG)

“Then, after three and a half days, the Living Spirit of God will enter them—they're on their feet!—and all those gloating spectators will be scared to death.”

“I heard a strong voice out of Heaven calling, “Come up here!” and up they went to Heaven, wrapped in a cloud, their enemies watching it all. At that moment there was a gigantic earthquake—a tenth of the city fell to ruin, seven thousand perished in the earthquake, the rest frightened to the core of their being, frightened into giving honor to the God-of-Heaven.” Revelation 11:11-13 (MSG)

What's the application for us?

1. GOD DESIRES ALL TO BE SAVED.

“God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.” 2 Peter 3:9 (MSG)

2. GOD HOLDS BACK JUDGMENT FOR THE LAST ONE TO REPENT.

“I take no pleasure in anyone's death. Decree of God, the Master. “Make a clean break! Live!” Ezekiel 18:32 (MSG)

3. I BELIEVE THIS PASSAGE IS TEACHING US TO KEEP ON WITNESSING EVEN IN THE MIDST OF STRONG OPPOSITION.

So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. 1 Peter 5:8 (MSG)

WHAT LASTS FOREVER? *God's WORD and the souls of people.*

OK, BACK TO THE BURNING HOUSE QUESTION. What would you take out of the house or preserve if you could only take two things?

"The seventh Angel trumpeted. A crescendo of voices in Heaven sang out, The kingdom of the world is now the Kingdom of our God and his Messiah! He will rule forever and ever! The Twenty-four Elders seated before God on their thrones fell to their knees, worshiped, and sang, We thank you, O God, Sovereign-Strong, Who Is and Who Was. You took your great power and took over—reigned! The angry nations now get a taste of your anger. The time has come to judge the dead, to reward your servants, all prophets and saints, Reward small and great who fear your Name, and destroy the destroyers of earth. The doors of God's Temple in Heaven flew open, and the Ark of his Covenant was clearly seen surrounded by flashes of lightning, loud shouts, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a fierce hailstorm." Revelation 11:15-19 (MSG)