

“Why Should I Care?”

Please Open Your Bibles to Revelation 10

The Book of Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It is the capstone of the Bible and reveals Jesus in all His glory throughout history and ends with the saints in glory walking with Him in the New Jerusalem. But we are not there yet, and many things have to happen before we do. Let's remember our context...

Revelation 1:19

Write the things which you have seen (Chapter 1 – The Glorified Christ), and the things which are (Chapters 2-3 – The 7 Letters to the Church), and the things which will take place after this. (Chapters 4-22 – After the Church Age)

Chapters 4-5 – The Church in Heaven

Chapter 6 – the 6 Seals

Chapter 7 – The Sealed Jews and The Tribulation Saints

Chapters 8-9 – the 7th Seal and the 6 Trumpets

Chapter 10 begins another parenthetical section that goes all the way through chapter 14.

Chapter 10

Another Mighty Angel

Stands on the Sea and Land

Seven Thunders???

Little Book in His Hand

Swears by God

Declares the Seventh Trumpet

What we see in our reading today is a vision that John had of another mighty Angel. Some have said that this is another appearance of Jesus but because he swears to Heaven let's just read it at face value and say this is "Another" angel. But his description is very ominous compared to some of the others we read in this book. But our focus of this whole chapter is the "little book". Some will say this is the Bible other the Scroll that is in Jesus's hands, but this word is different and only used here Revelation. It is literally a booklet, like this one.

Now the Seven Thunders are an interesting subject that we will not get into here. This is all that is said of them, but they might be referred to later as we continue on.

But notice the proclamation of the seventh trumpet and that there should be no delay. That leads us to what John is told to do. This an odd request if you do not know your Bibles or the

Old Testament. It is to eat the little book and that it would taste sweet and be bitter in his stomach. Now I know when we were kids, we were told not to eat too many sweets, or we would get sick to our stomachs. Did we listen? NO! How many people here have something that is sweet and delicious to some people but just the thought makes you want to...well you know what. For me it's Banana Chips. I was given a big giant bag of them when I was young. Boy they were good...to start. After too many I started to feel a little green and to this day I will not go near them. But this is something entirely different. John is just doing what many prophets in the Old Testament were told to do. Act out something to convey a message. See you cannot understand the Book of Revelation if you do not know your Old Testament.

The Book of Revelation

404 verses

How many references to the Old Testament?

500-1000 Direct or alluded to

70% of the book is looking back to the Old Testament!

Can you see why there is so much confusion about this book? No one is willing to do the hard work. It's just easier to ignore it and just focus on the gospels.

But getting back to John and the Little Book. His eating of it is one of those many allusions to the Old Testament as many of the Prophets were told to act out their message...

Isaiah

Walked around naked 3 years

Jeremiah

Wore a Yoke

Ezekiel

Lie on his side 390 days

Hosea

Marry a harlot and have children by her

But believe it or not this very same thing that John does was first done by Ezekiel and let us take a look at that before we get into the application of the message and answer the question “Why Should I Care?”

Ezekiel and the Scroll

Ezekiel 2:8-3:19

Notice what was connected to the scroll that Ezekiel eats and his calling as a watchman? This is not by accident and intended for the reader of Revelation 10 to know. John’s message was not done yet. The worse is still to come. We still haven’t made it to the second half of the Tribulation!

You and I are called to be watchmen. But if we are just doing it because God told us to, we miss the whole point. Do you care about someone who is about to experience the worse time in Human history? Let's put into perspective the events of modern history compared to what's coming.

The Last 100 Years:

Wars – 230 million killed

Famine – 80 million

Sickness – 1- 1.5 billion

Covid – 7-15 million

But what about the first 3 and ½ years of the Tribulation?

Revelation 6:7-8

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. (2 Billion People!!!)

Revelation 6:9-11

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been 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, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Revelation 9:5-6

And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

Revelation 9:13-15

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. (Another 2 billion!)

Before John eats the little book, he has just witnessed the death of half the population of the planet. But the end not yet. By now he would be thinking surely people would listen right?

Revelation 9:20-21

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

After reading this and understanding what is coming, I would hope that we would not want our worse enemy to go through this time. There are many that are checked out. Thinking “I got my fire insurance, why should I care?”. Some are more excited about the signs of the times than warning a lost world that is about to enter them. Some are distressed wanting to know “Why has He not come yet?” You know why, just as I know why...

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

If the Lord cares enough to hold off what's coming so should we. This is why we created these books and tracts. Please take them and use them we don't want anyone to enter that time. And don't be afraid of the response – even from supposed brothers in the Lord!

Ezekiel 2:6-7

And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious.

We need you in the fight! Souls are at stake. This conference is to equip you to be ready to tell people what is happening and what is coming. We want to raise up many that will be last days John the Baptists that are not afraid to tell the truth...

Luke 3:7

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

The wrath of God is coming and it you who are being sent out to warn the world. Eat this book. Study it and preach it to a lost and dying world!