

The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter Ten

The "Little" Book

Focus Verse: **Revelation 10:10,11**

"And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

I. Introduction - What People Are Most Afraid Of

Have you ever noticed what people are most fearful of today? Including so-called "Christians?" I'll tell you. It is that "little" Book that you hold in your hand this morning. Just try to take that little Book into a Shopping Mall and open it and start reading it aloud. Watch the people scatter like a nuclear bomb had just exploded! See what happens at your job when you open your Bible and read from it while you are eating your lunch. You know what this country needs today? It needs some Christians who will once again be willing to take the most powerful "force" in this universe (Heb 3:1-3) and USE IT EVERYWHERE!!!

II. Lesson - The "Little" Book (10:1-11)

We now enter the second "parenthesis" in the chronology which includes both chapters 10 and 11. If you remember, just before the judgment of the seventh Seal, there was a similar "break" in the chronology where the 144,00 witnesses were sealed.

A. The Appearance Of The "Mighty" Angel (10:1-4)

1. A mighty angel (Cf 5:2) comes DOWN from heaven (10:1)
2. Looks much like Christ looked in 1:7,14,15 (10:1-3)
3. He has the voice of a lion (Cf 5:5)
4. He stands upon both land and sea (ie, takes possession)
5. He is associated with 7 thunders, and secret sayings (10:4)

You can throw out Judge Rutherford, Mr Russell, and anyone who claims to know what these sealed messages are because the word of God says that they are NOT written down (no golden plates, revelations, etc)!

PRINCIPLE: Stay clear of any nut who attempts to build a religion upon obscure verses like this in order to teach a LIE!!! Cf Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Cor 15:29. An old army saying used to go like this: If something doesn't make sense, there is sure to be a buck in it!

6. This angel has a little book OPEN for all to read (10:3)

PRINCIPLE: God is in the business of OPENING things, not closing them up like the Devil is! Pay no attention to those things which are not clearly understood, pay attention to the BOOK!!!
APPLICATION: An OPEN Bible (one that is read) means an OPEN mind. A country where the Bible has free course has real prosperity and will last. Once you close that Book, you close your future!!! See England in 1881, America in 1930's, Germany in 1750's, etc.

B. The Announcement From The Angel (10:5-7)

1. This angel raises his hand up like in a court of law and makes an announcement and "sware by Him that liveth for ever and ever." (10:5)
2. The announcement is that at the sound of the next Trumpet, (which happens to be the LAST) it is all going to be over, implying the end of the Tribulation (10:6,7; Cf 11:15)

C. The Appropriation Of The Book (10:8-11)

1. God commanded John to get up and get a hold of the Book
2. The angel then commands John "eat the Book"
 - a. It will taste good,
 - b. But it will be bitter in your belly (ie, two-edged sword of Heb 4:12)

PRINCIPLE: It is up to you to get a hold of the BOOK, and find out what's in it for your self! It then is imperative that you appropriate it (make it a part of your life). We are talking about memorizing, digesting, and living the blessed word of God (Ps 199:103; Matt 4:4). We don't just need to believe the Bible, we must practice it - as in LIVE IT!

- c. This appropriation prepares John for continued ministry (10:11) - According to God, you can have no ministry outside of this “little” Book. John is commanded to get the Book, appropriate it in his life, and then proclaim it to many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings! **Hey Christian: Go and do thou likewise!!!**

III. Conclusion - Some Questions

This next chapter is THE most important chapter in the entire Bible! Don't miss it!

- 1. What is the most powerful force in this universe according to Heb 3:1-3? _____
- 2. What can we conclude about the “secret sayings” of 10:4? _____
- 3. An Open Bible means what? _____
- 4. What prepares a person for “the ministry?” (10:11) _____