THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST "A Message of Grace and Mercy" Revelation 10:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. As we begin Chapter 10 we find ourselves @ another Parenthesis between the 6^{th} and 7^{th} Trumpet Judgments.

2. When the 6^{th} Trumpet sounded (9:13-21) we saw a 200 million man army from the east released to kill $1/3^{rd}$ of mankind which constituted God's judgment on humanity.

3. Now we pause for another Parenthesis just before the 7th Trumpet Judgment.
a) The 7th Trumpet Judgment will then release the 7 Bowl Judgments.

4. The Chapter 10 Parenthesis is a message from Heaven that reveals God's grace in the midst of judgment on earth.

5. Here God gives a message of reassurance when it is most needed in a dark world.

I. THE SPECIAL MESSENGER

A. THE MESSENGER'S DESCENT

1. Vs 1

a) "Then I saw another mighty angel coming down"

- 2. Cf. Revelation 9:13-14
- 3. So who exactly is this angel?a) I believe this is "The Angel of Jehovah" a Christophany.

4. God often visited Israel in the person of the Angel of the LORD or the angel of Jehovah. Or what I believe is a Christophany!!

a) Genesis 22:15-18 b) Judges 2:1-4 c) Judges 6:11-12

5. The appearance of the angel of the LORD ceased after the incarnation of Christ and is never mentioned again in the New Testament after His birth.a) John 8:58

6. **Daniel 9:24-27** a) **Nehemiah 2:1-8**

1) March 14th, 445 BC

7. Point is: The Tribulation is Jewish. The Church is gone.a) It is Daniel's 70th week.

B. THE MESSENGER'S DESCRIPTION

- 1. Vs 1b
 - a) "Wrapped in a cloud"
 - 1) Exodus 16:10; 19:9; 45:15
 - 2) Acts 1:9
 - 3) Psalm 104:3

2. Vs 1c

- a) "with a rainbow over his head"
 - 1) The Rainbow reminds us of God's promise.
- b) *Genesis 9:13*
- c) Revelation 4:3
- 3. Vs 1d
 - a) "and his face was like the sun:
 - 1) A picture of His holiness.
 - a. Matthew 17:1-2
 - b. Malachi 4:2
 - 2) Jesus is covered with glory
- 4. Vs 1e
 - a) "and his legs like pillars of fire"
 - 1) Cf. Revelation 1:5
 - 2) What a picture of God's justice!!

C. THE MESSENGER'S ACTION

- 1. Vs 2
 - a) "He had a little scroll open in his hands."
 - 1) Cf. 5:1
 - a. The Angel of the LORD (Jesus Crist) is holding the Title Deed to the earth.
 - b) Here He makes His indisputable claim to all of creation.
- 2. Vs 2b

1) Christ's stance indicates that he has absolute control over all the earth.

3. **Vs 3a**

a) "and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring"

1) The voice of this Angel was like a roaring lion!!!

- 2) Revelation 5:5
- 3) Proverbs 19:12

II. THE COMMUNICATION FROM HEAVEN

A. A SEVEN POINT MESSAGE

1. Vs 3b

2.

a) "When he called out, the seven thunders sounded."

Psalm 29	(The Voice of the LORD)
a) Vs	3-4
	1) "is powerful."
b) Vs	4b
	1) "is full of majesty"
c) Vs	5
	1) "breaks the cedars"
d) Vs	7
	1) "flashes forth the flames of fire"
e) Vs	8
	1) "shakes the wilderness"
f) Vs	9
	1) "makes the deer to give birth"
g) Vs	9
-	1) "and strips the forests bare"

3. The powerful sound of this seven-fold message going forth reaffirms the majesty and authority of this Angel.

B. A SEALED UP MESSAGE

1. Vs 4

2. There are some things that are secret and only known to God.a) Deuteronomy 29:29

C. THE MESSENGER SWEARS AN OATH

1.**Vs 6**

- 2. Hebrews 6:16
- 3. What does He swear??
 - 1) That there should be delay no longer.

4. **10:6**

- 5. The 7^{th} Trumpet is about to blow. The wait is over.
 - a) The 7th Trumpet will release the 7 Bowl Judgments.
 - b) 2 Peter 3:3-4

6. **Vs 7**

- a) The mystery of God is the focus of the oath.
- b) What is the mystery of God that is finished?
 - 1) Simply put It is the plan of God that he revealed to His servants the prophets to conquer evil and establish righteousness on the earth.

7. One of the questions skeptics ask is, "If God exists why is there so much evil in the world?"

8. But God will soon take control once again when He banishes Satan and evil and take back control.

9. VERY IMPORTANT: There is hope in that message!!!

- a) When we look around and think that evil is winning....
 - 1) Just remember that we win!!

b) Just think of those who are going through hell on earth in the middle of the Tribulation, Jesus is about to bring things to a conclusion.

1) And His righteousness will reign forever and ever.

CONCLUSION

1. Vs 8-11

- 2. Almost the exact same thing happened to Ezekiel. (2:8-3:3)
- 3. When we look and study Prophecy it is sweet to the mouth.

a) But when we understand the reality of what will take place it will make you sick to the stomach.

- b) To eat is to incorporate into one's being.
 - 1) John 6:49-58