

Chapter 10 - An Interlude (Longest) (10:1 - 11:14)

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Words of Encouragement in a Dismal Day

God is and forever will be in charge.

A. An Angel and a Little Book

B. Introduction of God's Two Witnesses and Their Journey

I. Another Serving Angel (Same or Different?)

- (1) Clothed with a cloud
- (2) Rainbow upon his head
- (3) Face like the sun
- (4) Feet like pillars of fire

His Position - Placed his feet on the sea and on the land (Takes control.)

His Voice - Like a roaring lion (compared to Satan)

The seven peals of thunder alter their voices. → Not like lightning - 7 times

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The foundations of the earth reverberate.

* The Hidden Words of the Revelation *

His Oath - Swore by Him (1) Who lives forever and ever and (2) created all things.

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* Be careful lest you question Him!

The Promise - There shall be delay no longer when the 7th trumpet blows!

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The mystery of God is finished!

* Presence of Evil and the Delay of God's Redemption

Why does God allow others to mock - missionaries slain, churches burned, people oppressed - God just looks.

"Oh, the mystery of the delay of God! That mystery has brought more stumbling to the faith of God's people than any other experience in all life. The infidel, the atheist, the agnostic and the unbeliever laugh and mock us, and God lets them mock and laugh. The enemies of righteousness and the enemies of all that we hold dear rise and increase in power and spread blood and darkness over the face of the earth, and we wonder where God is. Our missionaries are slain, our churches are burned to the ground, people in this earth by uncounted millions and millions are oppressed, living in despair, and God just looks. He seemingly does not intervene; He does not say anything, and He does not move. Sin just develops. It goes on and on. Oh, the mystery of the delay of the Lord God!"

"But somewhere beyond the starry sky, there stands a herald angel with a trumpet in his hand, and by the decree of the Lord God Almighty, there is a day, there is an hour, there is a moment, there is an elected time when that angel shall sound and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ. 'In the days of the voice of the seventh angel the mystery of God shall be finished.' God shall say to death, 'This is your last victim.' God shall say to Satan, 'This is your last destruction.' God shall say to evil, 'This is your last effort.' God shall say to sin, 'This is your last waste and damnation.'

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“Every generation receives from the generation before it these awful and terrible inheritances of iniquity. We pass its judgment on to our children and to our children’s children. Is the flood tide to go on forever? Is sin to reign forever? Is death to reign forever? Is the grave to be filled forever? No. God says that there is a barrier, there is a boundary, there is a dike, beyond which and over which the flood-tides of iniquity shall not roll. Evil ripens to a harvest of inevitable reaping. God says in the days of the sounding of the voice of this seventh angel, Satan and all his works shall be overthrown and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.”
(Written by W. A. Criswell)

II. The Little Book (in the angel’s hand) (The book the Lamb has unsealed.)

Which is open!



Now the plan of God’s redemption has been revealed - the beautiful yet horrible story!

“Take it and eat it.” (Jeremiah, Ezekiel 2)

“The taste in my mouth was sweet as honey.”

- The Promise of Redemption, Reward, and Victory

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- The Bitter Experience of the Dealing with Satan, Demons, and Evil and the Process of God’s Redeeming work!



Reason for the Apocalyptic Message -

* That people would be warned and that they might be saved!



For the Word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God!
(1 Corinthians 1:18)