

## GETTING READY FOR THE END

### Revelation 10:1-11

#### Introduction:

- A. In chapter five we were told of the seven sealed book – God’s war plans for the defeat of Satan and his evil forces. We were introduced to God’s Little Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, who would wage this war against evil.
- B. Chapter six revealed the Little Lamb beginning to open the seals. This chapter reveals the opening of the first six seals.
- C. Chapter seven injected a break in the action while God’s earthly saints were sealed in their foreheads against the terror and death about to take place on the earth.
- D. Chapter eight revealed the opening of the seventh seal which revealed seven angels holding trumpets and all the saints of God offering up prayers before the throne of God.
- E. Chapter eight, verse six revealed the seven angels preparing to sound their trumpets.
- F. Chapter eight, verses seven through twelve revealed the sounding of the first four trumpets with all their terrible consequences.
- G. Chapter eight, verse 13, informed us that trumpets five, six and seven would be woe trumpets.
- H. Chapter nine, verses one through eleven, revealed the sounding of the fifth trumpet – the first woe trumpet. This revealed Satan being given the key to the bottomless pit with which he released a swarm of locust-like demon angels which tormented all the people of the earth except those sealed with the seal of God.
- I. Chapter nine, verses twelve through twenty one revealed the sounding of the sixth trumpet – the second woe trumpet. This revealed the four demon angels and their swarm of devil possessed angels tormenting and killing one third of the God defying people on earth. Again, those with the seal of God in their foreheads continue to be protected.
- J. Chapter nine, verses twenty and twenty one revealed the attitude of the God defying people still on earth.
- K. Chapter ten through chapter eleven, verse fourteen records another break in the action and a number of things that took place.

#### I. JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS CLAIM AND CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE EARTH. Verses 1-3

- A. The Little Lamb of God set His right foot upon the sea and His left foot upon the earth, thereby staking His claim upon the whole earth.
- B. He has the little book in His hand – the one He took out of the hand of the Father (5:7). The little Lamb still holds it in His hand.
- C. This book holds the battle plans for the war to end all wars. God’s little Lamb has been opening the little book seal by seal as He chose to do so.
- D. He will soon continue His appointed work.

#### II. JESUS CHOSE NOT TO REVEAL SOME THINGS TO HIS PEOPLE. Vs. 3, 4

- A. The cry of Jesus with a loud voice caused seven thunders to utter their voices.
- B. Evidently that which these thunders spoke were so awful they could have caused His people to have lost heart and fail to stand against them.

- C. What did the seven thunders say? Only God knows and it is sinful to attempt to find out.

### **III. JESUS DECLARES THAT THE END IS NEAR. Vs. 5-7**

- A. Jesus, the Commander-in-Chief of the war to end all wars lifted His hand and swore by the Creator that the end is near – there will be no more delay.
- B. The sounding of the seventh trumpet will usher in the end of time as we know it.
- C. Jesus also called attention that all this had been declared unto His servants, the prophets.

### **IV. JESUS REVEALED THE TWO FOLD NATURE OF THE CONTENT OF THE LAST TRUMPET. Vs. 8-10**

- A. John was instructed to go and take the little book from the hand of the Commander-in-chief.
- B. John obeyed; he went to Jesus and asked for the little book.
- C. Jesus gave him the book and instructed him to take it and eat it up.
- D. He was told that it would be sweet as honey in his mouth; but bitter in his belly; which proved to be true.
- E. No doubt this carried a two fold meaning; sweet in that the end was in sight; but bitter because the worst was yet to come. (Like the Battle of the Bulge in WWII)

### **V. JESUS REVEALED THAT THERE WAS YET MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. V. 11**

- A. John is told that there was yet much preaching to be done -- preaching before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
- B. Remember that the saints that God sealed are still on the earth and they have a work to do – a work that many have neglected to do up to this time.
- C. All of God's people who have been sealed by God shall be preachers of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Basically, there have always been only two kinds of people on the earth – saved and lost.
- B. The basic purpose God has for leaving the saved on earth is to use them to speak the saving gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost.
- C. That will still be true at the sounding of the last trumpet.
- D. I know most people think that all the saved will be raised and/or changed and caught up when the last trumpet sounds.
- E. 1 Corinthians 15:52 teaches that this will be accomplished IN the last (seventh) trumpet. There is a great deal of difference between AT and IN.
- F. Are you ready for His coming?