# Revelation 10:1-11

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

### Day 1

Read Revelation 10:1-11.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

10:1 I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven,

clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head. and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 10:2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; 10:3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. 10:4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." 10:5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer, 10:7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. 10:8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 10:9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he \*said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." 10:10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 10:11 And they \*said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

- 1. Review Revelation 9:13-10:11. Give a brief description of the setting for verses 10:1-11.
- 2. List the descriptions of the angel found in verse 1.
- 3. Based on the descriptions can you identify this angel? Use the immediate passage and any other related passages to explain your answer.
- 4. List similarities and differences to the "little book" in verse 2 with what we have already studied regarding references to "books" in Revelation 1-9. We will come to a later question to think through the identity of the book.

5. In verse 2, what is significant about the angel placing his right foot on the sea and his left on the land?

6. Describe what we learn from <u>how</u> the angel speaks in verse 3.

7. Describe what we learn from *what* the angel says in verse 3?

8. What/who stops John from writing anything down regarding what he heard in verse 4? Does this help us discern anything regarding the message the angel spoke in verse 3?

# Day 2

Read Revelation 10:1-11 again.

- 9. Which angel is found in verse 5? Is this a new angel or the same angel? Give evidence from the passage to support your answer.
- 10. What two actions does the angel perform in verses 5 and 6?
- 11. From verses 6 and 7, describe the content of what the angel swore. What does it mean to swear by something?
- 12. Who/what is this angel swearing by? Does this help clarify the identity of the angel? (Hebrews 6:16-18 might help some)

13. In verses 6 and 7, list anything in these verses that might be related to time. Restate the timing of these verses in your own words.

14. What does it mean to say something is a "mystery of God"?

### Day 3

Read Revelation 10:1-11 again.

- 15. Who is speaking in verse 8? Who is being spoken to? What changes in the scene in this verse?
- 16. Which book is verse 8 referring to? Give evidence from the passage to support your answer.
- 17. What does it mean to take and eat the book? Is this figurative or literal? Give evidence from the passage to support your answer.

18. Can you identify who "they" are at the beginning of verse 11? Support your answer from the passage.

19. What is the instruction to John in verse 11? Is there anything unique about this instruction you see in the text?

20. List the 4 groups that the prophecy describes. Review Revelation 5:9 and list the similarities and differences between the 4 groups mentioned in each passage. Is there any significance to the differences?

21. Write out a summary of Revelation 10:1-11 in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray for our hearts and minds to see the biblical text as the very Word of God and for us to be changed by it to be more like Christ.

Pray we join the apostle John, who firmly believes and proclaims, that Christ Jesus is the true Word and we have fellowship with Him in the Word (John 1:1-3, 1 John 1:1-4).

Let our ears not be tickled by what we want to hear, but let our souls be nourished by what we need to hear for salvation and sanctification from the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12).

Let us submit to the leaders who keep watch over us and have to give an account (1 Peter 5:1-11, Hebrews 13:17).