

Revelation – The Big Picture

Week seven – The Gospel: sweet and sour Revelation 10 – 11

1. Scene One – A mighty Angel and a little scroll 10: 1 - 11

- An angel looking like Jesus from chapter 1
- A message, for all but not to be written down!
- The angel's right hand is raised – No more delay!
 - i. Daniel 10:5, 12:6 A vision that the angel brings about
 - ii. 6 Trumpets and an opportunity to repent but the final trumpet is about to be sounded
- The scroll is taken and eaten – sweet and sour. Ezekiel 2,3
- Gospel ministry is sweet and sour!

2. Scene Two – A measure and Two witnesses 11: 1 - 14

- Measure the temple of God – God's living presence
- Prophecy and a witness for 42 months (1260 days)
- Two witnesses
 - Zerubbabel and Joshua Zechariah 3 – 4
 - Moses and Elijah – Drought and water to blood
 - The reliability of two witnesses John 8:17 – 18
- The witnesses will be martyred
 - The world will rejoice for 3 ½ days The witness of the church will appear as defeated
 - But there will be a resurrection witness that stuns the world.
- A severe earthquake – 7000 dead – survivors terrified give glory to God

3. Scene 3 – The final trumpet 11: 15 – 19

- Christ the Saviour is finally recognised
- The elders worship The One who was and is but no longer 'is to come'!
- Judgements and rewards from the One who is holy
- The ark of the covenant – God is faithful (Thessalonians 5:24)

Digging Deeper

Read Revelation 10 – 11

1. What is the task of the church before Jesus returns? How can your small group help avoid being distracted in this task?

Re-read Revelation 10: 1 – 7

2. What are the actions and words of the figure John sees coming down from heaven?
3. What is the 'mystery of God'?

Re-read Revelation 10: 8 – 11

4. Read Jeremiah 15:16, Ezekiel 3:1-3 What is the little scroll and why is it both sweet and sour?
5. To what extent do we ignore the sourness of God's judgement? What have we seen from Revelation so far that might help us find effective ways of proclaiming both Salvation and Judgement in our current culture?

Re-read Revelation 11: 1 – 14

6. What is the mission of the two witnesses and what authority are they given?
7. What happens to the two witnesses and what does Jesus want us to understand from this part of John's vision?

Re-read Revelation 11:15 – 19

8. How do the people of God take part in the victory of God?
9. What significance do you find in God's temple being opened and the ark of his covenant being seen?
 - A. What troubles you at the moment? How does Revelation 10 – 11 encourage and help you?
 - B. In what ways does this section of Revelation stimulate your prayer life as an individual as a small group and as a church family?