

THE GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT: Final Triumph Over Evil

Rev. 10:11

Study #21

Introduction: Six trumpet judgments have sounded and the earth has been hit with:

- a fierce storm that destroyed one third of the vegetation
- a volcanic explosion that destroyed one third of the sea life and one third of the fishing and shipping industries.
- a meteoric mass that struck the earth contaminating one third of the fresh water.
- an astronomical eclipse that temporarily wiped out one third of the sunlight.
- a demon-like locust attack that caused unbearable torture of the unbelievers.
- a second demon-like military attack that killed one third of the unbelievers.

Before the seventh trumpet blows that brings an end to the earth, a great announcement is made from heaven by a giant angel. A message of judgment and of hope.

I. A MIGHTY ANGEL FROM HEAVEN BRINGS AN ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The messenger came down from heaven. He is the highest of the angels.
2. The messenger was clothed with a cloud: A majestic, glorious heavenly appearance.
3. The messenger had a rainbow upon his head: Showing the mercy of God (Noah).
4. The messenger's face shone like the sun: The brilliance, splendor and light of his position and authority.
5. The messenger's feet were like pillars of fire: The holiness, purity, righteousness and strength of the messenger.
6. The messenger held a little book in his hand. The book contained the message God wanted the earth to hear.
7. The messenger set his feet upon the sea and the earth: Gigantic in size and strength.
8. The messenger's voice roared like a lion: As the voice of God Himself or as the Lion of Judah....Jesus.
9. Seven thunders answer the messenger: The power, strength of God and the completeness of the judgment.
10. A voice from heaven forbids John from revealing what the thunders said.
11. A great announcement is to be made to the earth by the mightiest of angels and all the earth will hear it.

II. THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE

1. The announcement is made by a gigantic angel who straddles the earth with one foot upon the sea and the other upon the earth with his hand lifted up toward heaven and makes the great announcement with an oath.
2. "Time shall be no more!" After all the trumpets have sounded, all the catastrophes have happened God is going to destroy all the ungodly.

3. This announcement is the very same message declared by the prophets so long ago.
4. The seventh trumpet will bring forth the last events of human history but there is still hope for the world. "Whosoever will may (still) come..." God will create a new heavens and a new earth that will last forever and ever.
Romans 8:18-22.....Hebrews 11:13-16.....Revelation 21:1-5
Isaiah 65:17....66:22

III. THE ANGEL HAS A LITTLE BOOK IN HIS HANDS

1. John is commanded to go take the book from the mighty angel.
-If God's Word is to be received, one has to reach out for it.
-God commands man to take His Word and study its messages.
2. John is commanded to take the book and eat it. It will be both sweet and bitter.
The book contains both mercy and judgment.
-Ezekiel had a similar experience....Ezk. 2:9-3:4
-Isaiah also had a similar experience....Isa. 30:8-11
-Sweetness sometimes has a bitter end....Pr. 16:24,25.
3. John is commissioned to proclaim the Word of God to the whole world, both the bitter and the sweet.....Judgment days are coming but there is still salvation available.

CONCLUSION

1. Every minister and teacher of God's Word is called to proclaim both the sweet and the bitter of God's Word.....Grace and Judgment...Nothing must be held back.
2. The time is near for all this to begin, but until Christ comes for His Church, we must be busy warning our loved ones and friends of the coming last days.
3. *"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." (Ezk. 3:17)*