

GOD'S VISIONS AND DREAMS CANNOT BE DEFEATED!

REVELATION 10-11

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Interlude and Preparation (Between the 6th and 7th Trumpet Blasts)

REVELATION 10

10: 1-4, The Great Angel

Comes from presence of God

Clouds are chariots of God (Psalm 104: 3)

Rainbow part of the glory of God's throne (Ezekiel 1: 28)

Face like the sun (Exodus 34: 29-35; Matthew 17: 2)

God's glory leaves some residue

When we leave worship do we look any different?

Prayer time that is spent in the presence of God should leave some residue, even fruit that is visible (Galatians 5: 22)

If there is no change, then we have not really spent time in the presence of God

The Little Scroll

When we are in the presence of God we will receive some kind of word

Will of God

Meaning of scripture

Self-introspection and examination (Psalm 139: 19-24)

Revelation about others

Fruit of the Word

Angel represents power

Power brings confidence (lack of fear)

Power brings peace (lack of anxiety and bitterness)

Seven trumpets: Psalm 29

(Every word represents voice of God for that situation)

Some words or revelations or visions are not to be shared

John 12: 16; II Corinthians 12: 1-5

When God gives a word God will reveal when and to whom it is to be given

Pastors have responsibility to determine what word is to be shared with the flock

God's word is more about God than us; God's will and not our personal agenda and vendetta

Verses 5-7, A Word of Warning

God does not want God's people to be unprepared for

Great backlashes or attacks from the enemy

Warnings are reminder that God is in charge

History is going somewhere

Verses 8-11, The Sweet Bitter Experience of God's Word

Word must be "taken"---Revelation is not forced

We must show initiative to receive revelation and knowledge (Exodus 3: 1-5;)

We must participate in our own miracles (Luke 17: 11-15; John 5: 1-9)
 The Personal Pleasure and Pain of Delivering God's Word
 Word must not only be upon our lips but in our hearts; our very being
 Can we handle the pain of delivering a difficult word when love is involved?
 Can we handle the pain of delivering a difficult counter cultural word?
 The Penalty for Word Pain Avoidance
 Ezekiel 3: 16-21; I Corinthians 9: 16
 The Joy of Faithfulness
 II Timothy 4: 6-7; Revelation 2: 10

REVELATION 11

Verses 1-2, Measuring the Temple

Structure of the ancient temple in Jerusalem

The historic reality at time of John's writing

Temple destroyed around 70AD. Revelation written around 90 AD

God's people as temples who are measured are sealed not against trouble, persecution or attack, but against destruction (I Peter 2: 5, Ephesians 2: 21-22; I Corinthians 3: 16-17; II Corinthians 6: 16)

"Trouble *lasts* but not always

Forty-two months=1260 days=a time, times and half a time=three and a half years
 (Daniel 7: 25; 12: 7, persecution of Jews by Antiochus Epiphanes IV)

Verses 7-13, Ministry of Two Witnesses

Continuing Ministry of Moses and Elijah: The Law and Prophets

Evidence of supernatural in their ministries and lives

Are there any evidences of supernatural associated with our lives and ministries?

When we give ourselves to God, God will allow the impact of our witness and life to continue on long after we have passed away

The Church as New Witnesses (Luke 24: 44-49; Acts 1: 8)

Two olive trees (Zechariah 4: 1-6) Unlimited source of power

Church as two olive trees and unlimited power (John 14: 25; 16: 6-15; Acts 1: 8;

Ephesians 3: 20-21; II Timothy 1: 7)

The Emergence of the Anti-Christ

The Beast from the Abyss

(References to opposing force who is different than fallen angel

II Thessalonians 2: 1-12; I John 4: 1-4; II John 2: 7)

Continuing Persecution That is Foundation for All Resurrection

Verses 15-19, Vision of Things to Come (Reminder of the True End of All Things)

The Seventh Trumpet

The other six: crisis

The seventh: conquest

The other six: destruction

The seventh: deliverance

The other six: grief

The seventh: glory

The other six: hurt

The seventh: healing

The other six: judgment

The seventh: justification

The other six: persecution

The seventh: praise

The other six: punishment
The other six: remorse
The other six: sorrow
The other six: trouble
The other six: vengeance
The other six: wrath

The seventh: promotion
The seventh: redemption
The seventh: salvation
The seventh: triumph
The seventh: vision
The seventh: worship

Faith boldly proclaims victory in the very midst of trouble:

Word to faithful undergoing persecution: No matter how bad things look, victory still belongs to the people of God.

The opening of the sanctuary

Trouble can bring new revelation of God

The ark of the covenant represent God's eternal promises

The ark of the covenant represent God's eternal presence