

Revelation 10
Announcing the Completion of His Judgments

Majesty (1-4)

Still another (of the same kind) angel (John 14:16) **another of the same kind-
As the Holy Spirit is God, so this is another angel – not Jesus**

Seven thunders – a shout like the roar of a lion (John 12:29-31/Exodus 20:19)
He speaks so we can hear: will we listen is the question?

Seal them up **some things are not meant to be revealed to us**

Things we cannot bear until later (Daniel 12:9 / John 16:12) **He knows when**

Things we do not need to know (Deuteronomy 29:29)

He has given us everything we need (II Peter 1:3)

Mystery (5-7) **things meant to be hidden until the proper time (Colossians 1:26-27)**

Raised hand toward heaven (I Timothy 2:8/Psalm 63:4)

Where does our help come from (Psalm 121:1-2)

Recognition of the One who created everything (Colossians 1:15-17)

Our Creator who holds all things in His hand

Realization of the time (Ephesians 5:15-16/Colossians 4:5)

The Day is closer, and it will not delay (Romans 13:11)

Remembering His promises – all will be fulfilled (II Corinthians 1:20)

Including His Judgments

Mouth (8-11)

Acquiring the Book – take the Scroll from the angel (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

Are we willing to hear and take to heart His Word? (Revelation 1:3)

Asked to eat it – taking in His word (Ezekiel 2:1 – 3:4) **Will we share His truth?**

Sweet to our understanding (John 15:15) **Knowing His will & plan**

Sour for those receiving His judgments (Matthew 12:34-36/Isaiah 28:21)

Knowing that all will be held accountable

Announcing what is to come (Amos 3:7/Luke 24:25)

Will we take to heart all that the prophets have spoken?

Discussion questions for Revelation 10

God's prerogative: (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Why would God withhold information from us? (Daniel 12:8-10)

Because He is a gracious God. He gives us what we need to know without burdening us with things we are not prepared to understand. Do not let what you do not know or understand keep you from being obedient to the things He has revealed to us.

What should our response be to His decision not to reveal everything? (Hebrews 11:1-3)

To trust Him. Our faith is based on substance and evidence. We are not capable of knowing or discerning all the God knows. He gives us exactly what we need when we need it. Thank you, Lord!

How did prophets and angels respond? (see I Peter 1:10-12 / Ephesians 3:10-12)

They longed to see His plan unfold. They understand His power, majesty, and beauty. While they did not fully comprehend -they knew His plan would be marvelous.

God's mysteries: ***things kept hidden in the past, but now revealed***

How should we respond to the privilege of understanding His mysteries?

(Matthew 13:16-17/John 16:13/I Corinthians 2:16/Colossians 2:2-3)

To know the Gospel – to have the riches of understanding and knowledge that come from Christ – to no longer be blinded by the enemy (II Cor. 4:4) – how grateful to be given such a privilege and how eager to grow deeper in our understanding.

How does Christ and the fulfillment of His plan also fulfill each of His mysteries?

(II Corinthians 1:20/Revelation 19:10) ***Prophecy is about Christ and in Him all the promises of God come to be. From saving and transforming our lives to His judgments on those people and nations who reject Him – every mystery finds its meaning through understanding and knowing Jesus***

God's Word: (Psalm 19:7-9) ***bringing salvation, wisdom, joy, light, assurance, and hope***

In what way is the taking in of His Word sweet to our mouths?

(John 17:17/Psalm 119:71-72) ***It has the power to transform our lives and make us to be more like Jesus. As we grow through His word we discover its incredible value - more precious than gold – and learn that even our afflictions can be seen as having value in leading us to know and trust God more through His word.***

In what way is the digesting of His Word sour to our stomachs?

(II Thessalonians 1:8-9/Jeremiah 17:5-6) ***His judgments are real. It is hard when we see those we love and care about refusing to accept His love. It also reveals how wicked the human heart is which reveals how truly wicked I am apart from Jesus in my life.***

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