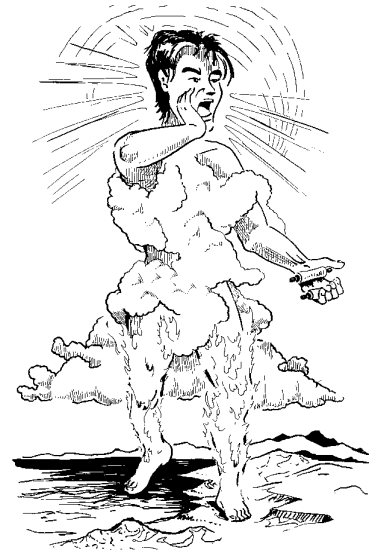


Revelation 10

2nd Interlude 10:1-11

A. Purpose of interludes

1. The last interlude in Rev. 7 showed what will *happen* to the church when these troubles come
2. This interlude explains what the church should be *doing* during the troubled times ahead



B. The man coming down from Heaven

1. Description:
 - a. Clothed in a cloud - He was from Heaven
 - b. Rainbow above his head -
Reminder of God's mercy from Genesis chapter 9
 - c. Face as the sun - Represents glory
 - d. Feet as Fire - Fire usually represents judgment
2. Holding a little scroll
 - a. It was open
 - 1) This indicates that the message is for the present time and not the distant future
 - 2) Compare to Dan 12:4, where the message was sealed because it was for the distant future
 - b. Maybe it was the message of 11:1-13?
3. Feet was on the land and the sea - Indicates that his message was universal

C. The seven thunders

1. They were to be sealed up rather than written down
2. No more warnings
3. God tells us what we need to know, but we don't need to know everything.
 - a. It is best not to speculate
 - b. Mt 24:36 - No one knows the day or hour - God has not told us everything

D. The days of the 7th trumpet

1. There will be no more delay (Greek: "time") - Time will run out
2. At the 7th trumpet, Gods will have accomplished his will
3. "Mystery" of God
 - a. 1 Pet 1:10-12 - It was a mystery to the prophets
 - b. Eph 3:4-5

c. Col 1:26 - The mystery has been made known

E. John becomes a participant

1. He is told to eat the scroll
 - a. He devours the book and makes it part of himself
2. The scroll is both sweet and bitter
 - a. The word can be sweet
 - 1) Ezek 2:9 - 3:6 - Sweet
 - 2) Jer 15:16 - Delightful
 - 3) Ps 19:10; 119:103
 - b. The word can also be sour
Jer 20:7-8 - Sour
 - c. Why is it sweet and bitter here?
 - 1) It is sweet because there is a message of mercy
 - 2) It is bitter because of a message of judgment
 - 3) Similar to the "aroma" of 2 Cor 2:14-16
 - a) To those being saved, it is the aroma of life
 - b) To those perishing, it is the stench of death
3. There will be more bittersweet
 - a. John would prophesy about many peoples, nations, etc.
 - b. The message is not always pleasant
Some refuse to listen, making it bitter

