A TALE OF TWO KINGDOMS

WEEK 11

REVELATION 10

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PRAYER PROMPTS:

- Pray for the people you love who don't know Jesus, and ask God for a heart that grieves for them and the courage to speak.
- Pray for those who attend CVC but have never trusted Jesus, that they would not wait.
- Pray for anyone anxious about the future, that they would rest in the God who holds the sea and the land.
- Pray for the Banjar people of Indonesia, that God would send workers, open hearts, and raise up churches among them.

THE GOD WHO REIGNS (VV. 1-3)

A mighty angel from God's presence stands on the sea and the land, and both belong to God.

Is the angel Jesus?
Faithful Christians differ. He looks like Jesus in 1:16, but he swears by the God above him (v. 6). We read him as an angel carrying God's reflected glory, as Moses did (Exodus 34:29-35).

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

IF GOD ALREADY STANDS ON THE SEA AND THE LAND, WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

THE GOD WHO RESERVES (VV. 3-4)

The seven thunders are sealed. God has not given us every page, but what He has given us is meant to be obeyed.

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

WHERE HAS WAITING FOR EVERY ANSWER KEPT YOU FROM DOING WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY MADE PLAIN?

The God Who Resolves (vv. 5-7)

Daniel was told to wait (Daniel 12:7). John hears, "There will be no more delay." It is a warning to those who refuse to repent, and good news to all who believe.

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

IF GOD HAS SWORN THERE WILL BE NO MORE DELAY, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

The God Who Recommissions (vv. 8-11)

John eats the scroll, as Ezekiel did (Ezekiel 3:1-3). It is sweet, then bitter. Then God sends him back to speak, "whether they hear or refuse to hear" (Ezekiel 2:5-7).

What is sweetness for me is utter loss for them.

QUESTION TO CONSIDER:

WHOSE LOSTNESS BURDENS YOU, AND HOW WILL YOU BRING THEM WHAT THEY NEED?

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WEEK 11 - SYMBOLISM & TERMS

Symbol or term	Verse	What it means	See also
A pause before the seventh trumpet	10:1-11:14	Not a stop on a timeline, but another camera on the same story, turned toward God's people and their witness	Revelation 7
The mighty angel	10:1	A messenger from God's presence, carrying God's reflected glory	Exodus 13:21-22; 34:29-35; Revelation 1:16; 4:3
Sea and land	10:2	All of creation belongs to God, including the ground and sea the beasts will rise from	Psalm 95:5; Revelation 13:1, 11
The little scroll	10:2	An open portion of the plan Christ holds in chapter 5, given to John to eat. Represents what has been revealed to the Church of God's plan	Ezekiel 2:8-3:3; Revelation 5:1
Lion's roar and seven thunders	10:3	God's voice and presence	Amos 3:8; Psalm 29; Exodus 19:16-19
"Seal up"	10:4	Some things God reserves, and the rest He gives us to obey	Daniel 12:4; Deuteronomy 29:29; Revelation 22:10
The oath	10:5-6	The angel swears by the Creator, the God above him	Daniel 12:7
"No more delay"	10:6	The answer to the martyrs' "How long?" Not "time will be no more"	Revelation 6:9-11
The mystery of God	10:7	God's plan, revealed in Christ, finished at the seventh trumpet. "Announced" is the word for preaching the gospel	Amos 3:7; Romans 16:25-26; Revelation 11:15
Sweet and bitter	10:9-10	God's word is sweet. The bitterness is grief over judgment for those who don't know Jesus	Psalm 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 3:14
"Prophesy again"	10:11	Speaking God's word, not predicting the future, to the same nations who refused to repent	Ezekiel 2:5-7; 37:4-10; Revelation 9:20-21