

Intro: I cant believe you all are still here...

we are essentially at the half-way point in this scariest book of the Bible and its time to asses where we are - video

Problem:

Revelation can be hard to bear - Rev 9:1-21

but

we have been blessed -Rev 1:1-3; 22:7

Main Idea:

with a reignited perspective

and a reignited certainty

to bear a reignited burden

Implication: Ezek 2:1-3:15

but here is the burden - as we love people and share the gospel they will be offended at us

Jesus was not crucified for telling people to be nice - that is not the gospel

He was crucified for implying that people are not nice

Christ is the stumbling stone to the "good people" of this world

and the gospel is by its very necessity offensive to self- righteous people among us

- Rom 9:30-33

Revelation reminds us of this - it is the unveiling of the Lamb in His glory and His righteous wrath

Revelation makes it impossible to remain causal and ambivalent about the gospel- all our fake plastic versions of Jesus are burned up in the furnace of this book

all our ambivalence consumed by the terror we find within

Application: Ezek 3:16-21

there is an analogy of experience here setting the tone for us

we are watchmen on the wall - Ezek 3:16-21

how much do we have to hate a person to ignore this book?

articles for further study:

<https://www.evangelismcoach.org/2013/the-urgency-of-the-gospel-in-personal-evangelism/>

text:**We have been blessed**

Rev 9 (this is terrifying)

Rev 1:1-3; 22:7 (meant to be a blessing)

with a reignited perspective

Rev. 10:1 ¶ Then I saw **another mighty angel coming down** from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire.

Rev. 10:2 He had **a little scroll open (perfect)** in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land,

Rev. 10:3 and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the **seven thunders** sounded.

Rev. 10:4 And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, **"Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down."**

then - interlude here

Rev 9:13->11:15 (7th trumpet)

another mighty angel - identity

Rev 5:2; 18:21 (another of same kind) (Dan 10:1-17)

coming down - (present tense) new perspective

Rev 4:1 (come up here i will show)

little scroll - same as before

Rev 5:1 (sealed)

Rev 8:1 (opened) - perfect tense

seven thunders - God's amen

psalm 29 (voice of Lord 7xs)

seal up - why?

Deut 29:16-29 (what we need to know)

2 Cor 12:1-10 (His grace is sufficient)

and a reignited certainty

Rev. 10:5 And **the angel whom I saw** standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven

Rev. 10:6 and **swore by him who lives** forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, **that there would be no more delay,**

Rev. 10:7 but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, **the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.**

no more delay -

Rev 6:10 how long?

fulfilled - finish (Jn 19:30)

Matt 24:15-22 (rapidly -let reader understand)

prophets - OT last 3.5 years

Dan 9:24-27 (abomination of desolation)

Dan 12:1-13 (a new certainty 3.5 years left)

Dan 7:25 (3.5 years of terrible persecution)

Rev 11:1-3; 12:6, , 12, 14; 13:5

to bear a reignited burden

Rev. 10:8 ¶ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, **take the scroll** that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

Rev. 10:9 So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "**Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.**"

Rev. 10:10 And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. **It was** sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

Rev. 10:11 And I was told, "**You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.**"

take eat - 3rd time in scripture

Jer 15:13-17 (a sweet but unheeded message)

Ezek 2:1-3:14 (a sweet but unheeded message)

you must again - present tense

Ezek 3:16-21 (a new burden - watchmen)