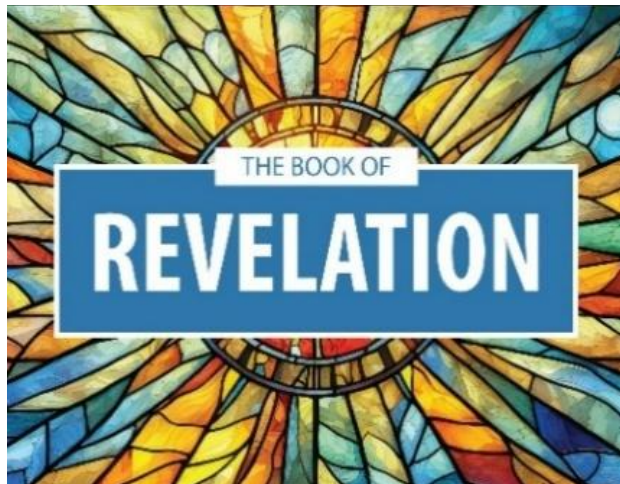




The Little Scroll

PART 23

Introductions

Let's get started by sharing our names and answering this question: [*Choose your own question*].

Songs of Praise

Let's begin our time singing to the Lord. [*Sing additional songs if you prefer. Contact the church office for copies of our church songbooks.*]

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

John Newton, 1779

Church News

- Men's Breakfast, Dec 13, 8:30-10AM, registration coming out soon
- Parent & Youth Equipping Conference, January 16-17, Sign-up online.
- Women's Retreat, February 26-28, Sign-up online.

Study

[*This guide utilizes the Sunday sermon notes, please [click this link](#) to access them.*]

Q: Would someone read aloud Revelation 10:1-11.

This section is a break in the cadence of the trumpet-judgments. We call this break an interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpets. This is a structural repetition with the interlude we read between the sixth and seventh seals in chapter 7. In this interlude in chapters 10-11, we see two pictures of God's people. Both portray a threatened but ultimately safe and secured church in a sinful world; a people who are persecuted but sealed by God.

Q: In what ways do we see that this **mighty angel**

is described as a representative for Christ Jesus?¹

This little scroll in the angel's hand is open because the Lamb broke open its seals. However, God does not allow John to write down what **the seven thunders have said**.

Q: Does God have to tell his church *everything* he is going to do in history? If not, what is our response to such things?

The angel makes a vow before God, **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**. Consider how God is described here in verse 6.

Q: What are the attributes of God that are described here in verse 6.

Q: What is the importance of knowing these attributes of God in the midst of judgment and John's mission to **prophecy**?²

Q: What is John told to do with this little scroll which represents God's word?

Q: What does it mean for Christians that God's word is bitter and sweet?

Let's read aloud the following passages: 1 Peter 4:1-6, 4:13-14, and James 1:2-4.

Q: How does this strike you? In what way is God's word personally sweet? Bitter?

We learned Sunday that it is important to not "undo with your life what you say with your words."

Q: What does this mean? What is your response to this? How does it challenge you?

As we finish up our time, let us remember that there is nothing sweeter than knowing the gospel of salvation. The gospel is the power of God

revealed in Christ to deal with divine, righteous judgment. It gives hope in the midst of chaos and sorrow. It grants us love for God and our neighbor even as we suffer the pains of living in a fallen, sinful world.

Q: Are there any further questions or comments before we break for prayer?

Prayer

[Take time to pray - men with men, and women with women.]

Notes...

¹ A rainbow surrounds him, like God (4:3). He comes with a cloud and a face like the sun (1:7, 16). His immovable power and glory reflected in his legs like pillars of fire (Ex 13:21-22; 14:24), and he has an authoritative voice like a roaring lion (Rev 5:5). The angel is an ambassador for Christ (10:5-6).

² God uses the proclamation of the gospel to save souls from the coming judgment. However, in this text, John will experience **peoples and nations and languages and kings** actively defying God, Christ and his church. They will resist with the weapons of evil and the banners of hatred (16:12-16)