**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

**The Two Witnesses, No. 8**

**Rev. 10:1 -11:19**

**Part One**

**The Context:** MacArthur, p. 65.

 Rev. 10:1 – 11:19 is an Interlude, Time Out, Pause, a break in the sequence.

 **ILL:** For example, 1- 2- 3- (a relaxing interlude, or pause) 4- 5- 6-

**Keys to the Text:**

 Who are the Two Witnesses?

 **ILL:** The Two Witnesses

 *Prophecy Study Bible*, Tim LaHaye, p. 1381

**The Text:** Rev. 10:1 – 11, Part One

**The Exposition:**

**Verses 1 -3**

Another mighty angel (1)

 Who is this?

* Jesus?
* High Ranking Angel?

 Rev. 1:1 states: “. . . sending his angel to his servant John . . . & this “Another mighty angel” is speaking to John.

 Therefore . . .

 Rainbow (1)

 **ILL:** *Charlie Brown and Lucy*

 Feet like Pillars of Fire (1)

 Little Book (2) “Title Deed to the Earth”

 Christ has the Legal Authority

 Christ has the Final Authority

 **ILL:** Rev. 5:1-2

 Right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land (2)

 The *god of this world* (2 Cor. 4:4) has flailed his arms, waving his fist, declaring himself

 to be in control of God’s Creation. But in this gesture, Almighty God is symbolically

 demonstrating His Absolute Sovereignty over everyone & over everything.

 I can imagine that the *Dragon*, the *Deceiver*, is grating his teeth and screaming profanities at our *Good Shepherd.*

**Verses 4 -7**

 Seal up (4)

 **ILL:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

 a time to be born, and a time to die;

 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

 a time to kill, and a time to heal;

 a time to break down, and a time to build up;

 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

 a time to seek, and a time to lose;

 a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

 a time to tear, and a time to sew;

 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

 a time to love, and a time to hate;

 a time for war, and a time for peace.

 It is as if God is saying, *Not now John, not now.* Imagine John asking, *When God, When?* God answered John’s question in Rev. 22:10.

 Raised up his hand (5)

 An Oath to God.

 **ILL:** *5 U.S. 3331 – Oath of Office,* and it’s revision – August 22, 2021.

 There should be delay no longer (6)

 Remember, we are in a Pause or an Interlude. Six Trumpets have already occurred. This

 declaration is clarifying that the 7th and final Trumpet is ready to begin.

 **ILL:** Rev. 11:15

 The Mystery (7)

 **ILL:** *Mystery*: Def. “An open, sacred secret, hitherto concealed, but now revealed.”

 **Barnes' Notes on the Bible on Colossians 1:26-27**

 “The great doctrine that salvation was to be proclaimed to all mankind, Paul says, had

 been concealed for many generations. Hence, it was called a mystery, or a hidden truth.

 But now is made manifest to his saints - It was communicated especially to the apostles who were appointed to proclaim it, and through them to all the saints. Paul says that he regarded himself as specially called to make this truth known, as far as possible, to

 mankind.” <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/colossians/1-26.htm>

 **ILL:** ESVSBftn on Col. 1:26-27

 As He Declared (7)

**Verses 8 – 11**

 Take and eat it (9)

 **ILL:** Ezekiel 3:1-11

 **ILL:** ESVSBftn Rev. 10:8-11

 Your stomach bitter (9)

 Sweet as honey in your mouth (9)

 Prophesy again (11)

**Your Reflections & Responses?**