

The Comfort of God's Reassurance Revelation 10-11

I. God is Present – 10:1

1. A Pause to reassure God's people
In midst of upheaval, need to know God is there
After 6 seals opened Rev. 7 gives reassurance
God is there and will protect His people
Now after 6 trumpets Rev. 10 gives reassurance
God is in control, will accomplish His purpose
2. A Messenger from God
A mighty angel come down from heaven
He is clothed with a cloud – often speaks of God
A rainbow upon His head – cp. 4:3
Face as it were the sun – radiance of God's glory
Cp. Matthew 17:2 at transfiguration of Christ
Feet as pillars of fire – cp. Rev. 1:15
3. Identity of messenger
Because of description it may be Christ himself
Or some representative of God's presence
In midst of tribulation God is there for His people
He does not abandon His own
He will comfort and protect
He will reassure with knowledge of his plan

II. God is in Control – 10:2

1. In times of chaos remember God is in control
The scroll is in His hand
It is open means His plan is being accomplished
God is doing what He planned
2. Messenger's feet are planted on earth & sea
God rules over the earth and the sea
He is bringing to completion His plan & purpose
3. Be comforted knowing that God is in control
No matter what happens God's will shall prevail

III. God is about to Speak – 10:3, 4

1. It may appear that God is silent but He is not
When He speaks it is an awesome experience
Like the roar of a lion is not to be ignored
2. His roaring voice accompanied by 7 thunders
Give attention to the awesome voice of God
3. John is not permitted to record these thunders
It is enough to know that God is at work
Prepare to listen when the 7th trumpet sounds

IV. God will not Delay – 10:5-7

1. There is a message for God's people
This is what God wants His people to know
2. Message is backed up with a solemn oath
He swore by the One who has created all things
3. There will be no more delay
In 6:10, 11 martyrs told to wait a little longer
God is longsuffering, gives time for repentance

- But do not misinterpret His patience– 1 Pet. 3:3-9
4. When 7th trumpet sounds it will be over – 7
The plan of God will be brought to completion
Evil will be judged and righteousness shall reign

V. A Command for John – 10:8-11

1. Take the scroll from the messenger – 8
2. Eat the scroll – assimilate its content
Sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach
3. Message to be proclaimed to others - 11
God will complete His purpose – it is sweet
But there is still sorrow & woe ahead – it is bitter
The nations need to hear God's message
God's love and grace is sweet to the taste
But if you reject there is judgment ahead
God is patient and longsuffering
But don't misinterpret His patience

VI. God claims His Temple 11:1, 2

1. John is sent to measure the Temple – 1
Survey property to be claimed
God is laying claim to what is His
The Temple, The Altar, and the Worshipers
As Messiah, Jesus laid claim to Temple–
Luke 19:45-48
His claim was rejected by the religious leaders
2. The Outer Court is not measured – 2
Outer court was the court of the Gentiles
God patiently gives 3 ½ yrs. to trample His court
42 months for Gentiles to trample the Holy City
God is gracious and longsuffering

VI. God sends His Messengers – 11:3-12

1. God continues to proclaim His message – 3
Sends 2 messengers to prophesy for 3 ½ years
Clothing suggests the solemnity of their message
Sackcloth is a sign of mourning and repentance
2. They are Spirit-filled witnesses – 4
They are a light in a world of darkness
There is a continual flow of oil to their lamps
3. God will miraculously protect them – 5
Fire proceeds out of their mouth against enemies
4. Miracles attest to truth of their message – 6
Like Moses & Elijah God confirms their message
5. Their message will be rejected – 7-8
God will protect them until ministry is finished
The Beast will make war against them
These messengers will be killed
Bodies will lie exposed in street of Jerusalem
That city is spiritually like Sodom and Egypt
The people of that city also crucified our Lord
6. World will celebrate their death – 9-10
They leave their bodies exposed for 3 ½ days
They send gifts to one another to celebrate
7. God will raise them from the dead – 11-12

People will see them raised from the dead
Enemies will see them ascend into heaven

VII. God's Answer to man's rejection – 11:13, 14

1. In same hour there is an earthquake – 13
Jerusalem is shaken by a great earthquake
1/10 of the city is destroyed & 7,000 are killed
2. Those who remain are terrified – 13
They recognize God's hand in this earthquake
They give glory to God of Heaven – Phil. 2:10-11
3. The final woe is about to come – 14
Men have rejected God's message
God must now summon the 7th trumpet to sound

VIII. God's Triumph – 11:15-19

1. The 7th trumpet now sounds – 15
Included in trumpet are 7 bowls of wrath
2. Heaven announces final victory - 15
"The kingdoms of this world are become the
Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He
shall reign for ever and ever".
Heaven reverberates with this cry of victory
What God's people prayed– "Thy kingdom come"
3. This announcement spurs worship – 16
Believers in heaven fall before God in worship
All glory goes to God for He has won the victory
Evil has been defeated & righteousness will reign
4. Listen to the words of worship – 17
Expression of thanks to God goes out to Him
He is Almighty, there is no one greater than Him
He is eternal and all things are under His control
He has the authority to exercise His power
He has claimed the throne and will reign
5. The nations are angry & reject His claim – 18
Without regeneration men reject God's kingdom
6. God holds humans accountable – 18
Wrath & judgment must come on those who rebel
God will reward those who are His servants

IX. God's Temple is Open – 11:19

1. When humans rule there is limited access
People do not have open access to their ruler
2. In God's Kingdom the door is open
There is access to God's Temple
Even into the Most Holy Place where the Ark is
The Ark of His Covenant gives us full assurance
3. From His Holy Temple He will bring judgment
There is lightning, thunder, earthquake, great hail
Note that bowls of wrath come from His Temple
Compare Revelation 16:1