

## Revelation 10: An Interlude

- Between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> seals an interlude provides a picture of the state of the saints.
- An interlude occurs between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpets.

Seals 1-6

Interlude

Seal 7

Trumpets 1-4

Trumpets 5,6—First two woes

Interlude—Chapter 10-11:13

Trumpet 7

- Chapters 12-14—the heart of the book of Revelation
- 10:1—Magnificent angel—rainbow—divine glory; crown
- Scroll—containing the message of Revelation; 1:11, 22:7-10, 18-19.
- Thunder—God’s voice; His ruling power—sovereignty.
- Verse 4—Prophecy will not cease; c.f. 19:10—do not add to the book; but God continues to speak. The most important lesson is that we listen and obey.
- Lifting of one hand—like in court—to testify under oath that the end is near.
- “There will be no more delay”—refers to the vindication of the saints—their prayers have been answered. God will fulfill all of His promises.
- “Mystery”—all will be revealed (God’s Kingdom, His purposes, His plan)  
We only know in part—1 Corinthians 13:9;
- Eating the scroll—Just as God commanded Ezekiel; tastes sweet in his mouth—but bitter in his stomach—sorrow and mourning. God’s message is not always pleasant—“Prosperity”: God always provides grace to endure.
- God’s words are compared to honey; c.f. Ps. 19:10; 119:103, Proverbs 24:13-14
- Eating is representative of internalizing its’ contents.
- Ezekiel only responsible to deliver the message to Israel; John is to prophesy to many nations.”
- The cup of judgment will come to “many peoples” Rev. 10:11; No one is exempt from its warnings and those who comfort themselves should take heed.