

Hope Church Women's Bible Study: Revelation 10:1 – 11:19

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Dwell: Think back to where we left off last week in Rev 9. Write down a couple of words to describe how that passage left you feeling.

As you listen to this week's passage, describe any new emotions/thoughts. Jot down the familiar ideas and images you hear, along with any new questions.



Dig:

1. **Rev 10:9-11** The angel tells John, "*Take and eat it.*" The cross-references here point us back to the experience of Ezekiel (on back). What connections do you think John might be wanting the reader to make?

* Note "sweet" and "bitter." How do those words compare to your words about Rev 9 (above)?
2. **Rev 11:1-2** What does the "Temple" generally represent, in the Old Testament and then in the New? Consider the next 4 references on the back. How might this help us understand 11:1-2? With this in mind, brainstorm the possible meaning of "measuring" the inner but not the outer courts of the temple.
3. **Rev 11:3-12** Let's explore the meaning of the 2 witnesses by considering how John describes them. Who else in the Bible do they remind you of? Brainstorm ideas. Then distribute the verses, have each person think about the connection in their reference, and share. (If you don't have time, just brainstorm!)
 - "2 olive trees"
 - "2 lampstands"
 - "fire from mouth" ... "power to shut the sky... no rain..."
 - "power over the waters... turn to blood... strike the earth with plague..."
 - "finished their testimony... kill them... after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet... they went up to heaven in a cloud..."
4. Briefly, look back at Rev 7. Compare that "interlude" before the last seal to this "interlude" before the last trumpet. Generally speaking, what do these two parts have in common? What differences?
5. The mighty angel with the little scroll said there would be "*no more delay... in the days of the seventh trumpet the mystery of God would be fulfilled*" (10:7). And then at the end of 11, the trumpet sounds (11:15-19). Considering what comes in between, what are you thinking this week's passage reveals to us about that mystery – how God's kingdom will come?
6. What are you learning in this passage about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?



Deepen: 1. John is writing to encourage the churches. What might have encouraged them from this passage? How do you find it encouraging? Encourage one another by sharing your ideas.

2. Where have you experienced “sweetness” and “bitterness” in the expression of your faith? How does this passage encourage or challenge you regarding how you “eat” God’s word and live out your faith in this world?

3. We are halfway through Revelation. *How are you doing?* Are you encouraged? Confused? Troubled? How has that experience changed for you as we have moved through the book together?

References:

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4, 3:14-17. ⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. **3** And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” **2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. **3** And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. **4** And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.... **14** The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat [NIV- anger] of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. **15** And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib... **16** And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: **17** “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me...”

Exodus 40:18, 19, 34 ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle... ¹⁹as the Lord had commanded Moses... **34** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

1 Kings 9:3 And the Lord said to him [Solomon], “I have heard your prayer and your plea, which you have made before me. I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? **17** If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Ephesians 2:20-22 ...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

References for question 3 – see paper strips (or if you’re at home, see all verses on next page)



Jeremiah 11:16
Romans 11:11, 17-18
Rev 1:20
2 Kings 1:9-10

1 Kings 17:1
Exodus 7:20
Matthew 5:17
Acts 2:23-24

(These will be cut out so that participants can take one or two puzzle pieces to consider and share.)



Jeremiah 11: ¹⁶The Lord once called you ‘a green **olive tree**, beautiful with good fruit.’ ...The Lord of hosts, who planted you, has decreed disaster against you, because of the evil that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done, provoking me to anger by making offerings to Baal.”



Romans 11:11, 17-18

...Through [Israel’s] trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles...But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of **the olive tree**, ¹⁸do not be arrogant toward the branches...



Rev 1:20

As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden **lampstands**, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.



2 Kings 1:9-10

⁹Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, “O man of God, the king says, ‘Come down.’” ¹⁰But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.” Then **fire** came down from heaven and **consumed** him and his fifty....



1 Kings 17:1

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be **neither dew nor rain** these years, except by my word.”



Exodus 7:20

Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the **water** in the Nile **turned into blood**.



Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.



Acts 2:23-24

²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.