

Answer to Homework Rev 9:21: Some translations use sorcery which in the Greek is Pharmacia- meaning Drugs where we get our English word Pharmacy.

Drugs will serve the following purposes:

- Drugs will help them bear the judgements. Likely, many will turn to drugs to ease pain of the scorpion stings alone.
- Drugs will likely be a religion of sorts. People will turn to drugs instead of God.
- Drugs tend to intensify sin. We see today the recreation use of ED (erectile dysfunction) medication.

Many drugs will become even more commonplace accepted, promoted, free of any social judgment. Probably, the opposite will occur in that there will be pressure to partake. If you choose to “Just say No” and be drug free, you will be like Daniel who chose not to partake in the king’s food. The same type of pressure and risk to your very life may occur.

The culture will be much worse than Las Vegas. It will be much more like Babylon or Ephesus. The Devil’s task to deceive will be much easier when the population is drugged. This is much the same as when you go to dig up a bush or a large plant in the yard. If you try to do that in August in Texas, when it has not rained in a month the task looks near impossible. But the same bush, can be relatively easily pulled after a week solid of spring rains to soften the soil. Drugs will serve the same purpose loosening our roots to reason and allowing us to fall for the strong delusions that will come. Paul referenced this in 2 Thes. 2:9-12. As originally coined in World War II, “If you stand for nothing and you will fall for anything!” Judgment will come for those who reject Christ!

Chapter 10

Where are we now?

Chapter 1 – John’s Vision – Jesus in Glory – The one who keeps the lamb stands burning - What he sees

Chapters 2-3 - Church Ages – History - The Things that are, Then, the Things After these Things:

Chapter 4 - Throne – Some Say the Rapture? No further reference of the church. Great Worship – 4 creatures because of Who Jesus is & the 24 elders for what he has done.

Chapter 5 – Lion and the Lamb, The Title Deed Book for earth, Redeemer, initially seated then Standing in Judgment.

Chapters 6 – 18 – The Great Tribulation -

3. Opens with 7 seals (including 144,000 – 12 tribes)
4. 7 trumpets (including 2 witness)
5. 7 Bowls of Wrath
6. Babylon Falls - First and Last Judgment of Babylon Gen 11 & Rev 17-18

Chapter 19 – Armageddon - Wedding Supper & Great Supper of God

Chapter 20 – Millennium, then Satan and the Dead’s final Doom

Chapter 21 - New Earth and Heaven

Chapter 22 – Closing

As you know, we have made it from the Vision of Christ, The Church period, the Rapture in Chapt 4 (as many believe), The 7 seals including a pause to seal 144k between the sixth and seventh seal, and now we are in the trumpet judgments. The first four were targeted primarily at creation (vegetation, sea, rivers (fresh water – wormwood) and the sun). The last 3 trumpets are the Woe Trumpets (remember the Angel flying in heaven saying to the people on earth – Woe! Woe! Woe! Last week, we covered the Locust coming from the bottomless pit and the 200M army with fire, smoke and brimstone. Now, we have one woe left – the 7th trumpet. However, as we saw with the seals we will have a break in the action between the 6th and the 7th in the series in order to accomplish His purposes. Chapter 10 – continues the patterns set with an interlude or pause in the action for explanation or another camera angle to explain the action more completely. Like in the seals where between the 6th and 7th seal the two groups (144,000 and the Tribulation Saints) were sealed and redeemed. Now, we have three personalities introduced – the Mighty Angel and the 2 witnesses.

Revelation 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

Who is this mighty Angel?

Disagreement on the Identity of this Mighty Angel – Basically, there are two camps. Some say Christ and others say a “Very Mighty Angel.” This angel is either Christ or came from the throne with Christ’s scroll (the little book). My view is that is a mighty Angel not Christ Himself. In the Old Testament is the only time you see Christ described as an Angel - “Angel of the Lord”. Once He came to Earth, he is not depicted in the New Testament as an Angel. Also, this verse begins with Another Angel. Indicating that is angel is similar in some way to the previous Angels. Christ could not fit that description as another Angel.

This Angel likely came with the glow of being in Christ’s presence. Clothed in a cloud just as described in Christ Second coming but just as in His first coming the Angels came to announce him in the Clouds...

The Rainbow is a reminder of His covenant and even in Judgment, His grace remains.

His face was like the sun. Glorious signature of Christ, but like Moses this Angelic being could be reflecting the rama of the Glory of Christ from being in his presence. Note: Luke 24:4 – even the Animals shown with the rama of the Lord. Feet like fire. Judgment – Purification just like shoes that was part of this Angel’s uniform to do what he was called.

Revelation 10:2-3 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

What book is this referring to that is open? Why do you think it is called “little”?

Little Book - is the sealed book is the only one mentioned in Revelations – Little because it only covers 7 years, so it does not have to a big book. Romans 9:28 “...the Lord will make short work upon the Earth.” This is likely the scroll from Rev Chapter 5 that is opened and was the one in God’s Hand that Jesus was the only one worthy to take.

What does the imagery represent? Clothed in a cloud, Rainbow, Face like the Sun, feet like pillars of fire, setting his right foot on the sea and left on the earth.

Lev. 25:23 Land should not be sold forever for the land is mine says the Lord....Psalm 6:8 – God made the land and seas and Man in Authority over it – not owner...God owns the Earth. Columbus came to America and placed a flag to claim it. US put a flag on the Moon. Christ put a cross on it, and now the Angel under Christ’s authority, places a foot on both the sea and the earth claiming both for the Lord.

Who or what are the seven thunders?

Read Job 37:4-5 and Psalm 29:3. Based on scripture, the seven thunders are likely the voice of Christ, and they are intelligent – hence John was going to write them down.

The book is then given to John who is to eat it. The book is the title deed to the World – Jesus paid the price and is worthy. He is given the World. This book opens the judgments and events that must take place to put Jesus on the thrown ruling in Earth. – Millennium. Jesus said Man does not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds from God. So, Jesus is instructing John to chew, understand and digest this

Revelation 10:4-5 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

Why is John instructed not to write them down and keep it sealed? What is the implication for us today? Do you expect God to reveal many things to you today?

John was asked not to write what is said and to seal this. No one knows what this is. In spite of many guesses, it is sealed by the Christ, so no one knows. Lesson here is God is sovereign, so some things are simply not for us to know. This is the essence of faith. God does not tell you everything. He expects you have a faith. As you will recall it all started that way with Abraham when his faith was credited to righteousness (Romans 4:9).

Revelation 10:5-7 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Do you find it odd the angel takes an oath by Heaven and earth and He who lives forever? Could this angel really be Christ?

Note, the Angel swore by heaven. This cannot be Christ. Hebrews 6:13 – “He could swear by no one greater, He swore by himself.” Also, notice John did not fall on the ground and worship the Mighty Angel – yet another point that leads us to believe the mighty angel is not Jesus. These are like your kids in backseat asking are we there yet? Now, it is the Saints again (remember this occurred back in Rev. 6:9-11), and the Angel swears no more delays.

What is the mystery of God? There are mysteries that we will not know till we are there in Heaven, but we can know the Lord today.

Revelation 10:8-10 *Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.” So I went to the angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.” And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.” Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”*

Who’s voice is this? Where did it come from? What book is this? Do you recall the scroll in Revelation Chapter 5? Who is worthy to open it? Do you think eating up the book is literal? What did Jesus say to the Devil when tempted to turn a stone into bread?

The command to “Go take the book” was given from Heaven probably order by Christ or Christ is talking. John now becomes a participant in the future. Eating is receiving the Word of God by Faith. Man does not live by bread alone but every word proceeding from the Mouth of God (Det 8:3).

Why is the book Sweet in the mouth and Bitter in the Belly?

When you read God’s word and fully digest correctly is it sometimes sweet in the mouth and bitter in the belly?

Chapter 11

Interlude or a time of explanation is continued between the 6th and 7th event.

Here we will see 42 months half of the 7 year Tribulation. – foreshadowing of God dealing with the Nation of Israel, 2 witnesses, signs, plagues, judgments, martyrs, resurrection, ascension to Heaven, the doom of the 2nd Woe, earthquakes, lighting thunder, hailstorms, a glimpse into the millennium and the blowing of the 7th Trumpet which will usher the return of Christ and symbolize moving Israel to the Millennium.

Revelation 11:1-2 *Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.”*

Measurements are always a signal God is dealing with Israel. The Rod can mean judgment in Psalm 2:9 or comfort in Psalm 23:4.

What end of God’s rod are you feeling now? Comfort or Judgment?