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INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 10 - Jn is re-commissioned as apostolic prophet: v1-4 review
2. v4 - *I was about to write - "Do not write"*. Interesting. Jesus directs the ministries of His servants - LK 17:10.

1st: Raise Your Right Hand and Swear - v5-6a

1. Angel's position: assumes posture of oath-taker - *lifts right hand to heaven*
2. OT - Dan 12:7
3. Angel - deity - covenant making God. Dt 32:39-40
 - i. Context: apostasy, idolatry [v16-33]. v34 *sealed up* [Rv 10:4].
 - ii. Vindication in midst of vengeance -v41. v43 [Rv 6:10-11].
4. Rv 10:5-6a context of past prophecy: Dan [exile]; Moses [Exo]) v6b,c context of future & past: Creation wh/ is designed for the future

2nd: Swear by the Lord of the Sabbath - v6b,c

1. *swore* = verbally confirm; legal connotation
2. *by Him who lives forever & ever*: Trinity: 1:6; Christ 1:18; Creator 4:9; God in 15:7. *living* contrast w/ dead idols - *forever & ever* = contrast w/ finite
3. v6 cites Ex 20:11 [IVth]. Angel swears by "Lord of Sabbath." Significance of Sabbath often missed in our day. Sabbath: our hope.
4. Refers to IInd - Exo 20:4 in Rv 5:3 - Angel swears by GOD.

3rd: The End is Coming Swiftly - v6d-7b

1. Content of oath? *that there will be delay no longer*. KJV: *there shld be time no longer* -> [THB #727]. No longer any duration of time.

2. When? v7a-b ESV
 - i. chp 10 = parenthesis tw/ 6th & 7th trmpts; final 3 trmpts intro'd by *Woe!*
 - ii. Progressive parallelism - history moves linearly to the End [Eschaton]
3. End of 6th trmpt? 9:20-21 impenitent. Purpose for chronological time?
 - i. Rv 2:21 given duration of time - why? *to repent*
 - ii. Rm 2:4 time for gospel proclamation - call sinners to repent
4. Some see imminent return of Christ. Edifying [Hab 2:3, cited in Hb 10:37]
 - i. Legit emphasis Rv 22:12,20; Jms 5:9
 - ii. Urgency b/c we live in *the last days* - 1Jn 2:18 *the last hour!*
5. There are yet things that must happen: Jn was *about to write*; the 7th trmpt is *about to sound* [same term]: underscore the urgency of NOW
 - i. We are presently in a time when there IS delay - don't misinterp it!
 - ii. Mat 24:48 evil slave misinterprets Mater's delay
 - iii. Mat 25:5 foolish virgins - *while the bridegroom was delaying*
 - iv. Master is returning sooner than you think! Do not use this time foolishly.
 - v. R.C.Sproul wrote column in TableTalk Mag: "Today Counts Forever"

4th: The End Will Transpire as Has Been Prophesied - v7c-d

1. I'm going to delay my treatment of v7c-d.

Applic #1: Discern The Times

1. Discern your place tw/ 1st & 2nd comings. Hear what Spirit is saying to churches [Gospels & epistles]; symbols of Rev: *blessing the reader*

THE URGENCY OF NOW - Rv 10:5-7

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2. Discern your stewardship of Word of God. Recall 3 revelations given to men in Rm 1-2. Creator; wrath; Gospel.

3. Don't settle for a truncated eschatology; hopes bounded by this age. 1Pt 1:13

Applic #2: Live A Life of Good Deeds

1. Final Jdgment according to works/deeds - Tit 2:11-14

2. The 7th trmpt is about to sound! Repent, be forgiven and be forgiving. Adorn the doctrine of God our Savior [Tit 2:10]

Applic #3: Be Faithful to Your Stewardship of God's Gospel/Word

1. Jn was re-commissioned to continue writing.

2. We are witnesses. We are entrusted w/ gospel.