

“Delay Shall Be No Longer”

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Revelation Commentary Manual

In Revelation 10:5-6 we read this, "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer." Now its important that we pause just a moment to consider what it means that there shall be time no longer. Does this actually portray the end of time? The answer is definitely not. We know that time will go on for another 1,000 years. I looked this up in the original and it is translated, "There will be delay no longer." That is actually what is being said. It is time for the acceleration of events. It is time for the end of all things and the Bible says as the angel stood one foot on the land, one foot on the sea, he raised his hand to heaven and declared there will be delay no longer. No more stringing out of events. The time for the culmination of all things has come and we are ready to accelerate to the Unveiling of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Another passage that depicts this declaration of no more delay is found in Daniel 12:6-7. It is interesting to see the different information given in Daniel that was not given to us in the book of Revelation. Daniel 12:6-7 says, "And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man



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clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swear by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

We are going to discuss this and study this more later, but when you see the phrase time, times, and half a time in scripture, it always refers to three and one-half years. A time is one year. Times is two years. Half a time is one-half of a year. Now it is very easy to know how we can understand that, because the Bible teaches that the Little Horn made war against the woman for a time, times, and half a time and then in Revelation 12 it says the dragon will make war against the woman for 1,260 days. In another place it says that the beast had power to make war against the church for forty-two months. Forty-two months, 1,260 days and time, times, and half a time or three and one-half years is the exact same time period. So here it appears that this declaration is occurring three and one-half years before the final appearance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Revelation 10:7 said it this way, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to

sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." This scripture has an interesting twist to it, because it seems to indicate that the sounding of the seventh trumpet may take some time, because it says—when he shall begin to sound. In the days when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished. What are we speaking of when we

speak of the mystery of God? I fed the word mystery into my computerized Bible and I found that the word

mystery is not used very many times in the scripture, maybe thirteen or so. So I read each passage where the

word mystery is used. I found that almost every time the word mystery is used in relationship to the church, and that the church is God's mystery. It appears to me that this verse is indicating that the church age will soon be finished and we know the church age in fact is finished at the sounding of the seventh trumpet. We will look at that closer shortly. ■

