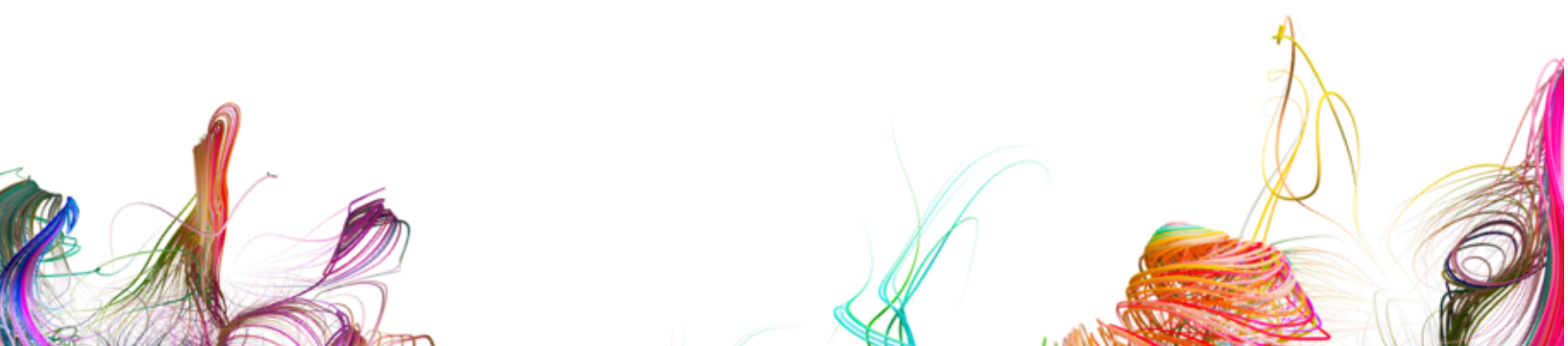




REVELATION

FINDING PEACE IN A
WORLD OF CHAOS



Week 15: Destruction Is Coming

Date: Week of 4/21/2024

Scripture: Revelation 8:1-13

Bridgebuilder Opening

1. Can you remember a time when you saw something get or that had been totally broken or destroyed? What did you think or feel as you saw the destruction?

Observations and Interpretations

1. Read Revelation 8:1-13 and circle or highlight any words that stand out to you. What are some of your observations from this initial reading of the text?
2. Why are the prayers of the saints at the altar mentioned as part of the lead up to the trumpets being blown?
3. What is God accomplishing with all of the destruction listed in this chapter?
4. What is the main thing John is trying to teach us in these verses?

Applications

1. This year our church is focusing on the theme of bringing *peace* into our lives and city. How can this text help give you *peace*, as you live in a world of chaos? (Even in the face of the destruction that it describes)
2. In one sentence, state one thing the Lord wants you to take away from this study.

The Gospel and Prayer

We often want to gloss over or ignore shows of God's punishment or wrath in Scripture. It is an attribute of God that makes us uncomfortable and that skeptics often use to try to discredit Christianity. But reading through Revelation as a whole reveals that God's wrath is a natural outflow of his justice and grace to those who call on Him to save them. Destruction and punishment will come to the world, but all who call on the name of Jesus are saved from this. Let this passage motivate us to trust the Lord and take seriously our commission to spread the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.



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