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PASSAGE: Revelation 8:6-13

THE PASSAGE:
Trumpet 1:
Trumpet 2:
Trumpet 3:
Trumpet 4:
3 REASONS WHY WE NEED THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD:
1) The judgement of God tells us that
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. It's easy to fall into despair while reading Revelation if we forget the truths that have been established before the judgement of God falls on the earth.
 - a) What is one thing that you have learned thus far in the series on Revelation that has brought you surprising comfort?
 - b) Is there anything that continues to stir up fear about this coming judgement?
- 2. What percentage of the grass and trees are burned up (v7)? What percentage of the sea is contaminated (v8)? What percentage of the water became bitter (v11)? What percentage of day and night was impacted (v12)? How do these numbers show us that God still cares very much about His creation despite the judgement from His hand?
- 3. Read Psalm 46:2. How does Psalm 46:2 provide comfort for believers reading Revelation 8:8?
- 4. Compare Revelation 6:13 to Revelation 8:12 and then compare Revelation 8:7 to Revelation 9:4. Some readers are troubled by what appears to be inconsistencies in the book of Revelation. How would you respond to someone troubled by these verses? Where else in Scripture might you take them to assure them of the reliability of God's Word?
- 5. How does the judgement of God as seen in verses 6-13 show us that He is sovereign over all creation? How does knowing that God is sovereign over creation bring you peace?
- 6. Verse 13 repeats the word woe three times, indicating escalating judgments are still to come. How does judgement illustrate God's mercy?
- 7. How do the following passages shed light on God's character: Exodus 34:6-7, Isaiah 54:10, 2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 3:10? Which verse most encourages you right now? Why?
- 8. In what ways does reading about the coming judgment of God encourage you to ensure you are right with the Lord? What does it mean to be right with the Lord? Can you know, with certainty, you are right with Him? How?

APPLICATION:

- a) If Jesus were to rapture His church today and these judgements from God are set into motion, would anyone you love, be in danger of being left behind?
- b) How can you connect with them this week to open the doors of communication?
- c) How might you broach the subject of the coming judgement of God and their need to be prepared?

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 8:1-13):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- Jesus is worthy to open the seals (v1)
- The holy judgement of God commands the silence of heaven (v1)
- God has authority over even the most prominent angels in heaven (v2)
- God has authority over the seven trumpets of judgement to come (v2)
- God is worthy of worship at the altar (v3)
- God hears and loves the prayers of his people (v4)
- God is holy and perfect in his judgement (v6-13)
- God commands all of creation (v6-13)
- God is full of mercy (v6-13)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- God, we praise you because you have authority over . . .
- Lord, thank you for your mercy on me that I see when . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Father, I confess I haven't always trusted that your judgement is holy and perfect; help me remember that when . . .

REQUEST:

- God, because you have all authority, help me to trust you for . . .
- Father, help me to give you my worship when . . .
- Father, I pray that you would show mercy to _____ and deliver him/her/them from your judgement

READINESS:

- Lord, when it comes to _____, I will be still (silent) and know that you are God (cf., Psalm 46:10)
- Lord, as we wait for you to come again, help us to be faithful to you with . . .
- Lord, when others go a different direction, I will live in anticipation of your soon return please help me with . . .