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Sermon Title: Chaos and Accountability Everywhere

Scripture Overview: Revelation 8 – 16!

Rev 8:8-10 Rev 9:5-6 Rev 9:20-21 Rev 10:10-11 Rev 11:3 Rev 12:2-6 Rev 13:1-3 Rev 14:6-8, 14-16

Rev 15:5-7 Rev 16:10-11 Rev 16:15 Rev 16:16-21

Terms to know:

Apocalypse - disclosure, revelation and discussion of the things to come. God has an order to the end times and He knows what is coming. Apocalyptic is the literary genre of highly symbolic language.

Theodicy – a defense of God's justice and righteousness in the midst of a fallen and broken world.

God has a plan and that plan has a schedule!

Themes of Revelation 8-16:

- Every single person is accountable to God whether we accept it or not
- Sin is stubborn. (See Rev 9:20 & 21; Rev 16:8,16:11)
- Judgment should push us towards God
- Judgment is horrific
- Judgment is necessary for God to purge evil, destruction and disorder
- The world can never and will never fix itself
- The Church cannot function in such a way to fix the world
- Judgment is coming
- Justice is coming
- Most people operate as part of the Great Independence, the ultimate sin!

7 years period preview of the Great Tribulation period

- Includes a lot of trauma (as seen from the seals)
- 7th seal opens up the 7 trumpet judgments (starting in Revelation 8:1)
- Last 3.5 years is particularly intense!
- Judgment includes vindication of the saints (Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven)
- The Holy city is trampled for 42 months
- God sends 2 Witnesses to call the world to repent. Offer of repentance is refused & rejected
- Clothed in sackcloth is always picture of repentance, an appeal for God's forgiveness

Revelation 8:1-8 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer **with the prayers of all the saints** on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, **with the prayers of the saints, rose before God** from the hand of the angel.

Revelation 9:5-6 They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

Revelation 9:20-21 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping** demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, **nor did they repent** of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 10:10-11 And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. **It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.** And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

Revelation 12:2-12 And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "**Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.** Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Revelation 13:1-9 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, **everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear:**

Revelation 13:10 ...***Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints***

Revelation 14:6-8 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." Another angel, a second,

followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

Revelation 14:12 ***Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.***

Revelation 14:14-16 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Revelation 15:2-7 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. **And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."** After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever,

Revelation 16:4-11 The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, **"Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!"** And I heard the altar saying, **"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"** ..They did not repent and give him glory. The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. **They did not repent of their deeds.**

Revelation 16:15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!")

Revelation 16:16 Armageddon "Mount Megiddo" in Hebrew. Final Conflict where satan is defeated (Rev. 20:9)

Small Group Sermon Discussion Questions

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Scripture Overview: Revelation 8–16.

Icebreaker: When have you tried to tackle something on your own, only to realize how much you needed someone else's help?

1. Those who have endured suffering praise God as "just and true." What can their worship teach us about trusting God's character when His plans are difficult to understand? (Rev. 15:3–4 and 16:5–11)
2. In Revelation 9:20–21 and 16:9–11, what statement is repeated four times? What do you notice about people's responses to God, and how does remind us that sin is stubborn?
3. John experiences God's message as both sweet and bitter. When has a truth from Scripture brought you comfort while also challenging something that needed to change? Revelation 10:10–11.
4. How are we taught to respond to spiritual warfare, accusation &/or condemnation from the enemy according to Revelation 12:10–11? How can our group help one another remember the hope and victory we have in Christ when we feel discouraged, accused, or overwhelmed?
5. Dr. Bock reminded us that we cannot fix the world ourselves, but God will bring justice. How can trusting His justice help us respond to suffering in our community with compassion and practical care? (Revelation 16:5–7)
6. What does the Lord call for in Revelation 13:10 and 14:12? How can we encourage and spur one another on to trust Christ, obey His commands and remaining faithful to Him even in suffering?
7. What questions do you have from this Revelation study? How has this impacted your faith?

For next steps & further application

1. **Head — Learn His Character** Memorize Revelation 15:3, or reread Revelation 14 daily this week and notice what it exhorts us to remember about God's character.
2. **Heart — Respond in Prayer** Set aside ten minutes on two days this week to pray and journal: "Where am I resisting God's correction? What would a willing and responsive heart look like?" Ask Him for help taking one specific step of obedience. If appropriate, invite a trusted group leader to pray with you.
3. **Hands — Love a Neighbor** Prayerfully identify one neighbor or community member you can serve this week individually or with someone else from your group. Listen to what they need, then offer a practical act of care such as a meal, an errand, or time together.