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Message Topic: **Earth Devastated**

Scripture Text: Rev 8: 1-13

1. The earth will be destroyed by the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes again as the Judge. The reason for this destruction is because of the sins of men and they deserve the just punishment from God.
2. In Revelation chapter 8, we read of the prophecy of God's judgment in that 1/3 of God's creation in this earth will be destroyed. There will be no more comforts to be enjoyed by the people of this world. This is in fact God's mercy to cause them to repent and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Chapter 8 begins with silence on earth for about 30 minutes. This will be the first time in Heaven that there will be silence in Heaven. All the time, it is always singing in praising God. The reason for the silence is the impending devastating judgment that will fall on this earth. It shows the heart of God that there is no delight in punishment and He wants all to repent.
4. The 2 reasons for the devastation of the earth are: (a) Answers to the prayer of the saints who died for Christ (b) Manifestation of the justice of God.
5. The first 4 angels who will go forth to send the judgments will be as follows:
 - (a) 1st Angel: 1/3 of green vegetation destroyed – fresh air will be rare
 - (b) 2nd Angel: 1/3 of sea becomes blood – sea transportation will be affected and stench of blood will be horrendous
 - (c) 3rd Angel: 1/3 drinking water becomes undrinkable – water will be rare
 - (d) 4th Angel: 1/3 of sun's heat affected – weather will be freezing cold and building may collapse due to the snow.