

# The Lamb Wins

Breaking the Seals



- Had introduction – Ch 1
- Heard specific messages for churches of Asia Minor – Chs 2 - 3
- Been granted a glimpse of the worship of eternity – Chs 4 - 5

# Nature of apocalyptic:

- Visions describing the indescribable
- Symbolic not literal – often jumbled up, like dreams
- Not chronological history – themes that re-occur, scenes revisited and viewed from different angles

**Art, not Science**







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**REVELATION 4:1-8:1 / A SCROLL  
SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS**





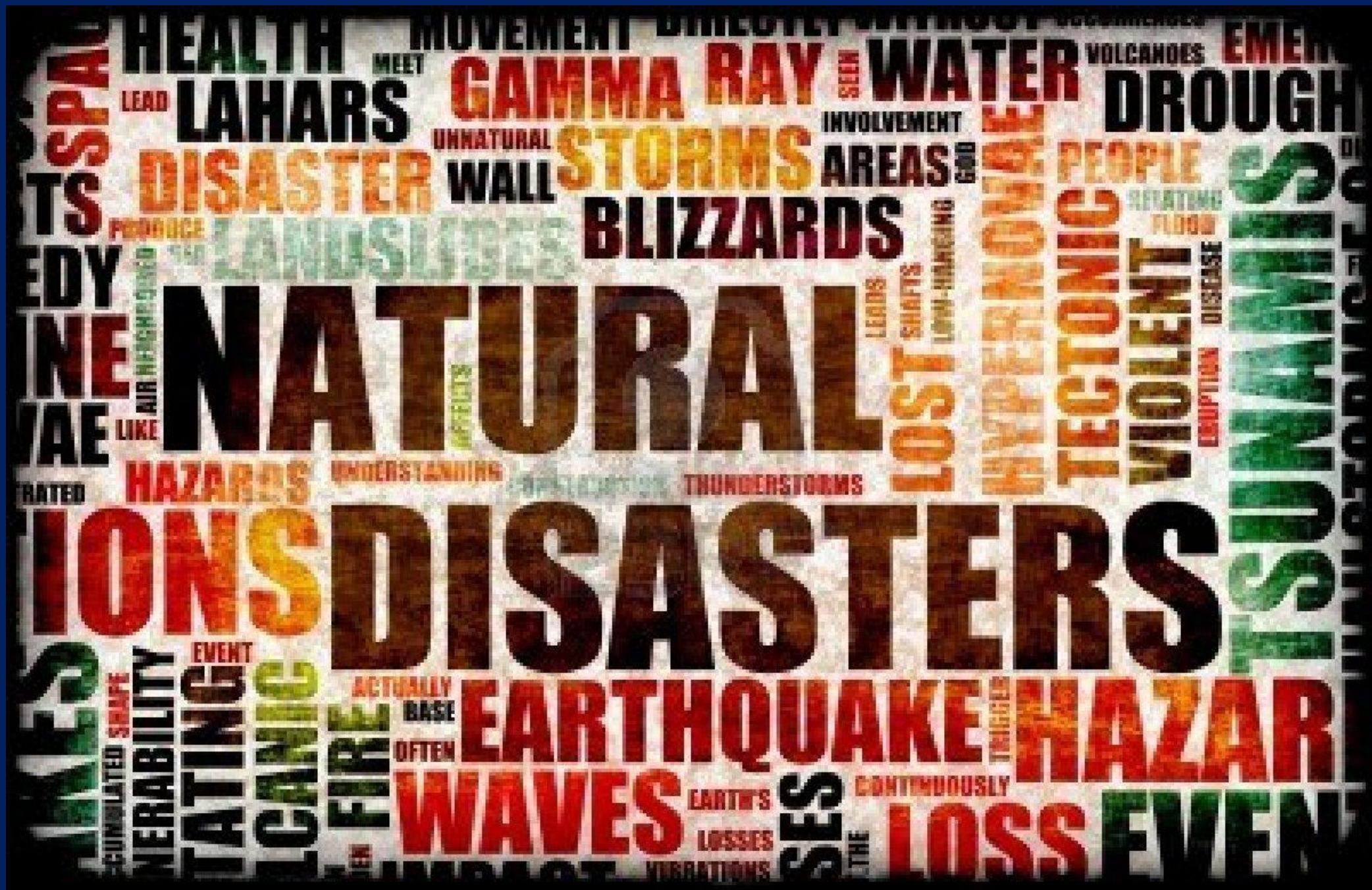




1. Empire building, conquest and oppression
2. Unrestrained violence
3. Economic corruption
4. Premature death – violence, famine, destructive nature.

**Characteristics of whole of human history.**







*<sup>3</sup> “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”*

Rev. 7:9-12

I looked and saw a great multitude, which no man could count,  
of all nations, kindred, people and tongues. They stood before the throne.  
and before the Lamb clothed in white robes with palms in their hands.



I cried with a loud voice,  
"Salvation to our God  
which sits upon the  
Throne and unto the Lamb!"

The world is in a mess!

God is not **causing** this – it is the impact of human sin.

God is **allowing** events to run their course.



- We need to pray for everyone caught up in the world's suffering and share God's love in each situation.

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## 2. Unrestrained violence



### 3. Economic corruption



## 4. Premature death – violence, famine, destructive nature.



## 5. Natural Catastrophe



## 6. People of God suffer – present-day martyrs



- When things get really hard for us, remember we are sealed – protected spiritually, whatever may happen physically.





➤ Catch a glimpse of the worship of heaven –  
and join in!

