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Revelation***- Apocalyptic Life Lessons***

**Wake Up! The Apocalyptic Alarm Is Going Off!**

Your task is to go back to the Roman Empire in the 1st century and explain a simple knee replacement procedure, from diagnosis through rehabilitation, Begin!

Now, let’s read Revelation 1 and fill in a few blanks. Be on alert for **Apocalyptic Alarms**.

***Revelation 1***

 ***1:1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his***

***servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and***

***the testimony of Jesus Christ.* Apocalyptic Alarm!**So, we are about to

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***3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.***

**The Promise**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But I’ve seen this language

before in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I’m not sure I understood that.

**The Process -** This should be read\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***The Purpose*** – Something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is it?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***4 John,*** Who and, so what?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 ***To the seven churches in the province of Asia:* Apocalyptic Alarm!**

It’s a number thing.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

So, this isn’t actually\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It is a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 ***Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the sevenfold spirit before his throne,* Apocalyptic Alarm!**

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 ***5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.***

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.***

***7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”***

***and “every eye will see him,***

***even those who pierced him”;***

***and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”***

***So shall it be! Amen.***

 ***8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”***

**Lots of Apocalyptic Alarms!**

 ***9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.***

**Core themes of Revelation** – We are\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You are not\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We won’t make it without\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In the middle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, continue to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***10 On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit,***

And continue to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”***

And continue to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

So, today’s apocalyptic life lessons are also some

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**Today’s Apocalyptic Life Lessons**

Authentic Christianity will result in suffering.

You are not alone.

Continue to witness.

Continue to worship.

Continue to obey.

For next week, read the rest of Revelation 1. What Apocalyptic Alarms do you see?

 ***12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.***

 ***17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.***

 ***19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.***