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Revelation***- Apocalyptic Life Lessons***

**Over Analyzed and Under Experienced**

What is the meaning behind the title of this lesson?

**One More Interpretational Tool – A Great Work of Art**

What is one of your favorite great pieces of art?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you ever read the Bible as a form of entertainment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about that idea? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Another way to think about apocalyptic material…

**It is a heavenly description of an earthly experience.**

**Brief Apocalyptic Experiences – Listen!**

How do these apocalyptic experiences make you feel?

***Isaiah 6***

***1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:***

***“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;***

***the whole earth is full of his glory.”***

 ***4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.***

 ***5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”***

 ***6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”***

 ***8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”***

 ***And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”***

What did you experience as you listened? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***2 Corinthians 12***

 ***2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. 3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— 4 was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. 5 I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.***

What did you experience as you listened? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Genesis 32***

***24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”***

 ***But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”***

 ***27 The man asked him, “What is your name?”***

 ***“Jacob,” he answered.***

 ***28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”***

 ***29 Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”***

 ***But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.***

 ***30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”***

What did you experience as you listened? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Revelation 1***

 ***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.***

What did you experience as you listened? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Today’s Apocalyptic Life Lessons**

Read two or three chapters of revelation every day this week.

Read it aloud with at least one other person.

Keep a journal. Instead of questions, write down feelings.

Be ready to share your feelings next week in class.