

# ANTICIPATORY FAITH

DANIEL: APOCALYPTIC IMAGINATION AND EXILE FAITH | NOVEMBER 10/11, 2018 | GABRIEL DOUGLAS

## 1. Nature of Apocalyptic Literature

- a. Style of literature found in ancient Jewish and Christian literature
- b. Greek word apocalypsis means revelation
- c. Literature is not just found in the Bible
- d. Literature is filled with puzzling encounters

## 2. Kinds of Apocalyptic literature

- a. Personal Eschatology
- b. Ethnic/National
- c. Cosmic

## 3. How to respond to God through apocalyptic literature

- a. Greater call to have greater faith
- b. God is still in control
- c. Things are much more than they seem
- d. As a church, let us anticipate and expect that God is moving in our lives!

## STUDY GUIDE:

1. Before this Sunday, did you know anything about apocalyptic literature? If so, what information did you know?
2. Take some time to look over Daniel 7:9-10. What image does this bring about in your head?
3. Look a little bit farther down in the passage at Daniel 7:14. Think of the verse that says that *“all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.”* Take some time to pray for people around the world that are under persecution for their faith. Intercede for them.
4. The book of Daniel and the literature is described as “a literature for the oppressed who saw no hope for the nation simply in terms of politics or on the plane of human history.” Share some examples of how you can see this in our world today.
5. 1 Corinthians 4:1 says, *“This then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.”* What are the mysteries God has revealed?
6. The book of Daniel is all about faith. How would you define faith?
7. What has been one of the most important things that you have learned in this series on the book of Daniel?
8. Take some time thinking about things in your life that God wants you to give Him control of. What are these things? Take some time to actively surrender them to the Lord.

## TAKE IT FURTHER:

Here are some ways you can take your study of the book of Daniel deeper this week:

- Explore resources on the book of Daniel at The Bible Project:  
<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/daniel/>