

SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION

“A distinctive feature is the frequent use of the number seven (52). There are seven beatitudes (1:3), seven churches (1:4,11), seven spirits (1:4), seven golden lampstands (1:12), seven stars (1:16), seven seals (5:1), seven horns and seven eyes (5:6), seven trumpets (8:2), seven thunders (10:3), seven signs (12:1,3; 13:13-14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20), seven crowns (12:3), seven plaques (15:6), seven bowls (15:7), seven hills (17:9), and seven kings (17:10), as well as other sevens. Symbolically, the number seven stands for completeness.” (Introduction of Revelation, pg.1923-1924)

This lesson will study the nine points on the Seven Beatitudes (blessings) of Revelation. The Greek word for blessing or beatitude is (makarios). It is a pronounced blessing based on the promise of God’s word.

1. Makarios is translated happy in the English when it emphasizes positive volition of the believer to the completion of the faith cycle.

A beatitude is defined as “supreme blessedness; exalted happiness.” (English dictionary)

It refers to spiritual blessings that rest upon the promises of God’s word that results in the believer’s mental attitude of happiness when cycled through the faith cycle (Prov.16:20).

Hearing (Rom.10:17)

Completing (James 2:22)

Believing (Heb.4:2)

Applying (2 Cor.5:7)

“If (1cc/ true) you know (Horoa/ p.a.ind 2pl) these things, you are blessed (makarioi/ nplm/ happy) if (3cc) you do (poieo/ p.a.subj 2pl) them.” (John 13:17)

This is the Bible’s formula for true happiness in the world (John 20:24-29).

2. God is the source of all spiritual blessing in the believer’s life in time and eternity (Rom.1: 25; 9:5; Psa.40: 4).

“According to the glorious gospel of the **blessed God**, with which I have been entrusted.” (1 Tim.1:11)

“Which He will bring about at the proper time - He **who is the blessed** and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.” (1 Tim.6:15)

“How blessed are the people who are so situated; How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!” (Psa.144:15)

He is the source of national as well as individual blessings (Psa.33: 12). The sharing of God’s blessings is entirely dependent upon God and not upon the world.

3. The first blessing pronounced, from the Book of Revelation is a double blessings pronounced upon the teacher and student of the Book of Revelation.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.” (Rev.1: 3)

4. The second blessing pronounced was associated with dying grace during the intensification of the angelic conflict during the Tribulation (martyr).

“And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, ‘Write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’ ‘Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.’” (Rev.14: 13)

5. The third blessing of Revelation is directed to the tribulation believers who remain loyal to Christ during the build-up to the battle of Armageddon.

“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.” (Rev.16:15)

6. The fourth blessing of Revelation is pronounced upon those who will attend the Marriage Supper of the Lord.

“And he said to me, ‘Write, blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’” (Rev.19:9)

The marriage supper was a gal feast following the Jewish wedding. Jesus performed His first miracle at one (John 2).

The marriage supper of the Lamb will be among the first things celebrated during the Millenium (Rev.19:7-10). It will follow the wedding of Christ and His bride, the church (2 Cor.11:2; Eph.5:23; 1 Thess.3:13; 4:13-18). The honored guests will be the living believers of the Tribulation.

7. The fifth blessing of Revelation is to all those who participate in the First Resurrection.

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; *over these the second death has no power*, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.” (Rev.20: 6)

Resurrection has four orders.

- Christ (1 Cor.15:23; Col.1:18)
- Church age believers (1 Thess.4:13-18)
- Jewish age believers (John 11:24-25; Dan.12:13)
- Millennium age believers (Rev.20:5; 1 Cor.15:23-24)

8. The sixth blessing of Revelation is pronounced upon those who heed the words of the prophecy of Revelation until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.” (Rev.22:7, 12,20)

9. The final blessing of Revelation is pronounced upon the martyrs of the Church, Tribulation, and Millennium.

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.” (Rev.22:14) (Rev.2:7; 7:14).