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- Multiple use of sevens in Revelation:
  - 7 letters to 7 churches,
  - 7 seals
  - 7 stars
  - 7 bowls
  - 7 kings
  - 7 angels
  - 7 mountains
  - 7 spirits
  - 7 thunders
  - 7 messengers
  - 7 lamp stands
  - 7 horns and 7 eyes on the Lamb
  - 7 heads on the beast
  - 7 heads with 7 crowns on the red dragon
- It is consistent for the blessed of Revelation to come in seven

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- The blessed are written in the form of the Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
  - Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-11 - Blessed = Happy; "The blessed, happy attitudes"

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- Rev. 1:3 - “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is near. 14:13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, That they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them. 16:15 Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. 19:9 Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. 22:7 Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book. 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

# Beatitude #1

- Rev. 1:3 - “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keeps those things which are written in it: for the time is near.”
- It is not enough to hear and intellectually acknowledge the word of God
  - James 1:22-25

# Beatitude #1

- We must also resolve to persevere
  - Eph. 6:13 - “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
  - Gal. 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

# Beatitude #1

- Hear, obey, hold on -- this is the formula to get from the present through future trials into eternal happiness
- You are not going to get out of the hardships. The question you need to answer is: do you want to face them with no hope and to no purpose, or do you want to face them with hope and reward on the other side.

# Beatitude #2

- Rev. 14:13 - “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”
- How can death be considered a blessing?
  - Psalms 116:15 - “Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.”

# Beatitude #2

- How can death be considered a blessing?
  - 2Tim. 4:6-8 - “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”
- Whether good or evil, everyone has to die. The question that remains is how you choose to die: in sorrow and emptiness, or full of days in the Lord and filled with hope of the resurrection

# Beatitude #3

- Rev. 16:15 - “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”
- Jesus is coming to judge. Blessedness comes through vigilant preparation
  - James 1:27 - “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

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- Jesus is coming to judge. Blessedness comes through vigilant preparation
  - 1John 3:2-3 - “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

# Beatitude #4

- Rev. 19:9 - “Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God.”
- Matt. 22:1-14
  - View the invitation as more important than any other matter
  - Conduct yourself as an honorable example of a member of the Church
  - Live with the understanding that if you do not, the invitation will be withdrawn and you will be outside

# Beatitude #5

- Rev. 20:6 - “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”
- Faithful Christians will not experience the second death, which is eternal separation from God

# Beatitude #5

- Rev. 20:13-15 - “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

# Beatitude #5

- 1Peter 2:9 - “The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment”
- 2Tim. 2:12 - “If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.”
- Rev. 3:21 - “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

# Beatitude #6

- Rev. 22:7 - “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”
- W. W. Otey coined the phrase: “Genesis three is the tree of life lost; Revelation 22 is the tree of life regained.”

# Beatitude #6

- Who among us will legitimately pluck fruit from the tree of life by the river that flows through the New Jerusalem?
  - Ecc. 12:13 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.”
  - Luke 11:27-28 - “And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You! 28 But He said, More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

# Beatitude #7

- Rev. 22:14 - “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”
- There will never be a higher, better destination for a human being. God created man and prepared the Garden of Eden for him. That did not work out. Now He has prepared a place for us in His home

# Beatitude #7

- John 14:1-6, 15 - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know. 5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
- Heb. 5:8-9 - “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”

# The Beatitudes of Revelation

- Rev. 22:16-17 - “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”