

THE SEVEN BLESSINGS OF THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

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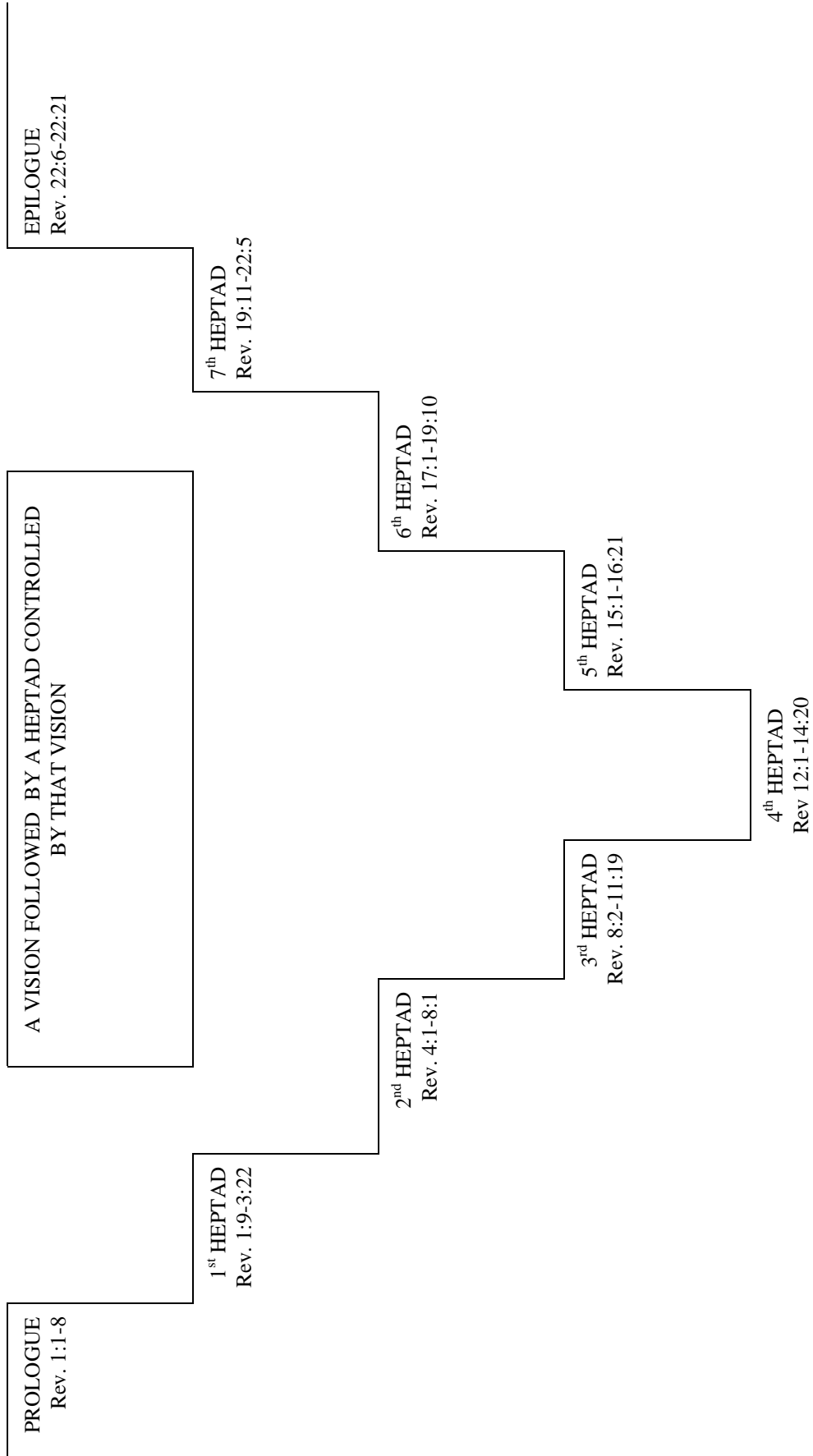
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There are seven passages in the Book of the Revelation where the word, blessed, is used. My presentation this evening examines each blessing within its context. Here is a summary of my presentation on these Seven Blessings.

The Revelation is a book that discloses Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Author of the Book's disclosure and Jesus is the Subject of the Book's disclosure about Himself. The Book of the Revelation is God's gift to His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Each blessing in the Revelation is associated with Jesus' Person and Work.

The blessings of the Book of the Revelation are for men, women and children, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, from every generation, who believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. There is within the context of each blessing a statement of what Jesus has done and the consequences of His actions that benefit us.

The Seven Blessings go together and are parallel expressions of our happiness in Christ. In Christ we have peace with God and are made holy in His sight. Blessing is happiness because of holiness.



- I. THE BLESSING AND THE DOUBLE, AMEN, IN THE PROLOGUE-REV. 1:1-8**
- A. The Reader and the Hearers and Carefully watching-Matt. 27:36; Acts 12:6; John 17:12
 - B. Blessing within the context of Grace and Peace; loving us and washing us from our sins
 - C. The words of the prophecy and the things having been written
 - D. The Book is a disclosure of Jesus Christ. He is the Firstborn from the dead
 - E. From the Word we learn truth and what is trustworthy
- II. THE BLESSING OF THE 4TH HEPTAD-REV. 14:13**
- A. The Voice, Write! "Blessed"-in the Lord-Says the Spirit (reference to the Trinity)
 - B. Rest from their troubles and discomfort, and their works follow
 - C. Pronounced for those not dead
 - D. The Gospel has a word of hope for the Suicide "Tourist", and the despondent youth
- III. THE BLESSING OF THE 5TH HEPTAD-REV. 16:15**
- A. Blessed are those who are alive and awake and carefully watching at the Coming of the Lord
 - B. Rev. 14:13 and Rev. 16:15 are similar in relationship to 1Thess. 4:15
 - C. Blessing at the Armageddon for the Righteous
 - D. One word summary of the end, "Gegonen" (7.15) (fulfilled, accomplished, completed)
- IV. THE BLESSING OF THE 6TH HEPTAD-REV. 19:9**
- A. Write!
 - B. Blessed the ones having been called by name into the Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb
 - C. The dead in the Lord and those alive at His Coming
- V. THE BLESSING OF THE 7TH HEPTAD-REV 20:6**
- A. Blessed and Holy is the one taking part in the First Resurrection
 - B. The Second Death has no authority over them
 - C. Those taking part in the First Resurrection are Priests and Kings to God and reign with
 - D. Christ-they are loved and washed in His blood-Rev. 1:5-6
 - E. John 5:24-29 where Jesus teaches us about the First and Second Resurrections, and the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy of Dan. 12:2
 - F. The Millennium and the Short Time are the same interval of indefinite time. The Devil is completely destroyed. (Chained, in the Abyss, 1000 years) The mystery of God that allowed evil in the Garden, that allowed Judas Iscariot to be among the Apostles, that allows wickedness to continue today is a mystery still in the Revelation.
- VI. THE DOUBLE BLESSING AND THE, AMEN, IN THE EPILOGUE-REV. 22:6-22**
- A. Rev. 22:7 -Blessed is the one carefully watching the words of the prophecy of this Book
 - B. Rev. 22:14-Blessed the ones washing their robes (in the blood of the Lamb-Rev. 7:14; Rev. 1:5) they have a right to the Tree of Life within the Holy City.
- VII. THE BLESSING OF THE SEMINAR-REV. 22:16-17,22**