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 **The “*Seven*’s” in John’s Revelation**

**The “Sevens” in John’s Gospel – 20:31; 21:25**

02 July, 2017 **-** Pt. I: Jesus’ **S**even **S**igns.

09 July, 2017 **-** Pt. II: Jesus’ **S**even “*I Am*” **S**tatements

**The “Sevens” in John’s Revelation – 1:19**

1st Oct. 2017 **–** Pt. IIIa: **The Seven Churches/Letters**

 8th Oct. 2017 **–** Pt. IIIb: -ditto-

**(A) Introduction 1: The Sevens in John’s Revelation:**

**1. *Seven*** is the number of Comple**tion** and Perfec**tion**. See Study I

**2. *Seven*** is a unique feature of Revelation.

 a. The ***S****even’s* in **S**ingle **O**ccurrences (in KJV).

i. “*Seven*” (Gk. “*hepta*”) occurs 87 times in the N. T.

ii. “S*even”* occurs 55, and “*Seventh*” 5, times in Rev.

iii. “*Seven*”-phrase occurs 35 (5x) times in Rev.

b. The ***Seven’s*** in **S**eries **O**utlining Revelation

1. The seven-fold **C**haracter of **C**hrist - 1:13-16 **Ch. 1**
2. The **seven** churches - 1:4, 11, 20 **Chs. 2-3**
3. The **seven** seal judgments - 5:1, 5:5 **Chs. 4-6;** 8:1
4. The **seven** trumpet judgments - 8:2, 6 **Chs. 8, 9**; 11:15-19
5. The **seven** bowl/vial judgments - 15:7, 17:1, 21:9 **Chs. 15-16**
6. The **seven** parentheses **Chs. 7, 10-14, 17-19**
7. The **six** “*thousand*” occ. - 20:2-7, ct. **11:2, 3** **Ch. 20**
8. The ***Seven*** *new* Outstanding Subjects **Chs. 21, 22**

**(B) Introduction 2: The Seven Churches in Asia.**

1. **Paul** wrote to **Seven** Churches: Romans to Thessalonians

They **P**rovide the **P**rinciples and **P**ractices of the **C**hurch.

**2. John** wrote to **Seven** Churches in Asia: Ephesus to Laodicea.

 They **P**icture in **P**rophetic Outline the history of **C**hristendom

from **P**entecost to the ***P****arousia* of the Church.

**(C) Introduction 3: - Revelation in Perspective**

1. **THE PROLOGUE OF THE BOOK.**
2. The **P**enman of the Book: John, the Apostle. Rev. 1:1, 2, 4, 9; 22:8
3. The **P**eriod of the Book: AD. 96
4. The **P**romise of the Book:

A three-fold **Blessing** – *read, hear, keep*. Rev. 1:3 See ***Seven* B**eatitudes (below)

**Seven Beatitudes in Revelation**

1. 1:3 ***BLESSED*** *is he that* ***readeth*** *and they that* ***hear****…and* ***keep*** *those things*

 *that are written…*

1. 14:13 ***BLESSED*** *are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth*…

 (ct. 14:9-11)

1. 16:15 ***BLESSED*** *is he that watcheth…*
2. 19:9 ***BLESSED*** *are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.*
3. 20:6 ***BLESSED*** *and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection*
4. 22:7 ***BLESSED*** *is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.*
5. 22.14 ***BLESSED*** *are they that do His commandments…*

 *(wash their robes…*ASV*)*

**II. THE PANORAMA OF THE BOOK.**

1. **The Simple Plan in the Book.**

It deals mainly with....

**1.** The **P**ast - "***The things which thou hast seen*."**

*What thou seest write...* **1**:11 cf. 1:19. **Ch. 1**

 John's Vision of the Exalted Christ,

 (the last **7-fold portrait** of Christ in the N. T.) 1:13-16

**2.** The **P**resent - **"*The things which are*"**  **Chs. 2, 3**
Outline of the Dispensation of the Church:

* + The ***Seven*** golden candlesticks (1:12, 13, **20**; 2:1);
	+ The **S**tars (1:16, **20**; 2:1; 3:1); churches (**1:20**);
	+ The **S**pirits of God (3:1); angels (**1:20**)

a. The **M**essages to the Seven churches - the Church age. "*Write*"

1. A **C**ontemporary Approach - **P**ast Historical (**P**reterist)
2. A **C**oncurrent Approach - **P**resent Historical (Allegorist)
3. A **C**onsecutive Approach - **P**rogressively Historical (Futurist)

b. The **M**issing (Rapture of the) Church between 3:22 and 4:1.

 Cf. occ. of "*church/churches*" in 3:22; 22:16

Was the Church Raptured on Sept. 23, 2017?

 <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qaRiIzkpTyw>

See also:

<https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/stars/what-will-happen-september-23-2017/>

 Conclusion: **Deut. 18:17-20**

* *17 And the LORD said unto me…*
* *18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.*
* *19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.*
* *20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.*

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