**22nd Oct. 2017 Sungai Ara Gospel Hall**

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

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

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

22nd Oct. 2017 **–** Pt. 1: **Introduction to the Sevens in Revelation**

3rd Dec. 2017 **–** Pt. 2: **Condition in the Seven Churches**

10th Dec. 2017 **–** Pt. 3: **The Great Tribulation in the Seven Seal Judgments**

 **Introduction: The Sevens in John’s Gospel:
 (1)** The *Seven* Jesus **M**iraculous **S**igns
 (2) The *Seven* Jesus “**I AM**” **S**tatements.

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

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

**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 **O**ccurs 35 (5x**7**) times in Rev.

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

1. The seven-fold **C**haracter of **C**hrist - 1:5, 8, 11; 1:13-16 **Ch. 1**
2. The **seven** **C**hurches - 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. Rev. 2, 3**

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

**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)
2. 16:15 *Behold I come as a thief* ***BLESSED*** *is he that watcheth*
3. 19:9 ***BLESSED*** *are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.*
4. 20:6 ***BLESSED*** *and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection*
5. 22:7 ***BLESSED*** *is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.*

(*wash their robes…,* ASV*)*

1. 22:14 ***BLESSED*** *are they that do His commandments…*

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

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

[A Key to Understanding Revelation. Rev. 1:19]

 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); stars (1:16, **20**; 2:1; 3:1); churches (**1:20**); Spirits 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



**3.** The **P**rospect – **"*The things which shall be hereafter.”* Chs. 4-22**

 The future after the Rapture of the Church – **Chs. 4-5** cf. 4:1

1. Their **C**ommencement – "*Hereafter*", lit. = "*after these things*", as in 1:19; 4:1, 2
2. Their **C**oncentration – ***The*** *Great Tribulation.* **Chs. 6-18** (cf. 7:14)
3. Their **C**onsummation – “*after these things”* 19:1 **Chs.19-22**

**B. The “*Seven*” Parentheses - Figures in the Tribulation. - Chs. 7, 10-14, 17-19**

**Rev. 12:1-6ff**

**23rd September, 2017 – Rapture? The Great Tribulation?**

**Deuteronomy 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.*

**Conclusion:** Mk. 13:32; I Thes. 5:2; Rev. 3:11

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