

TO THE ONE WHO IS, WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME! Studies in the 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.

Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the
words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

THE OUTLINE OF THE REVELATION:

“Therefore write the (1) things which you have seen, and the (2) things
which are, and the (3) things which will take place after these things.

Revelation 1:19

WHAT’S WITH THE NUMBER SEVEN?

Seven Blessings (Beatitudes) – Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6;
22:7, 22:14

Seven Churches – Rev. 1:4

Seven Spirits – Rev. 1:4

Seven Candlesticks – Rev. 1:12

Seven Stars – Rev. 1:16

Seven Lamps – Rev. 4:5

Seven Seals – Rev. 5:1

Seven Horns and Seven Eyes – Rev. 5:6

Seven Thunders – Rev 10:3

Seven Angels, Seven Plagues, and Seven Bowls – Rev. 15:6-8

Also, Seven Kings, Seven Thousands, Seven Heads, Seven Crowns,
Seven Mountains, Seven Years of Judgment, Seven “I Am”
Statements of Christ, Seven Doxologies in Heaven, etc.

Primary Point One

The number seven means “completion” or “fullness.” Hence, it is the
number of God who is total, complete and full.

The number of man, who is incomplete, is one less – six.

THE BLESSINGS OF GRACE AND PEACE:

Blessed is he who (1) reads and those who (2) hear the words of the
prophecy, and (3) heed the things which are written in it; (why) for the
time is near. John to the seven churches that are in Asia...

Revelation 1:3-4a

The Giver of the Gift:

First, God the *Father*:

Grace to you and peace, from Him (1) who is and (2) who was and (3)
who is to come.

Revelation 1:4b

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “(1) who is and
(2) who was and (3) who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full
of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,
“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, (1) who was and (2)
who is and (3) who is to come.”

Revelation 4:8

Note what’s missing:

And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on
their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord
God, the Almighty, (1) who are and (2) who were, because You have
taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

Revelation 11:16-17

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “Righteous are You, (1) who
are and (2) who were. O Holy One, because You judged these things.

Revelation 16:5

Next, God the *Spirit*:

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from
Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits
who are before His throne.

Revelation 1:4

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of (1) wisdom and
(2) understanding, the spirit of (3) counsel and (4) strength, the spirit of
(5) knowledge and the (6) fear of the (7) LORD.

Isaiah 11:2

Finally, God the *Son*:

And from Jesus Christ, the (1) faithful witness, the (2) firstborn of the dead, and the (3) ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:5a

Past: “faithful witness”

Present: “firstborn of the dead”

Future: “ruler of the kings of the earth”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE *GIVER OF THE GIFT*:

To Him who (1) loves us and (2) released us from our sins by His blood and (3) He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

Revelation 1:5b-6

Present: “loves us”

Past: “released us from our sins by His blood”

Future: “He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father”

ONE FINAL THOUGHT...

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11