

## **Seven Beatitudes in the Book of Revelation**

(1) Blessed is he who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who keep what is written therein; for the time is near. (Rev.1:3)

(2) Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord. (14:13)

(3) Blessed is he who is awake, keeping his garments that he may not go naked and be seen exposed! (16:15)

**(4) Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. (19:9)**

(5) Blessed and holy is he who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and they shall reign with him a thousand years.20:6

(6) Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book. (22:7)

(7) Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. (22:14)

*The first three beatitudes seem to be paired with the last three, leaving the fourth in a pivotal position. The first and sixth concern the keeping of the prophecy. The second and fifth concern death. The third and seventh concern garments. The effect is to highlight the “wedding feast,” which is a central and concluding theme of the book as a whole.*