

SYMBOLS IN REVELATION

Symbol	Literal Meaning	Bible Reference
Angel	Messenger	Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19,26; Hebrews 1:14
Ark of Testimony	Ark of the covenant, mercy seat where God dwells	Exodus 25:10-22; Psalm 80:1
Babylon	Religious apostasy. Confusion	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:6-9; Revelation 18:2,3; Revelation 17:1-5
Balaam, doctrine of	Advancing our own interests, compromise, idolatry	Numbers 22:5-25
Beast	Kingdom, government, political power	Daniel 7:23
Binding of Satan	A symbolic chain of circumstances	Isaiah 14:12-20
Black	Moral darkness, sin, apostasy	Exodus 10:21-23; Jeremiah 4:20-28; 8:21; Acts 26:18; John 12:35; Joel 2:1-10
Blood	Life	Leviticus 17:11; Deuteronomy 12:23
Bottomless pit	Earth in chaos, torn up, dark and empty	Genesis 1:1, 2; Jeremiah 4:23-28; Isaiah 24:1-4,19; Revelation 20:1-3
Bow	Success in battle against evil	Psalms 7:11,12; Psalm 45:4,5
Corrupt Woman	Corrupt apostate church	Ezekiel 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hosea 2:5; Hosea 3:1
Crowns	Kingship, victory	1 Chronicles 20:2; 2 Kings 11:12; Ezekiel 21:26,27; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8; 1 Corinthians 9:25
Cup	Meted out suffering and judgments	Psalms 11:6; 75:8; Isaiah 51:17,22-23; Jeremiah 25:15-17; 49:12
Day	Literal year	Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34
Door	Opportunity. Probation	2 Corinthians 2:12; Revelation 3:20; Luke 13:24, 25
Dragon	Satan or his agency	Isaiah 27:1; 30:6; Psalm 74:13, 14; Revelation 12:7-9; Ezekiel 29:3; Jeremiah 51 :34
Eagle	Speed, power, vision, vengeance, protection	Deuteronomy 28:49; Habakkuk 1:6-8; Revelation 12:14
Eating the book	Assimilating the message	Ezekiel 3:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16
Egypt	Symbol of atheism	Exodus 5:2
Eye salve	Holy Spirit to help us see truth; Discernment to understand word; Antidote for spiritual blindness	Ephesians 1 :17-19; Psalm 119:18; 1 John 2:20, 27; John 16:7-13
Faithful witness	Christ	John 18:37; John 3:11; Revelation

		1:5; Revelation 3:14; 19:11
False prophet	Apostate Protestantism	Revelation 16:13, 14; 13:13, 14; 19:20
Forehead	Mind	Romans 7:25; Ezekiel 3:8, 9
Fornication	Illicit connection between church & world	Ezekiel 16:15, 26; Isaiah 23:17; James 4:4; Revelation 14:4
Four Beasts or Living Creatures	Heavenly beings with special responsibilities	Revelation 5:8-10; 4:6-9; 6:1-7; 14:3; 5:7; 19:4
Four Corners of Earth	Four directions of compass	Jeremiah 49:36
Garments	Covering of righteousness	Genesis 35:2; Isaiah 61:10; Isaiah 52:1; Zechariah 3:3-5; Romans 13:14
Gold	True riches of heaven, faith, scripture	Psalms 19:7-10; Galatians 5:6; James 2:5; Job 23:10
Hand	Symbol of work	Ecclesiastes 9:10
Harlot	Apostate church, religion	Isaiah 1:21; Jeremiah 3:1-3, 6-9
Heads	Major powers, rulers, governments	Daniel 7:6; Daniel 8:8, 22; Revelation 17:3,10
Hidden Manna	Christ	John 6:49, 50, 53; Matthew 13:44
Horn	Power and strength. King or Kingdom	Deuteronomy 33:17; Zechariah 1:18, 19; Psalm 89:17, 24; Daniel 8:5, 21, 22
Horse	Symbol of battle; Special representatives, angels	Exodus 15:21; Isaiah 43:17; Jeremiah 8:6; Ezekiel 38:15; Zechariah 10:3; Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:1-8
Image	A likeness	Exodus 20:4; Genesis 1:26; 5:3; Deuteronomy 4:25; Romans 8:29
Incense	Prayers of God's people	Psalms 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3, 4
Israel	True followers of Christ	Romans 9:6-8; Romans 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:29
Jezebel	Immorality, idolatry, apostasy	1 Kings 21:25; 2 Kings 9:22
Key of David	Power to open and close the sanctuary	Revelation 3:7, 8; Isaiah 22:22
Keys	Control, jurisdiction	Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:19
Lamb	Jesus; Sacrifice	John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Genesis 22:7, 8
Lamb's Wife	New Jerusalem	Revelation 19:7-9; 21:2, 9, 10
Lion	Strength and Jesus Christ	Genesis 49:9; Revelation 5:4-9; Psalm 7:2
Locusts	Destruction; Destructive agencies	Joel 1:4; Deuteronomy 28:38
Lord's Day	The Sabbath	Isaiah 58:13; Matthew 12:8; Exodus 20:10
Man child	Jesus	Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 12:5
Mark	Sign, seal, mark of approval or disapproval	Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3; Ezekiel 9:4
Measuring Rod	God's law. God's word	James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14; Isaiah 8:19,20; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Merchants	Advocates of Babylon's teachings	Isaiah 47:11-15; Nahum 3:16; Revelation 18:3, 11, 15, 23
Moon	Permanence. Moses' system of types and sacrifices	Psalms 89:35-37; Hebrews 10:1, 11
Morning Star	Jesus	Revelation 22:16
Mountains	Political or religio-political powers	Isaiah 22:3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23; Jeremiah 51:24, 25; Ezekiel 17:22, 23; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45
Mystery of God	The gospel	Ephesians 1:9, 10; 39; 6:19; Colossians 1:26, 27
New Jerusalem	The Holy City of Heaven	Revelation 3:12; 21:2
Oil	Holy Spirit	Zechariah 4:2-6; Revelation 4:5
Open Door	Unlimited opportunity	1 Corinthians 16:9; Acts 14:27; John 10:7-9; Hosea 2:15; Colossians 4:3
Rainbow	Token of covenant keeping	Genesis 9:11-17
Red (color)	Sin, corruption. Persecution, destruction	Isaiah 1:18; 26:21; Psalm 75:8; Jeremiah 46:10; Ezekiel 32:6, 11; Jeremiah 46:10; Nahum 2:3
Reins	Seat of will, affections	Psalm 7:9; 16:7; 26:2 (875); 73:21; Proverbs 23:16; Jeremiah 17:10
Seal	Sign, mark and seal mean same thing	Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3; Ezekiel 9:4
Second Death	Lake of fire	Revelation 21:8; 20:14
Serpent	Satan	Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 20:2
Seven Candlesticks	Seven Candlesticks in Holy Place of Sanctuary; Seven Churches	Exodus 25:31-40; Revelation 1:20
Seven Heads	Seven political powers	Revelation 17:9, 10; Isaiah 2:2-4; Jeremiah 17:3
Seven lamps	Jesus, Word of God	John 9:5; John 1:9; Psalm 119:105; Revelation 4:5
Sickle	Symbol of harvest. End of world	Matthew 13:39; Revelation 14:14
Sodom	Moral degradation	Ezekiel 16:46-55; Jeremiah 23:14; Genesis 19:4-14
Stars	Angels	Revelation 1:16, 20; 12:4, 7-9; Job 38:7
Sun	Jesus and the gospel	John 9:5; Psalm 84:11; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12
Sword	Bloodshed, destruction	Isaiah 3:25; 13:15; Acts 12:1, 2; Jeremiah 48:2
Testimony of Jesus	Spirit or gift of prophecy	Revelation 19:10; 22:9; 1 Corinthians 13:2
Thief	Suddenness of Jesus' coming	1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10
Time	Literal year	Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32; 7:25; 11:13; Revelation 12:6, 14; 11:2, 3

Torment	Test, prove by trial	1 Corinthians 3:13; Hebrews 12:29; Isaiah 33:14
Twenty-four Elders	A group redeemed from earth	Revelation 5:9,10; 4:4; 7:9-14
Two-edged Sword	God's Word. Sword of Spirit	Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 10:34; Isaiah 49:2
Two Witnesses	Old and New Testaments	John 5:39; Zechariah 4:1-14; Psalm 119:130, 105; John 12:48
Waters	People, nations	Revelation 17:15
White (color)	Purity	Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 1:18
White robes	Victory and Righteousness	Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 19:8; 3:5; Zechariah 3:1-5; Revelation 7:14; Galatians 3:27
Winds	Strife, commotion, "winds of war"	Jeremiah 25:31-33; 49:36, 37; 4:11-13; Zechariah 7:14
Wine	False doctrine, false teachings. Jesus Blood of atonement	Jeremiah 25:15-18; 51:7; Matthew 26:21-29
Wings	Speed	Habakkuk 1:6-8; Jeremiah 4:13; Exodus 19:4
Woman, Pure	True Church	Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-35
Woman, Impure	Apostate church	Ezekiel 23:2-21; Revelation 14:4; Hosea 2:5; Hosea 3:1; Ezekiel 16:15-58
Wormwood	Sorrow, bitterness	Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:19
Wrath of God	Seven last plagues	Revelation 15:1