

## Symbolism of Revelation

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Seven Stars (1:16)	Seven angels (1:20)
Seven lampstands (1:13)	Seven churches (1:20)
Hidden manna (2:17)	Speaks of Christ in glory (Exodus 16:33-34; Heb. 9:4)
Morning star (2:28)	Christ's return before the dawn, suggesting the rapture of the church before the establishment of the Kingdom (Rev. 22:16; 2 Peter 1:19)
Key of David (3:7)	Power to open and close doors (Isa. 22:22)
Seven lamps of fire	Sevenfold Spirit of God (4:5)
Four living creatures (4:7)	Attributes of God
Seven eyes	Sevenfold Spirit of God (4:5)
Odors of the golden vials	Prayers of the saints (5:8)
Four horses and their riders (6:1ff)	Successive events in the developing tribulation
Fallen star (9:1)	Angel of the abyss, likely Satan (9:11)
References are made to Jerusalem: the great city (11:8), Sodom and Egypt (11:8)	Stands in contrasts to the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city
Stars of heaven (12:4)	Fallen angels (12:9)
Woman and the child (12:1-2)	Seem to represent Israel and Christ (12:5-6)
great dragon, the old serpent, and the devil (12:9; 20:2)	Satan
Time, times, and half a time (12:14)	Same as 1,260 days (12:6)
Beast out of the sea (13:1-10)	Future world ruler and his empire—the Anti-christ
Beast out of the earth (13:11-17)	False prophet (19:20)—the religious leader
Harlot (17:1), great city (17:18), Babylon the great (17:5), the one who sits on seven hills (17:9)	Apostate Christendom—the false religious system led by the false prophet
Waters (17:1) on which the woman sits	Peoples of the world (17:15)
Ten horns (17:12)	Ten kings associated with the beast (13:1; 17:3, 7, 8, 11-13, 16-17)
The Lamb	Lord of lords and King of kings, Jesus (17:14)
Fine linen	Righteous deeds of the saints (19:8)

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