

Symbols

in the Book of Revelation

and

Their Literal Meaning

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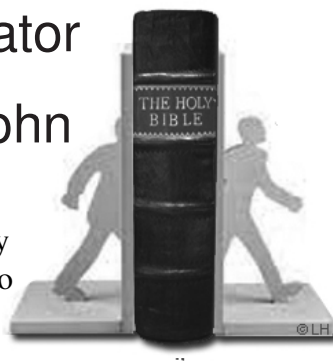
Other Passages of Scripture

In the Footsteps of John:

Walking through the Book of Revelation
with John the Revelator

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The prophecies of the book of Revelation have only one correct interpretation, and there is only one way to discover it: **allow the bible to interpret itself.**



One vital basic rule of bible study is to compare Scripture with Scripture.

Isaiah 28:9-10 *“Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”.*

1 Corinthians 2:13 *“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”.*

Angel	Messenger	Daniel 8:16, 9:21; Luke 1:19,26; Hebrews 1:14
Ark of Testimony	Ark of covenant; The 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; 17:1-5
Balaam, Doctrine of Balaam	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 & empty	Genesis 1:1,2; Jeremiah 4:23-28; Isaiah 24:1-4,19; Revelation 20:1-3
Bow	Success in battle against evil	Psalm 7:11,12; Psalm 45:4,5
Corrupt Woman	Corrupt, apostate church	Ezekiel 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hosea 2:5; 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	Psalm 11:6; 75:8; Isaiah 51:17, 22-23; Jeremiah 25:15-17; 49:12
Day	Literal year	Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34
Doctrine of Balaam	Advancing our own interests, compromise, idolatry	Numbers 22:5-25
Door	Opportunity	2 Corinthians 2:12; Revelation 3:20
	Probation	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 3:14; 19:11
False prophet	Apostate Protestantism	Revelation 16:13,14; 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	Heavenly beings with special responsibilities	Revelation 5:8-10; 4:6-9; 6:1-7; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4
Four Living Creatures	Heavenly beings with special responsibilities	Revelation 5:8-10; 4:6-9; 6:1-7; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4
Four Corners of the Earth	Four directions of compass	Jeremiah 49:36
Garments	Covering of righteousness	Genesis 35:2; Isaiah 61:10; 52:1; Zechariah 3:3-5; Romans 13:14
Gold	True riches of heaven, faith, scripture	Psalm 19:7-10; Galatians 5:6; James 2:5; Job 23:10
Hand	Symbol of work	Ecclesiastes 9:10

Harlot	Apostate church; apostate 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	Deuteronomy 33:17, Zechariah 1:18,19
Horn	King or Kingdom	Psalms 89:17,24; Daniel 8:5,21,22
Horse	Symbol of battle	Exodus 15:21; Isaiah 43:17; Jeremiah 8:6; Ezekiel 38:15; Zechariah 10:3
Horse	Special representatives; angels	Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:1-8
Image	A likeness	Exodus 20:4; Genesis 1:26; 5:3; Deuteronomy 4:25; Romans 8:29
Impure Woman	Apostate Church	Ezekiel 23:21; Revelation 14:4; Hosea 2:5; 3:1; Ezekiel 16:15-58
Incense	Prayers of God's people	Psalms 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3,4
Israel	True followers of Christ	Romans 9:6-9; Romans 2:28,29; Galatians 3:39
Jezebel	Immorality, idolatry, apostasy	1 Kings 21:25; 2 Kings 9:22
Keys of David	Power to open and close the sanctuary	Revelation 3:7,8; Isaiah 22:22
Keys	Control or 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, Jesus Christ	Genesis 49:9; Revelation 5:4-9; Psalm 7:2
Locusts	Destruction or destructive agencies	Joel 1:4; Deuteronomy 28:38
Lord's Day	Sabbath	Isaiah 58:13; Matthew 12:8; Exodus 20:10
Man Child	Jesus	Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 12:5
Mark	Sign, seal or mark of approval or disapproval	Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2-3; Ezekiel 9:4
Measuring Rod	God's Law	James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13,14
Measuring Rod	God's Word	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	Psalms 89:35-37
Moon	Moses' system of types and sacrifices	Hebrews 10:1,11
Morning Star	Jesus	Revelation 22:16
Mountains	Political or religio-political powers	Isaiah 2:2,3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23; 51:24,25; Ezekiel 17:22,23; Daniel 2:35,44,45
Mystery of God	The Gospel	Ephesians 1:9,10; 3:9; 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
Pure Woman	True Church	Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-35
Rainbow	Token of covenant keeping	Genesis 9:11-17

Red (colour)	Sin, corruption	Isaiah 1:18; 26:21; Psalm 75:8; Jeremiah 46:10
Red (colour)	Persecution, destruction	Ezekiel 32:6,11; Jeremiah 46:10; Nahum 2:3
Reins	Seat of will, affections	Psalm 7:9; 16:7; 26:2; 73:21; Proverbs 23:16; Jeremiah 17:10
Seal	Sign, mark and seal mean the 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; 20:2
Seven Candlesticks	Seven candlesticks in Holy Place in the sanctuary	Exodus 25:31-40
Seven Candlesticks	Seven Churches	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; 1:9; Psalm 119:105; Revelation 4:5
Sickle	Symbol of harvest; The 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; the 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 (margin); 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 of 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	Inhabited area – people, nations	Revelations 17:15
White (colour)	Purity	Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 1:18
White Robes	Victory & Righteousness	Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 19:8; 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	Jeremiah 25:15-18; 51:7
	Jesus' blood of atonement	Matthew 26:21-29
Wings	Speed, haste	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 23:21; Revelation 14:4; Hosea 2:5; 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