



Symbols in Revelation

Symbol	Basic Significance
Angels	Divine messengers
Crown	Rule, sovereignty
Earth Dwellers	Unbelievers
Eyes	Witness, insight
Garments	Defiled = Sin White = Righteousness Naked = Shame/Vulnerability
Horn	Power, victory, strength
Lamb	Jesus – slain and now standing victorious
Lion of Judah	Jesus – the promised King who conquers
Dragon / Serpent	Satan
Beast from the Sea	Anti-God political or imperial power
Beast from the Earth	False religion or ideology
Babylon	The world's idolatrous system, the kingdom of earth
New Jerusalem	God's redeemed people in their redeemed home
Lampstands	Churches
Seals / Trumpets / Bowls	Stages of God's sovereign judgment unfolding through history
Mark (on the forehead or hand)	Allegiance and belonging
Throne	Rule, dominion
White Robes	Righteousness given by Christ, not earned
144,000 / Great Multitude	The whole people of God
Bride	The church, the perfected people of God
Prostitute	A system or empire that seduces God's people away from him
Sea	Chaos and threat
Wilderness	Life now, in the space between rescue and rest
Incense	Prayers of the saints
Kings	Representatives of kingdoms
Mountains	Kingdoms, unassailable stability that endures
Sexual Immorality	Idolatry (all sin); unfaithfulness to God



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Elders / Living Creatures	All creation and all God's people, joined in worship