

## 22. Symbols Interpreted in Revelation

Text	Symbol	Interpretation
1:20	Seven stars	Angels of the seven churches
1:20	Seven lampstands	Seven churches
2:9; 3:9	Synagogue of Satan	Those who say they are Jews but are not
4:5	Seven blazing lamps	Seven spirits, or sevenfold Spirit, of God
5:8; 8:3-4	Golden bowls of incense	Prayers of the saints
7:9, 13-14	Great multitude	Those wearing white robes who have come out of the Great Tribulation
8:10-11	Great blazing star	Named Wormwood, meaning bitterness
9:11	Angel of the Abyss	Hebrew name is Abaddon, Greek name is Apollyon, both meaning Destroyer
11:3-4	Two witnesses	Two olive trees and two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth
11:8	Great city	Sodom and Egypt, where also the Lord was crucified
12:5	Male child	Son who will rule all nations with an iron scepter
12:9; 20:2	Great Dragon	Ancient Serpent, Devil, Satan
12:17	Offspring of the woman	Those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus
13:18	666	Number of the Beast and a man's number
14:1, 3-4	144,000	Virgins redeemed from the earth who did not defile themselves with women
16:13-14	Three evil spirits	Demonic spirits that perform miraculous signs and gather the kings for battle
16:16	Harmagedon (Armageddon)	In Hebrew, place where kings are gathered for the great battle
17:1, 15	Many waters	Peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages
17:3, 5	Woman sitting on a scarlet beast	Mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth
17:3, 5, 18	Woman sitting on a scarlet beast	Great city Babylon that rules over the kings of the earth
17:3, 7, 9	Seven heads of scarlet beast	Seven hills on which the woman sits
17:3, 7, 10	Seven heads of scarlet beast	Seven kings: five fallen, one is, one has not yet come
17:3, 7, 12	Ten horns of scarlet beast	Ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom but will rule for one hour
19:8	Bride's fine linen	Righteous acts of the saints
19:11, 16	Rider on a white horse	King of kings and Lord of lords
20:5	1,000 years	First resurrection
20:8	Gog and Magog	Nations in the four corners of the earth
20:14; 21:8	Lake of fire	Second death
21:2, 9-10	Holy City, New Jerusalem	Bride, the wife of the Lamb