

# The Seven Main Symbols of the Book of Revelation

All the events and numbers in Revelation are to be taken in their plain, literal meaning unless specifically indicated not to. The seven main symbols in Revelation are all in chapters 12-14. Daniel also used most of these symbols. He prophesied of the Antichrist as the beast with a vast empire that was supported by ten kings who he spoke of as ten horns on the Antichrist.

THE DRAGON: always symbolic of Satan. (Rev. 12:3,4,7,9,13,16,17; 13:2,4; 16:13; 20:2)

THE FIRST BEAST: is symbolic of the Antichrist (Rev. 13; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4,10). Daniel prophesied of the Antichrist as the beast with a vast empire (Dan 7:7, 11, 19-23).

ANOTHER BEAST: is symbolic of the False Prophet who is only called "another beast" once. Every other time he is referred to as the False Prophet (Rev 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10).

THE SEVEN HEADS: the seven historical empires that persecuted Israel are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman Empire (Dan 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; Rev 12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16).

THE TEN HORNS: speak of a future ten-nation confederation of ten kings that rule simultaneously over their own nation as they come into an enthusiastic agreement or partnership together under the Antichrist's authority (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3,7,12,16). Daniel prophesied of the Antichrist as the beast with a vast empire (Dan 7:7,11,19-23) that was supported by ten kings who he spoke of as ten horns on the Antichrist (Dan 2:41-42; 7:7,20,24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3,7,12,16).

THE HARLOT BABYLON: will be established in the literal rebuilt city of Babylon on the Euphrates River in Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) that will be restored and used as a headquarters for the Antichrist. It will function as the center of worldwide, demonic religious and economic networks; (Isa. 13-14; 21; Jer 50-51; Rev 17-18). It will seduce many to sin and will persecute the saints.

THE WOMAN WITH THE MALE-CHILD (JESUS): the woman is the faithful remnant of Israel throughout history (Rev 12:1-5) who gives birth to the Male-Child who is Jesus. Satan wars with her offspring who are Gentile believers (Rev 12:17).