

Rock-Skipping Through Revelation **Revelation – A Book of Symbols**



Orlando Bible Students Special Study - Sunday March 28, 2021

We encourage everyone to prepare in advance for this study, in particular with regard to Question #4. Doing so will help each of us to get more out of the study and its lessons. “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.”—Revelation 1:3

1. **What reasons might be included as to why the Book of Revelation is written largely in symbolic language?**
Deut. 29:29; Ps. 25:14; Matt. 13:10,11; Rom. 16:25,26; I Cor. 2:9,10,14

2. **What happens if one attempts to give literal interpretations to all, or significant portions, of the Book of Revelation?** *Matt. 5:37; I Cor. 2:13; I Cor. 14:33; II Tim. 2:15; II Pet. 3:16*

3. **Are there any general guidelines we can use in determining the possible meaning of the many symbolic terms in Revelation?** *Matt. 13:52; John 5:39; Acts 17:11; II Tim. 3:15-17; Eph. 4:1-3,13*

[For the remainder of our study time]

4. **On the next page of this outline is a PARTIAL list of 228 symbols which appear in the Book of Revelation (King James Version). Please select 2 or 3 which are of particular interest to you, and be prepared to offer a brief comment on them. In your comment, provide at least one citation in Revelation where the symbol is used, and also suggest which of the categories below seem to best fit the symbol(s) you’ve chosen. Hint: some symbols likely fit more than one category.**

Ten categories of symbols: (there are probably more)

- a. Promises to the Church
- b. Promises to the world
- c. Lessons pertaining to character development
- d. General prophetic references (past, present or future)
- e. Descriptive of persons, places, objects (earthly or spiritual)
- f. Descriptive of specific events in God’s plan (past, present or future)
- g. Descriptive of conditions (earthly, spiritual, good, bad)
- h. Descriptive of blessings (earthly, spiritual)
- i. Descriptive of trouble (earthly, spiritual)
- j. Descriptive of rulership or authority (earthly, spiritual, good, bad)

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PARTIAL LIST OF SYMBOLS FOUND IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

<u>AIR</u>	<u>ALPHA & OMEGA</u>	<u>ALTAR</u>	<u>AMEN</u>	<u>ANGELS</u>	<u>ANTIPAS</u>
<u>ARK</u>	<u>ARMAGEDDON</u>	<u>BABYLON</u>	<u>BEAST</u>	<u>FOUR BEASTS</u>	<u>BED</u>
<u>BEHEADED</u>	<u>BELLY</u>	<u>BITTER</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>BIRD</u>	<u>BLOOD</u>
<u>BOOK(S)</u>	<u>BOOK OF LIFE</u>	<u>BREASTPLATE</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>BRIDEGROOM</u>	<u>BOTTOMLESS PIT</u>
<u>BRIDLES</u>	<u>BRIMSTONE</u>	<u>BURNED</u>	<u>CALF</u>	<u>CANDLESTICKS</u>	<u>CAMP OF SAINTS</u>
<u>CHAIN</u>	<u>CHARIOTS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>CLOUDS</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>CLOTHING/CLOTHED</u>
<u>CROWN</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>DARKNESS</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DAY AND NIGHT</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
<u>DENS</u>	<u>DEVIL</u>	<u>DEVOUR</u>	<u>DOGS</u>	<u>DOOR</u>	<u>DRAGON</u>
<u>SERPENT</u>	<u>SATAN</u>	<u>DUST</u>	<u>EAGLE</u>	<u>EARTH</u>	<u>DWELL ON THE EARTH</u>
<u>EARTHQUAKE</u>	<u>EAT</u>	<u>EGYPT</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>EUPHRATES</u>	<u>EYES</u>
<u>FACE</u>	<u>FALSE PROPHET</u>	<u>FAMINE</u>	<u>FIG/FIG TREE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>FIRSTFRUITS</u>
<u>FLOOD</u>	<u>FOREHEAD</u>	<u>FORNICATION</u>	<u>FOUNTAINS</u>	<u>FOWLS</u>	<u>FROGS</u>
<u>FURNACE</u>	<u>GARMENTS</u>	<u>GIRDLE</u>	<u>GLASS</u>	<u>GOD</u>	<u>GOG & MAGOG</u>
<u>GOLD(EN)</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>	<u>GRAPES</u>	<u>GRASS</u>	<u>GREEN</u>	<u>GREAT MULTITUDE</u>
<u>HAIL</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>HAND</u>	<u>HARP</u>	<u>HARVEST</u>	<u>HEAD(S)</u>
<u>HEAT</u>	<u>HEAVEN</u>	<u>HELL</u>	<u>HORNS</u>	<u>HORSE(S)</u>	<u>HORSEMEN</u>
<u>HUNGER</u>	<u>IMAGE</u>	<u>INCENSE</u>	<u>IRON</u>	<u>ISLAND(S)</u>	<u>ISRAEL</u>
<u>JERUSALEM</u>	<u>JEWS</u>	<u>JEZEBEL</u>	<u>JOHN</u>	<u>KEYS</u>	<u>KILLED</u>
<u>LAKE OF FIRE</u>	<u>KINGS OF THE EAST</u>	<u>LAMB</u>	<u>LEAVES</u>	<u>LEFT</u>	<u>KINGS OF THE EARTH</u>
<u>LIFE</u>	<u>LIGHTNING</u>	<u>LINEN</u>	<u>LION</u>	<u>LITTLE BOOK</u>	<u>LIVING SOUL</u>
<u>LOCUSTS</u>	<u>LORD'S DAY</u>	<u>LUKEWARM</u>	<u>MANCHILD</u>	<u>MANNA (HIDDEN)</u>	<u>MAN (FACE OF)</u>
<u>MARK</u>	<u>MARRIAGE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>MERCHANTS</u>	<u>MICHAEL</u>	<u>MILLSTONE</u>
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MOON</u>	<u>MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>MOUTH</u>	<u>MURDERERS</u>	<u>MORNING STAR</u>
<u>NAKED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NICOLAITANS</u>	<u>ODOURS</u>	<u>OIL</u>	<u>NEW JERUSALEM</u>
<u>OLIVE</u>	<u>TWO OLIVE TREES</u>	<u>PALMS</u>	<u>PARADISE</u>	<u>PATMOS</u>	<u>PEARL</u>
<u>PILLAR</u>	<u>PLAGUES</u>	<u>PRISON</u>	<u>PROPHETS</u>	<u>PURPLE</u>	<u>PENNY (DENARIUS)</u>
<u>RAIMENT</u>	<u>RAIN</u>	<u>RAINBOW</u>	<u>RED</u>	<u>REED</u>	<u>RIGHT</u>
<u>RIVER(S)</u>	<u>ROCKS</u>	<u>ROD</u>	<u>SACKCLOTH</u>	<u>SAILORS</u>	<u>SAND OF THE SEA</u>
<u>SAT (SIT)</u>	<u>SCORPIONS</u>	<u>SEA</u>	<u>SEAL(S)</u>	<u>SEAT</u>	<u>SEA OF GLASS</u>
<u>SHIPS</u>	<u>SECOND DEATH</u>	<u>SHIPMASTER</u>	<u>SICKLE</u>	<u>SMOKE</u>	<u>SODOM</u>
<u>SONG</u>	<u>SORE</u>	<u>SOUL(S)</u>	<u>SPIRITS</u>	<u>STARS</u>	<u>STINGS</u>
<u>SUN</u>	<u>SUP</u>	<u>SWORD</u>	<u>TABERNACLE</u>	<u>TAIL</u>	<u>SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN</u>
<u>TALENT</u>	<u>TEMPLE</u>	<u>THIRST</u>	<u>THRONE</u>	<u>THUNDER (INGS)</u>	<u>TIME (CHRONOS)</u>
<u>TORMENTED</u>	<u>TREE(S)</u>	<u>TREE OF LIFE</u>	<u>TRUMPET</u>	<u>TRIBES OF ISRAEL</u>	<u>TWO CANDLESTICKS</u>
<u>VIALS</u>	<u>TWO PROPHETS</u>	<u>VIRGINS</u>	<u>WAR</u>	<u>TWO WITNESSES</u>	<u>VINE OF THE EARTH</u>
<u>WATER</u>	<u>WATERS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>WHORE (HARLOT)</u>	<u>WILDERNESS</u>
<u>WIND</u>	<u>WINDS</u>	<u>WINE</u>	<u>WINEPRESS</u>	<u>WOMAN</u>	<u>WORMWOOD</u>
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>WHITE STONE</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>	<u>SCARLET</u>	<u>NATIONS, KINDREDS, PEOPLE(S), & TONGUES</u>	