

Studying The Symbols

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Sunday afternoon at five, we will conclude our 10 part study of the symbols in the book of Revelation. Approximately half of the congregation at Getwell has not been present for the study, even with Daylight Savings Time providing plenty of sunshine to facilitate driving conditions for those who do not see well enough to drive after dark, so since I passionately believe this material provides fundamental assistance that is foundational for a good understanding of this inspirational book of the New Testament, I would like to give it a brief overview in this short article this week for everyone's edification.

The Key Verse Of The Book

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever," Revelation 11:15.

The Broad Outline Of The Book

1. The 7 Churches.....Revelation 1-4.
2. The Book with 7 Seals.....Revelation 5-8.
3. The 7 Trumpets.....Revelation 9-14.
4. The 7 Bowls of Wrath....Revelation 15-18.
5. The Finalé.....Revelation 19-22.

The Source Of The Symbols Studied

Although 348 of the 404 verses in Revelation contain allusions from the Old Testament, this series of lessons has only dealt with an even dozen of them. John, the author, made no reference from the so called apocryphal books nor does he draw any imagery from the pagan world. His book is a demonstration of the principle articulated by the apostle Paul in Romans 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

The Twelve Symbols Studied



THE DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST

Rev. 1:13-16 – Dan. 10:1-20



THE CANDLESTICKS

Rev. 1:20 – Exod. 25:31-40; Zech. 4:1-14



THE THRONE OF GOD

Rev. 4:1-11 – Isa. 6:1-10



THE LIVING CREATURES

Rev. 4:6-8 – Ezek. 1:5-11



THE LAMB OF GOD

Rev. 5:5-6; 19:7-9 – Gen. 49:8-10; Exod. 12:3, 13; I Cor. 5:7b; Isa. 53:7



THE FOUR HORSEMEN

Rev. 6:1-8 – Zech. 6:1-8; Ezek. 4-5; 14:21



THE SEALING OF THE SAINTS

Rev. 7:1-3 – Ezek. 9:1-11



THE LITTLE BOOK

Rev. 10:1-11 – Jer. 15:16; Ezek. 2-3:15



THE WINEPRESS

Rev. 14:19-20 – Isa. 63:1-6



THE PLAGUES

Rev. 15-16 – Exod. 7-12



THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

Rev. 19:7-9 – Isa. 54:5; Jer. 2:32; 3



THE BOOKS WERE OPENED

Rev. 20:12 – Dan. 7:10; 12:1