

Chart 1: CRACKING THE REVELATION CODE

Symbol	Meaning	Explanation
3½ years (or 42 months)	A finite and therefore limited time period	i.e. not eternity – crucial in the face of suffering
6	Satan and Imperfection	i.e. not quite 7
7	God and Perfection	i.e. 7 th day of Creation – God rested
12	Leaders of the Redeemed	i.e. 12 sons of Jacob & 12 tribes of Israel
24	Leaders from Old & New Covenants	i.e. 12 sons + 12 apostles
10 or 1000	Round/complete numbers	i.e. because they're round and complete!
144,000	Full number of redeemed from Israel	12 x 12 x 1000 = 144,000!

Jerusalem	The Heavenly, Perfect World	Isaiah's predictions of a new Jerusalem
Bride	The Church	Heaven is a consummation of all we await in this world (an engagement!)
Babylon	Rome, This Sinful World	i.e. ancient opponent of Yahweh & His people (e.g. Tower of Babel/Babylon; Babylonian exile)
Sea beast & Prostitute	Roman Emperor & his Government/ People	Counterfeit bride
Land beast & false prophet	?Roman provincial governors?	Counterfeit prophet
Lion	Nobility	NB these do NOT necessarily symbolise the 4 writers of the gospels, despite what many later interpreters (esp in the Middle Ages suggested)
Ox	Strength	
Eagle	Speed	
Man	Wisdom	
Lamb (if spotless)	Helplessness, Weakness (sacrificial victim & substitute)	Temple Sacrificial system
Thrones, Crowns	Conquest & Rule (divine, human or satanic)	
The horn	Power (for good or evil)	ie antlers – for attack and defence: came to symbolise power – e.g. Ps18:2 & Rev 5:6 (lamb with 7 horns)
Eye	Knowledge	ie all-seeing
Right Hand	Authority	Jesus sits at right hand (Mk 14:62) – ie special favour
White	Heavenly	cf Mk 9:3 (Transfiguration); transcends earthly colours