

**666** = tripled (the most) imperfection; anyone who viciously persecutes Christians

**SEVEN** = fullness, complete amount

**SEVEN CHURCHES** = all the churches of all the world of all times

**10 DAYS** = a short time

**THREE-AND-A-HALF** = a very short time

**1260 days or 3&1/2 years or 42 months** = period of persecutions of God's people

**1000** = a large amount

**7000 PEOPLE** = a large number of people from all social classes

**1500 miles or 12,000 stades** = 12 apostles times 1000 (leaders representing all Christians)

**144,000** (the square of the 12 tribes of Israel multiplied by a thousand or a large amount) = the new Israel, embracing all Christians from every nation and tongue; NOTE: in the list of tribes (7:5-8), Dan is omitted because of a belief that the antichrist would arise from it

**ABADDON** = Aramaic name for destruction or ruin

**ABYSS** = the netherworld, where all the demons are kept for many, many years before being cast into the pool of fire

**ACCUSER** = Satan

**ALPHA & OMEGA** = Jesus, "The First & the Last" and "the Beginning & the End"

**AMEN, THE** = Jesus, is the "Yes, this is true" to God's promises

**AMULET** ("white stone" in some translations) = admission to the royal feast of eternal joy

**ANGEL** = leader of the Christian community

**APOLLYON** = Greek name for the Destroyer

**APPOINTED TIME** = when Jesus comes in glory

**ARMAGEDDON** = location where many decisive battles took place during Israel's history

**BABYLON** = Rome (where persecution was coming from)

**BALAAM & BALAK** = the infidelity of contemporary people who eat food sacrificed to idols

**BEAST** = the forces of evil; the antichrist

**BEASTS OF THE WAR IN HEAVEN** (12:7-9) = 1. Roman empire, worshiped by all the world; 2. the antichrist, who leads people to worship first beast

**BEAST (WILD)** = Roman empire

**BLACK** = death

**BOOK OF LIFE** = where the names of the redeemed are kept

**BRIDE** = the Church in covenant relationship with Christ

**BURNING SULFUR** = eternal punishment

**CALF (young bull)** = strongest of God's creations

**CHILDREN** = those who follow someone's teachings; spiritual descendants

**COUNTLESS IN NUMBER** = infinite amount

**CROWN** = royal authority

**DIADEMS** = sovereignty over the kingdoms of the world

**DRAGON** = power of evil; Satan

**EAGLE** = swiftest of God's creations; swiftness of God's help

**EAST** = source of light, the place of paradise

**EGYPT** = oppression of God's people

**ELDERS (TWENTY-FOUR)** = all who belong to the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles

**END** = Jesus (therefore: "The end is near" = "Jesus is near" and "Living in the end times" = "Living in Jesus")

**EYES (CREATURES COVERED WITH)** = the all-seeing, all-knowing power of God

**EYES LIKE FIERY FLAME** = able to see all and know all

**FACE THAT SHINES LIKE THE SUN** = the divine majesty of Christ

**FAITHFUL WITNESS** = Jesus

**FEET OF POLISHED BRASS** = Jesus is unchanging

**FIRE MINGLED WITH SEA OF GLASS** = sanctity in facing God

**FIRST-BORN** = Jesus

**GARMENTS (WHITE)** = an upright life; victory; resurrection

**GEMS** (see “gold”)

**GOG AND MAGOG** = all pagan nations

**GOLD REFINED BY FIRE** = God’s grace

**GOLD AND PRECIOUS GEMS USED TO BUILD NEW JERUSALEM**= the beauty and excellence of the Church

**GREEN** = plague

**HAIR (WHITE)** = the “Ancient of Days”; God

**HARLOT** = Roman empire, which led people astray into idolatry

**HARVEST** = gathering true Christians during the final judgment

**HEADS** = Roman emperors

**HIDDEN MANNA** = heavenly bread; the Eucharist

**HILLS (SEVEN)** = all the territory covered by Roman empire

**HORNS** = power; kings

**HORNS LIKE A LAMB’S BUT VOICE LIKE A DRAGON** = false prophets

**HORSES AND THEIR RIDERS**

1. **WHITE** = a conquering power (**BOW** = oppression)
2. **RED** = a bloody war (**HUGE SWORD** = violence)
3. **BLACK** = famine (**SCALE** = shortage of food with corresponding increase in prices)
4. **PALE GREEN** = death and decay (**HADES** = netherworld)

**HUMAN BEING** = wisest of God’s creations

**INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH** = pagans

**JEZEBEL** = someone who brings pagan customs into Christianity

**KEY OF DAVID** = Jesus has the final determination of who enters the heavenly kingdom and who doesn't

**LAMPSTANDS** = the Church

**LIGHTNING, RUMBLINGS & THUNDER** = God's activity

**LION** = noblest of God's creations

**LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH** = the victorious Jesus

**LIVING CREATURES (FOUR)** = cherubim

**LORD'S DAY** = Sunday

**MEASURING THE TEMPLE** = God preserves those who remain faithful to Christ

**MORNING STAR** = resurrection victory over death

**MOUNT ZION** = the gathering of Israelite believers during Christ's reign

**NETHERWORLD** = the abode of the dead

**NEW JERUSALEM** = heaven, where Christ has supreme authority

**NEW NAME** = being reborn in Christ

**NEW NAME (CHRIST'S)** = "Lord"

**OLIVE TREES (TWO) AND LAMPSTANDS (TWO)** = martyrs

**OPEN DOOR** = evangelization efforts; Christ Himself, who is the door into the house of God

**PALM BRANCHES** = joy and victory

**PILLAR** = help in rebuilding the temple of God in new Jerusalem

**RED** = war

**RIGHT HAND** = power and authority

**ROBE (ANKLE-LENGTH)** = Jesus is the high priest

**RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH** = Jesus

**SACKCLOTH** = lamentation and repentance

**SASH (GOLD)** = Jesus is king

**SATAN'S THRONE** = emperor worship and other pagan practices

**SEA OF GLASS LIKE CRYSTAL** = God's throne

**SEA MONSTER** = Satan

**SEA THAT, AT THE END, IS NO MORE** = Satan's home

**SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS** = totally hidden to all but God

**SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD** = under God's protection & ownership

**SECOND DEATH** = eternal punishment

**SERPENT** = Satan

**SODOM** = immorality

**SOILED CLOTHES** = the act of dishonoring God

**SON OF MAN** = Jesus

**SOUND OF RUSHING WATERS** = Jesus is speaking with divine authority

**SPIRITS** = angels (7 spirits = all the angels)

**STARS** = angels

**WORD COMING FROM HIS MOUTH** = the Word of God, the only weapon needed to defeat the enemy

**TASTE OF SCROLL**

1. **SOUR IN THE STOMACH** = sufferings of God's people

2. **SWEET AS HONEY** = final victory of God's people

**THUNDER** = God's voice

**TREE OF LIFE IN THE GARDEN OF GOD** = the decree excluding humanity from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden has been revoked by Christ

**TRUMPET BLAST** = calling together the believers

**TRUMPET-LIKE VOICE** = the voice of Jesus

**VIRGINS** = people who never indulged in any idolatrous practices

**VISIONS** = presentations of mysteries of God's plans

**VOICE** = proclaiming God's revelation

**WATER (LIFE-GIVING)** = God's grace flowing from Christ

**WEDDING DAY OF THE LAMB** = God's reign is about to begin

**WHITE** = victory and purity; resurrection

**WINGS** = freedom of movement that angels have

**WORMWOOD** = punishment God inflicts on the ungodly