

KEYS TO BIBLE SYMBOLS

Why cloak Bible prophecies in Symbols? Luke 8 :10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'" Many of the apocalyptic prophecies were given while the prophets were in a hostile foreign land. One reason God cloaked the prophecies in symbols was to protect the messages.

Animals and their Parts

Horse = Strength and Power in Battle || Job 39:19, Psalms 147:10, Proverbs 21:31

Dragon = Satan or his agency || Isaiah 27:1;30:6, Psalm 74:13-14; Rev. 12:7-9; Ezekiel 29:3; Jeremiah 51:34

Beast = Kingdom | Government | Political Power || Daniel 7:17, 23

Lamb = Jesus | sacrifice || John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7

Lion = Jesus | Powerful King i.e. Babylon || Rev. 5:4-9, Jer. 50:43-44, Dan. 7:4,17,23

Bear = Destructive Power | Medo Persia || Proverbs 28:15, 2 Kings 2:23-24, Daniel 7:5

Leopard = Greece || Daniel 7:6

Serpent = Satan | Pagan Rome || Revelation 12:9; 20:2

Tongue = Language | Speech || Exodus 4:10

Wolf = Disguised enemies that hunt in a time of darkness || Matthew 7:15

Dove = Holy Spirit || Mark 1:10

Ram = Medo Persia || Daniel 8:20

Goat = Greece || Daniel 8:21

Horn = King or kingdom || Daniel 7:24; 8:5, 21, 22; Zechariah 1:18, 19; Revelation 17:12

Wings = Speed | Protection | Deliverance || Deuteronomy 28:49, Matthew 23:37

Colors

White = Purity || Revelation 3:4,5; 7:14; 19:14

Blue = Law || Numbers 15:38-39

Purple = Royalty || Mark 15:17, Judges 8:26

Red | Scarlet = Sin | Corruption || Isaiah 1:18; Nahum 2:3; Revelation 17:1-4

Metals | Elements | Natural Objects

Gold = Pure Character | Precious and Rare || Isaiah 13:12

Silver = Pure Words & Understanding | Proverbs 2:4, 3:13-14, 10:20, 25:11, Psalms 12:6

Brass, Tin, Iron, Lead, Silver dross = Impure Character || Ezekiel 22:20-21

Water = Holy Spirit | Everlasting Life || John 7:39, 4:14, Rev. 22:17, Eph. 5:26

Waters = Inhabited Area | People | Nations | Tongues || Revelation 17:15

Fire = Holy Spirit || Luke 3:16

Tree = Cross | People or Individual | Nation || Deut. 21:22-23, Psalm 92:12, 37:35

Seed = Descendants | Jesus || Romans 9:8, Galatians 3:16

Fruit = Works | Actions || Galatians 5:22

Fig Tree = A Nation that should bear fruit || Luke 13:6-9

Vineyard = Church that should bear fruit || Luke 20:9-16

Field = World || Matthew 13:38, John 4:35

Harvest = End of World || Matthew 13:39

Reapers = Angels || Matthew 13:39

Thorns | Thorny Ground = Cares of this life || Mark 4:18-19

Stars = Angels | Messengers || Revelation 1:16, 20; 12:4, 7-9; Job 38:7

Jordan = Death || Romans 6:4, Deuteronomy 4:22

Mountains = Political or religio-political powers || Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23; 51:24, 25; Ezekiel 17:22, 23; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45

Rock = Jesus | Truth || 1 Corinthians 10:4; Isaiah 8:13, 14; Romans 9:33; Matthew 7:24

Sun = Jesus | The gospel || Psalm 84:11; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12; 9:5

Winds = Strife | Commotion | "Winds of War" || Jeremiah 25:31-33; 49:36, 37; 4:11-13; Zechariah 7:14

Miscellaneous Objects

Lamp = Word of God || Psalm 119:105

Oil = Holy Spirit || Zechariah 4:2-6; Revelation 4:5

Sword = Word of God || Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

Bread = Word of God || John 6:35, 51, 52, 63

Wine = Blood | Covenant | Doctrines || Luke 5:37

Honey = Happy life || Ezekiel 20:6, Deuteronomy 8:8-9

Clothing = Character || Isaiah 64:6, Isaiah 59:6

Crown = A Glorious Ruler or Rulership || Proverbs 16:31, Isaiah 28:5, Isaiah 62:3

Ring = Authority || Genesis 41:42-43, Esther 3:10-11

Angel = Messenger || Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26; Hebrews 1:14

Babylon = Apostasy | Confusion | Rebellion || Genesis 10:8-10; 11:6-9; Rev. 18:2, 3; 17:1-5

Mark = Sign or seal of approval or disapproval || Ezekiel 9:4; Romans 4:11; Revelation 13:17; 14:9-11; 7:2, 3

Seal = Sign or mark of approval or disapproval || Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3

White Robes = Victory | Righteousness || Revelation 19:8; 3:5; 7:14

Jar | Vessel = Person || Jeremiah 18:1-4, 2 Corinthians 4:7

Time = 360 Days || Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32; 7:25; Daniel 11:13 margin

Times = 720 Days || Daniel 7:25, Revelation 12:6,14, 13:5

Day = Literal year || Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34

Trumpet = Loud warning of God's approach || Exodus 19:16-17, Joshua 6:4-5

Actions, Activities, and Physical States

Healing = Salvation || Luke 5:23-24

Leprosy | Sickness = Sin || Luke 5:23-24

Famine = Dearth of Truth || Amos 8:11

People and Body Parts

Woman, Pure = True Church || Jeremiah 6:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23-27

Woman, Corrupt = Apostate Church || Ezk. 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hos. 2:5; 3:1; Rev. 14:4

Thief = Suddenness of Jesus' coming || 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10

Hand = Deeds | Works | Actions || Ecclesiastes 9:10, Isaiah 59:6

Forehead = Mind || Deuteronomy 6:6-8, Romans 7:25; Ezekiel 3:8, 9

Feet = Your Walk | Direction || Genesis 19:2, Psalm 119:105

Eyes = Spiritual Discernment || Matthew 13:10-17, 1 John 2:11

Skin = Christ's Righteousness || Exodus 12:5, 1 Peter 1:19, Isaiah 1:4-6

Harlot = Apostate Church | False Religion || Isaiah 1:21-27; Jeremiah 3:1-3; 6-9

Heads = Major powers | Rulers | Governments || Revelation 17:3, 9, 10

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