

Numbers in Revelation:

3: for emphasis, meaning “the most”; e.g. “holy, holy, holy” means “the most holy”.

4: creation, this physical universe, e.g. the 4 corners of the earth, the 4 points of the compass, the 4 winds.

7: the complete or perfect number, used for God, eternity, completion.

6: is 1 less than 7, therefore used for that which is imperfect, not God, even against God.

10: “many” or “a lot” (like “a dozen” in English).

12: used for God’s people. This comes from the 12 tribes of Israel.

24: 12 + 12 = God’s people in the Old Testament before Jesus (Israel) + God’s people in the New Testament after Jesus (the church)

144: 12 x 12 = the total number of the whole people of God.

1,000: 10 cubed (10 x 10 x 10) - so from what we know about 10 and 3, it means “the most big!”

3½: half of 7 which represents eternity or completion, therefore used for that which is limited or cut short - our human history. Also represented as 42 months or 1,260 days, both of which = 3½ years.

Animals in Revelation

Lion = strength

Lamb = weakness, vulnerability

Eagle = speed

Ox = strength

Mankind = wisdom

Pictures in Revelation

White = purity and victory

Red = warfare

Eyes = knowledge, wisdom

Horn = strength, power

Sea = chaos

Throne = rule

Crown = ruler

Scroll = the plan of God, revelation

Incense = prayer

Virginity = faithfulness to God

Adultery = unfaithfulness to God