

VIII. Reference key to Revelation**A. Numbers (and multiples thereof):**

1. 3: God, the Trinity
2. 3 1/2: A partial amount, not complete
3. 4: Creation (4 compass points)
4. 6: Short of perfection, sin
5. 7: Completion, God's Kingdom (3+4), perfection, fulfillment
6. 10 (and multiples of 10): Completion, a great (uncountable) number
7. 12: The church (3 x 4)
8. 144: The church throughout history (12 tribes x 12 apostles)

B. Characters:

1. Angels: Servants of God who often speak for God, even using "I" to speak on God's behalf.
2. Beast out of the Earth: The Anti-Christ, corruption *within* the Christian church
3. Beast out of the Sea: Governmental persecution of the church
4. Dragon: The Devil
5. Elders: The entire people of God, both Old & New Testament
6. False Prophet: The apostate church, Anti-Christ
7. God: The Trinity
8. Gog & Magog: Government-sponsored persecution of the church

9. Harlot: The Anti-Christ (Contrast with the Bride of Christ, the church)

10. Horsemen: Forces used by God to awaken repentance

11. John: Son of Zebedee, the last living apostle

12. Living creatures: Four Angels who serve as God's personal attendants

13. Woman clothed with the sun: The Church

C. Locations

1. Armageddon: Symbolic of the ongoing battle between the devil and the church

2. Babylon: The Harlot, contrast with Jerusalem

3. East: Where the enemies of the church came from

4. Jerusalem: The Church, where God is found

5. Lake of Fire: The final hell

6. Mid-Heaven: between earth and heaven

7. North: Where the enemies of the church came from

8. Sea: A dangerous place, separation

9. Temple: God's sacramental presence

D. Colors

1. Red: Blood, murder

2. White: Purity