



The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

LESSON 2: SYMBOLISM

LESSON 3: NEW CREATION

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

- ▶ Overview of Revelation
- ▶ Letters to the Seven Churches
- ▶ Thoughts and ideas about Revelation
- ▶ 5 W's, 1H
- ▶ Practical Implications

Key Passages for Symbolism

Revelation
1: 1-3

Revelation
1:12-20

Revelation
4 – 5

Revelation
5:6

Revelation
12:1-6

Revelation
17:7-18

Revelation
13:18

Revelation
21:9 – 22:5

Revelation
22: 18-19

Symbolic Significance in Revelation

Truths through vivid imagery

Divine perspective on human history

Cosmic struggle between good and evil

Unveils spiritual realities

Points to Christ ultimate victory

Chapter Synopsises (4 – 13)

- ▶ Chapter 4 – The Throne Room
- ▶ Chapter 5 – The Lamb and the Scroll
- ▶ Chapter 6 – The Six Seals
- ▶ Chapter 7 – The 144,000 and the Great Multitude
- ▶ Chapter 8 – The Seventh Seal and the First Four Trumpets
- ▶ Chapter 9 – The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets
- ▶ Chapter 10 – The Angel and the Little Scroll
- ▶ Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses and the Seventh Trumpet
- ▶ Chapter 12 – The Woman and the Dragon
- ▶ Chapter 13 – The Two Beasts

Connecting to Messages to Seven Churches

**Promises
Fulfilled**

**Shared
Imagery**

**Escalating
Conflict**

**Exhortation
to
Faithfulness**

Practical Implications of Symbolism

- ▶ Encourages deeper study
- ▶ Provides timeless application
- ▶ Fosters humility
- ▶ Offers hope in suffering
- ▶ Connects to church history
- ▶ Emphasizes spiritual reality
- ▶ Cautions against literalism

WHAT DOES IT ALL
MEAN?

New Creation (Rev. 14 – 22)

Chapters 14 – 16 Judgement as Preparation for New Creation

- ▶ Chapter 14 – the 144,000
- ▶ Chapter 15 – 16 – the bowl judgements

Chapters 17 – 19 Removing Obstacles to New Creation

- ▶ Chapters 17 – 18 – the fall of Babylon
- ▶ Chapter 19 – the marriage supper of the Lamb

Chapters 20 – 22 The Full Realization

- ▶ Chapter 20 – final judgement
- ▶ Chapter 21:1-8 – “I am making everything new”
- ▶ Chapter 21:9-27 – The New Jerusalem
- ▶ Chapter 22:1-5 – the river of life/the tree of healing
- ▶ Chapter 22:6-21 – the final invitation