

12 Symbol Pictures in Revelation 4-5

1. Door = a Door – this was an invitation from God to John to see these things and write them down
2. Voice like a trumpet = the voice of God
3. The throne = Authority and Power
4. Jasper and Carnelian = God's appearance is beautiful, precious, and rare
5. Rainbow = reminder of God's mercy and grace, that God desires life, not death
6. The 24 Elders
 - 12 tribes + 12 disciples = All of God's people from both the Old and New Covenants
 - Thrones = a level of shared authority and responsibility
 - Dressed in white = Washed clean, pure
 - Wearing crowns = signify the victory and royalty associated with our salvation
7. Lightning and thunder = God's awesome power and presence
8. Sea of glass = Peace or a connection to the Holy Spirit in the beginning
9. The 4 Living Creatures = Angelic beings that represent the eternal praise from all of God's created beings for eternity
10. The scroll = God's plan to finalize the redemption of man
11. Lion of Judah and Root of David = the mighty messiah
12. The "little Lamb"
 - Looking as if it has been slain, but was now standing very much alive!
 - 7 horns = complete power - omnipotent
 - 7 eyes = complete knowledge - omniscient
 - 7 spirits (the Holy Spirit) = complete presence - omnipresent
 - He was able to open the scroll!

Some References Connected to These Symbols:

Genesis 1:28 (ruling), 9:8-17 (rainbow) 49:8-10 (Judah); Exodus 19:16 (lightning), 32:15-16 (two sided tablets); Psalm 18:13-15 (lightning) 111:9 (redemption); Isaiah 6 (Seraphs), 11:1-14 (branch/root), 29:11 (scroll); Jeremiah 23:5 (branch/root); Ezekiel 1 (13, 27-28 - Cherubim), 2:9-10 (scroll), 10 (Cherubim); Daniel 7 (angles); Romans 8:17 (heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ); 1 Corinthians 9:25 (crown); 2 Timothy 2:5, 4:8 (crown); 1 Peter 2:9 (the royalty of the saints), 5:4 (crown); Revelation 4-5, 2:10, 3:11 (crown), 3:4-5, 6:11, 7:9, 7:13-14 (dressed in white), 11:19 (lightning),