Symbols and Numbers

Lamb – Jesus, emphasizing his sacrifice to take away sins

"like a son of man" - Jesus

Rainbow - divine restraint in judgment

White – holiness, purity

Trumpet – warning, call to prepare

Crown – triumph, victory

Diadem - royal authority

Horn - strength, power

Beast – Rome and the emperors

Babylon - Rome, decadent and ready to fall

Sword – Authority

2 – valid witness or testimony

4 – on all sides, from every direction

7 – complete, full

 $3\frac{1}{2}$ – incomplete, partial

10 – trial, testing

12 – the people of God, the Church

24 – priesthood

144 – All the people of God, all the Church

1,000 – a large number