

## CRACKING THE “CODE” TO REVELATION

### **NUMBERS**

*One* – Primacy, greatness, God himself (Revelation 1:17, 2:8, 22:13)

*Two* – Two witnesses were needed to judge a crime (Revelation 11:3)

*Three, Three and a Half* – Limited or restricted time frame (Revelation 8:7, 9:15, 12:4)

*Four* – Cosmos and creation: four corners of the earth (Revelation 4:6, 7:1, 9:14, 20:8)

*Six* – Imperfection, one less than seven (Revelation 13:18)

*Seven* – Completeness, covenant (Revelation 1:4, 1:12, 2:1, 3:1, 4:5, 5:1, 8:2, etc.)

*Ten* – Shortness, incompleteness, limitation (Revelation 2:10, 9:16, 12:3, 13:1, 17:3,7,12,16)

*1,000* – 10x10x10, meaning a long but finite time (Revelation 5:11, 9:16, 11:13, 20:2-3)

*Twelve* – Continuity with the twelve tribes of Israel or the 12 apostles in the New Israel (Revelation 7:5-8, 12:1. New Israel; Revelation 21:12, 14,16; 21:21, 22:2)

*144,000* – The product of 12x12x1000 represents all of God’s people throughout time

### **COLORS**

*White* – Victory, purity, dignity (Revelation 1:14, 2:17, 3:4-5, 6:11, 7:9, 7:13, 14:14, 19:14)

*Black* – Death, disaster, distress (Revelation 6:5, 12)

*Red* – Bloodshed, violence (Revelation 6:4, 9:17, 12:3)

*Pale Green* – Impending death (Revelation 6:8)

*Purple/scarlet* – Immorality (Revelation 17:4, 18:16, 18:12)

### **PLACES, ANIMALS and OBJECTS**

*Babylon* – Place of exile; the greatest threat to Israel and her freedom to worship. (Revelation 14:8)

*Beasts* – Foreign nations opposed to God’s people. (Revelation 11:7, 11:13, 14:9, 14:11)

*Crowns* – Authority (Revelation 4:4, 4:10, 6:2, 9:7)

*Dragon, Serpent* – Satan (Revelation 12,13)

*Eyes, full of* – All seeing, all knowing power

*Egypt* – Oppressor of God’s people (Revelation 11)

*Eagle, Ox, Lion and Man* – the 4 mightiest creatures (Revelation 4:7, 8:13, 9:17)

*Horns* – Power (Revelation 5:6, 12:3, 13:1,11)

*Jewels* – Unique, rare and precious (Revelation 4, 21)

*Key of David* - Power to open or shut God’s kingdom (Revelation 3:7)

*Palm Branches* – Joy, victory (Revelation 7:9)

*Right hand* – Power, authority (Revelation 1:16-20, 5:1, 5:7)

*Seals, trumpets, bowls* – liturgical images used in Revelation to call for repentance or to announce and dispense judgment (Revelation 1:10, 5:1,5-6,8,16)

*Sodom* – Immorality (Revelation 11:8)

*Spirits* – Angels (Revelation 1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6)

*Thunder* – God’s voice (Revelation 4:5, 6:1, 8:5, 10:3-4, 14:2)

**THE MASS** (From The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn, pp. 119-120)

Sunday Worship – Revelation 1:10

High Priest – Revelation 1:13

An Altar – Revelation 8:3-4, 11:1, 14:18

Priests – Revelation 4:4, 11:15, 14:3, 19:4

Vestments – Revelation 1:13, 4:4, 6:11, 7:9, 15:6, 19:13-14

Consecrated celibacy – 14:4

Lamp stands (Menorah) – 1:12, 2:5

Penitence – Revelation chapters 2 -3

Incense – Revelation 5:8, 8:3-5

The Book, or Scroll – Revelation 5:1

The Eucharistic Host – Revelation 2:17

Chalices – Revelation 15:7, chapter 16, 21:9

The Sign of the Cross (The Tau) – Revelation 7:3, 14:1, 22:4

The Gloria –Revelation 15:3-4

The Alleluia – Revelation 19:1, 19:3, 19:4, 19:6

“Lift up your hearts” – Revelation 11:12

The “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Revelation 4:8

The Amen – Revelation 19:4, 22:21

The Lamb of God – Revelation 5:6 and throughout

The Prominence of the Virgin Mary – Revelation 12:1-6, 12:13-17

Intercession of the Angels and Saints – Revelation 5:8, 6:9-10, 8:3-4

Devotion to St. Michael the Archangel – Revelation 12:7

Antiphonal chant – Revelation 4:8-11, 5:9-14, 7:10-12, 18:1-8

Reading from Scripture – Revelation Chapters 2-3, 5, 8:2-11

The priesthood of the faithful – Revelation 1:6, 20:6

Catholicity (or universality) – Revelation 7:9

Silent contemplation – Revelation 8:1

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Revelation 19:9, 19:17

