

The Cast of Characters in Revelations

CHARACTER – The Lamb (5:8-13)

A.K.A. – Jesus Christ (1:1), Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End (1:8), Son of Man (1:12-16), Lion of the tribe of Judah, Root of David (5:5), Bridegroom (19:7-9), King of Kings and Lord of Lords (19:16)

IDENTITY – Jesus Christ

CHARACTER – The Seven Churches (chapters 2 and 3)

A.K.A. – The Lamb's wife (19:7), kings and priests (1:6), overcomers (2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21), saints (8:3-4), the woman who fled to the wilderness (12:6)

IDENTITY – The Church of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 10:32)

CHARACTER – 144,000 (Rev. 7:3-8)

A.K.A. – 144,000 Israelites, sealed by God and protected during the Day of the Lord

IDENTITY – 12,000 Christians of each of the 12 tribes of Israel

CHARACTER – Great Multitude (7:9)

A.K.A. – “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation” (7:14)

IDENTITY – People converted during the Great Tribulation

CHARACTER – Two Witnesses (11:3-6)

A.K.A. – The two olive trees and the two lampstands (11:4; allusion to Zechariah 4:3,14), God's servants who will prophesy and perform miracles for 3 ½ years in Jerusalem

IDENTITY – Two servants of God whose identities are not known at present

CHARACTER – Four Horsemen (6:1-8)

A.K.A. – The beginning of sorrows (Matthew 24:4-8): white horse = false religion; red = war; black = famine; pale = plagues

IDENTITY – False religion, war, famine and death by disease and disaster

CHARACTER – Seven Angels Who Blow the Seven Trumpets (chapters 8 and 9; 11:15)

A.K.A. – Angels given the job of bringing plagues as punishment during the Day of the Lord; the first four blow on the earth, trees, seas, rivers and sun, moon and stars, while the fifth (destruction caused by the European Beast power), sixth (army of 200 million that kills a third of mankind) and seventh (seven last plagues) are called the three woes (8:13; 9:12)

CHARACTER – The Dragon (12:3)

A.K.A. – That serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world (12:9); accuser of the brethren (12:10)

IDENTITY – Satan the devil

CHARACTER – The Beast (13:4)

A.K.A. – The Beast from the sea with seven heads and 10 horns (13:1) [combination of the empires pictured by the beasts of Daniel 7 with leopard, bear and lion], the king of the North (Daniel 11:40-45)

IDENTITY – Leader of a group of 10 national rulers; resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe

CHARACTER – The False Prophet (Rev. 16:13)

A.K.A. – Great harlot who rides the Beast (17:1); another beast with two horns like a lamb who spoke like a dragon (13:11), working miracles, exercising the authority of the first Beast; Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth (17:5); man of sin, the lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4,8-10)

IDENTITY – Leader of a great false religion based in Rome

CHARACTER – 200 Million-Man Army (Rev. 9:16)

A.K.A. – Army that crosses the Euphrates River to attack the Beast power; news from the east and the north that troubles the king of the North (Daniel 11:44)

IDENTITY – Eurasian army that comes against the European Beast