

Revelation Series

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Aegean Sea

Ister River

Euphrat

ASIA

Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Smyrna
Ephesus
Laodicea

Patmos

Rhodes

CYPRUS

DACIA

MOESIA

THRACIA

MACEDONIA

BITHYNIA & PONTUS

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

ARMENIA

MESOPOTAMIA

SYRIA

LYSIA

CILICIA

ACHAIA

CRETE



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TRACIA

SCYTHIA

CIV



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Remains of the Jewish synagogue. This synagogue was located in the center of the city. This structure dates from the 3rd century AD, but evidence indicates a large synagogue there from the time of the 1st century.

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Revelation 5:6, “And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

Zechariah 4:6, “So he answered and said to me: ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts.’ ”

Zechariah 4:10, “For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”

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Revelation 1:20, “The mystery of the seven stars which thou saw in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou saw are the seven churches.”

**1. Literal use describing light-bearing
bodies throughout the universe.
Gen. 1:16; 15:5; 22:17**

**2. Often used to signify the number of the descendants of Abraham. Here the analogy is to the innumerable stars.
Gen. 22:17; 26:4; Exod. 32:13**

3. Thus it is used 2x to symbolize the 12 tribes of Israel. Gen. 37:9 and Rev. 12:1

4. Used of angels in 3 Old Testament passages (Job 38:7; Isa. 14:13; Dan. 8:10 and possibly Judges 5:20) and in 4 New Testament passages (all in Revelation: 1:16, 20; 2:1; 12:4)

5. Thus stars are a symbol for the heavenly beings in Rev. 1–3.

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