

The Sanctioning of Imaginations

The whole of the book of Revelation, or nearly the whole of it, is presented by the use of symbols. Self-styled prophets have gone to that book to prophesy, and then compel the apostle John to sanction their imaginations. Not wishing to enter this field, I have only to say that we must take every statement of meaning and purpose found in the book for just what it says. After that, we must remember *where* and *when* the symbols have been used before this; for if they may be found in any clearer light, that usage may help in the interpretation. We must remember *to whom* these symbols were shown, and therefore what he would likely get out of them. We must be careful not to demand too many points of analogy, lest we have *eisegesis*, and not *exegesis*.

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