

# 4 Levels of Symbolic Communication

- ◆ Linguistic level - the record of the text
- ◆ Visionary level - What John sees
- ◆ Referential level - Historical identification with objects seen in the vision
- ◆ Symbolic level - What truths are revealed

## Revelation 19:7-8

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;  
to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure” —  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

- ◆ Linguistic level - the text
- ◆ Visionary Level - bride and fine garments
- ◆ Referential level - believers enjoy communion with Christ
- ◆ Symbolic level - Whatever we determine these symbols to mean

# Numerology



# Use of the Old Testament

Pentateuch, Judges, 1&2  
Samuel, 1&2 Kings, Psalms,  
Proverbs, Song of Solomon,  
Job, Major and Minor Prophets



# Old Testament Themes

- ◆ End-time judgment
- ◆ Salvation
- ◆ Holy War
- ◆ Divine Judgment
- ◆ "Day of The Lord"
- ◆ Hymns from Isaiah
- ◆ Daniel and Daniel 7

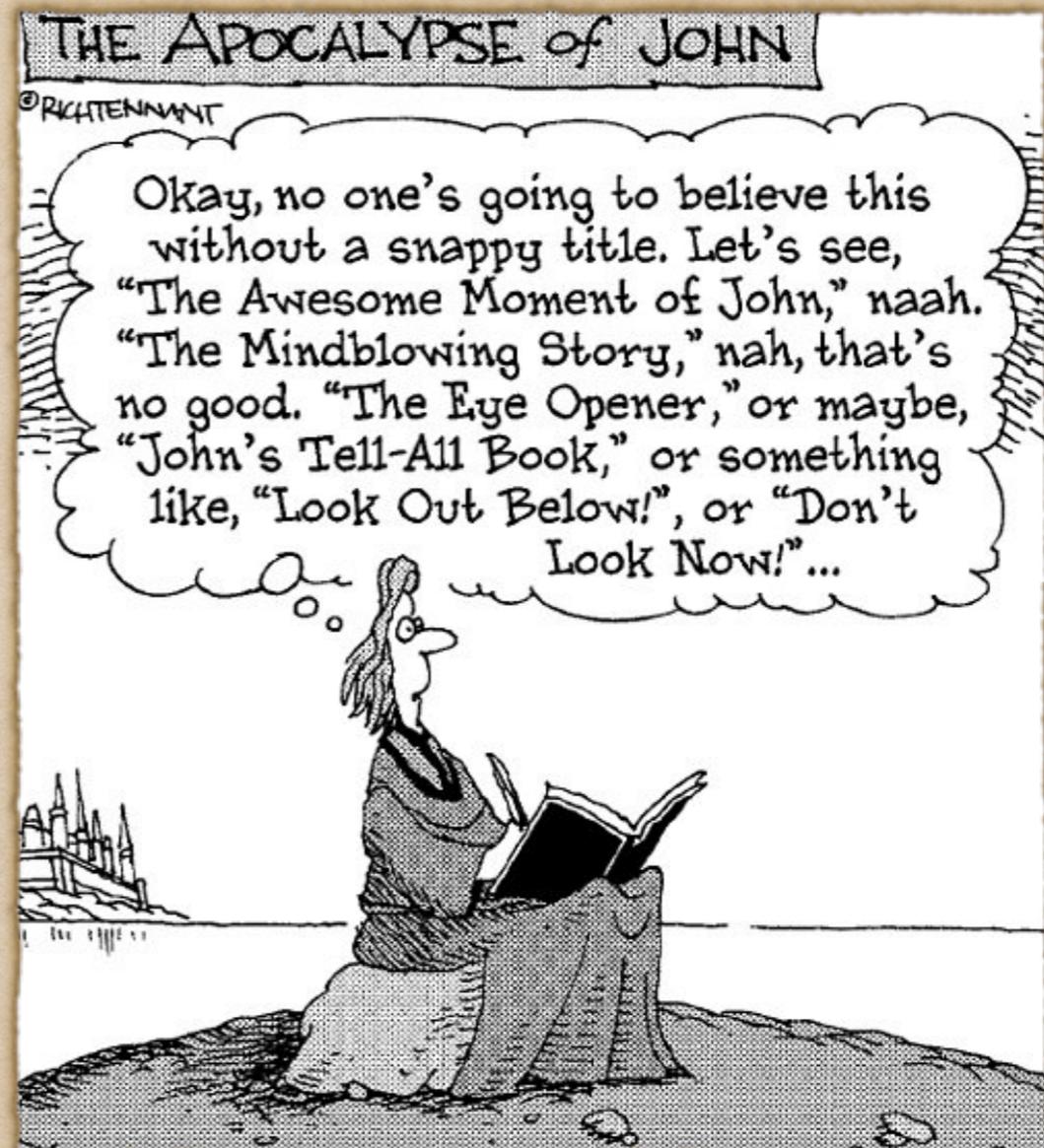
# Old Testament Analogies

- ◆ Judgment - theophanies, books of judgment, the Lion of Judah, "Lord of Lord, King of Kings", Horsemen as agents of judgment, Plagues as agents of judgment, Prophets giving testimony through judgment, "Babylon" as a symbol

- ◆ Tribulation and persecution
- ◆ Seductive and idolatrous teaching
- ◆ Divine protection
- ◆ Victorious battle of God's people over the enemy
- ◆ Apostasy
- ◆ The Spirit as the power for God's people

# Theological Themes in Revelations

- ◆ Suffering and victory for both punishment and refinement
- ◆ Glory due to God because of full salvation and final judgment
- ◆ The Throne - God and Christ are in ultimate control



- ◆ To encourage and admonish Christians to remain faithful
- ◆ "The one having ears, let him hear." - Parabolic
- ◆ Patience and trust
- ◆ Sovereignty of God

The Prologue  
Chapter 1: 1-20

Superscription: verses 1-3

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The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,