

How Revelation parallels Genesis

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THE SEED-BED OF ALL DOCTRINE. The Book of Genesis is the "seed-bed" of all Biblical doctrine. Whatever is found as a doctrine (= *teaching*) in the Bible can be found in embryonic form somewhere in Genesis. This is one reason why Evolutionists attack the Creationists' acceptance of Genesis as truth, because if you destroy the foundation you therefore destroy the validity of all other Biblical truth based upon it. This of course is a spiritual battle, exemplified particularly in the *Evolution versus Creation* debate. It can also be seen in the battle between what we might call Liberal theologians and Fundamentalist believers; those who accept the Bible as "symbolic" in meaning, and those who hold it to be the inerrant Word of God. Genesis is the book of Beginnings, and Revelation is the book of Final Things. Therefore to fully understand the concept, principles and doctrines of the rest of Scripture we need to interpret "Genesis" correctly. It is the foundation of all and every truth.

THE BIBLE IS A "WHOLE" BOOK. All things in Scripture are in harmony; the Bible is whole and true throughout. It interprets itself; it explains itself, and it supports itself. It is not contradictory when taken as a whole, neither does it invalidate itself at any point. It is totally harmonious, which is precisely what we would expect if all the books had a common source or author. For this reason we would expect to find a common "golden" (= *divine*) thread intertwined through all the books. This is found in a particular way in relation to the first and last books of the Bible. Some of the more important themes found in Genesis are also found in Revelation, as if the first and final books encapsulate and embrace the same truths, as to say that all other books in between them also hold such truths. This connection strengthens the belief that the Bible is a "single volume" authored by One Mind linking the Beginning to the End.

A new heaven and a new earth	The first created heaven and earth, perfect and "good" in the eyes of God is restored / re-created to be "goodly" once more.	Gen 1:1 and 2:1 Rev 21:1
A garden, a river and the Tree of Life	In the beginning, there is a garden, then a tree, then a river / this is reversed at the End with a river mentioned first, then the tree then what seems to be a description of a garden-like scene.	Gen 2:8-10 Rev 22:1-2
The first "marriage" and the final marriage	The first Adam and his bride, Eve. The last Adam, Christ and His bride.	Gen 2:18-25 Rev 19:7 and 21:9 and 22:17
A Deceiver and a Serpent Speaks a lie	A deceiving, speaking serpent at the beginning/ a deceiving beast speaking like a dragon at the end. Both are speaking beasts; both are Satan.	Gen 3:1-13 Rev 13:14 and 20:2
God provides a special covering/garment	An act of sin causes a sacrificial covering to be provided by God/ acts of righteousness causes a new type of covering to be provided by God.	Gen 3:21 Rev 19:8
Relationship with God lost, then restored	At the beginning of all things sinful man is driven away by God/at the End of all things God dwells with righteous man.	Gen chapt 3 Rev chapters 21-22

"Sons" are foundational in building a city	The first mentioned and the last-mentioned cities in the Bible are connected to a "city". The first city was established by an unrighteous son, Cain; the last-mentioned city has as its foundation righteous "sons", the twelve apostles.	Gen 4:17 Rev 21:14
Man is marked and sealed by God	Unrighteous Cain is marked by God so that no harm comes to him/the righteous ones are marked and sealed by God lest they be harmed.	Gen 4:15 Rev 7:3-4
Tree of Life barred then made accessible	Sin causes the way to the Tree of Life to be barred / righteousness causes the way to the Tree to be opened.	Gen 3:24 Rev 2:7 and 22:14
A new name given	A name given by the first Adam / a new name given by the Last Adam.	Gen 3:20 Rev 2: 17 and 3:12
Father and Son rest	In the beginning the Lord rested / at the End He sits upon His throne.	Gen 2: 2 Rev 3:21
God will come and visit His people	At the beginning it is prophesied that God will visit His people / at the End He says He will come to His people.	Gen 50:25 Rev 22:20
From Darkness to Light	In the Beginning there was darkness that gave way to light, day / at the End darkness will give way to everlasting Day. God's sequence is from Night to Day, meaning that "activity" (day) comes out of "rest" (night).	Gen 1:2-3 Rev 21:23-25 and 22:5
Babel rises; Babylon falls	In the beginning Babel (Babylon) is raised up; at the End Babylon falls.	Gen 11:3-9 Rev 18:2
God's provision of a lamb on a mountain	A lamb is found standing on mount Moriah / a Lamb is found standing on mount Zion.	Gen 22:8-13 Rev 14:1
The first and last Book	A book of the genealogy of the first Adam / the Book of the genealogy of the last Adam, the Lamb of God.	Gen 5:1 Rev 21:27
The robe of an innocent man dipped in blood	Innocent Joseph's robe dipped in blood / the innocent Lord Jesus' robe dipped in blood. One spoke the words of God; one was the Word of God. Both persecuted for speaking the word of the Lord.	Gen 37:31 and 37:8 Rev 19:13
First and last mention of a Reward	The first and last mention of God's reward.	Gen 15:1 Rev 22:12
In his image	In the beginning God makes man in His image / at the End the Anti-Christ makes man to worship his image.	Gen 1:27 Rev 13:14-15
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Signs in the heavens	In the beginning God made heavenly lights as a sign / at the End the Beast will also use heaven light (fire) as a sign.	Gen 1:14 Rev 13:13
Sin enters and ends	In Genesis there is the entry of sin, and in Revelation there is the end of sin.	Gen chpt. 3 Rev chpts. 21 and 22
Curse given and removed	In the beginning God pronounces a curse due to sin / at the end He declares an end to the curse.	Gen 3:14, 17 Rev 22:3
The station of the	Cherubim are at the place of God's presence at the	Gen 3:24

Cherubim	beginning and at the end.	Rev 4:6
Abraham's seed victorious	In the beginning a conspiracy is mounted against Abraham's seed, the children of "faith", but it is defeated / at the end another conspiracy against the faithful seed is defeated.	Gen 14:1-16 Rev chpt.12
The promised seed	The seed is promised to possess the gates of the enemy / the seed, the servants, come into their possession.	Gen 22:17 Rev 11:18
The sign of the sun, moon and stars	The dream / vision of these three appear both at the beginning and the end.	Gen 37:9 Rev 12:1
Man and Satan's dominions	In the beginning Man's dominion ceases through sin / at the end Satan's dominion ceases due to righteousness.	Gen 3:6, 24 Rev 22:3,14
A flood sent forth	In the beginning God sends a flood to destroy an evil generation / at the end Satan will send forth a flood in an attempt to destroy an elect generation.	Gen 6:11-22 Rev 12:15-16

Above all the Lord is one of harmony and purpose – from the very Beginning to the very End! Amen and praise to that.

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