

71. Thematic Parallels Between Genesis 1–3 and Revelation

Thematic Parallel	Genesis	Revelation
Structural use of seven days/seven churches, seals, trumpets, bowls	1:1–2:3	1:11, 20; 2:1–3:22; 5:1, 5; 6:1–8:1; 8:2–11:15; 15:7; 16:1–21
God's creation in the beginning	1:1	3:14
Creation/disappearance of heavens and earth	1:1	21:1
Spirit hovers/carries away	1:2	21:10 (cf. 17:3)
Creation/disappearance of night	1:5	21:25; 22:5
Creation/disappearance of sea	1:10	21:1
Creation/disappearance of sun and moon	1:16	21:23
Humanity to rule/reign	1:26, 28	20:4, 6; 22:5
River flows in garden	2:10	22:1
Introduction/elimination of death	2:17; cf. 3:3, 19	21:4; cf. 2:11; 20:6
Eve/saints prepared as bride	2:22, 24	19:7; 21:2, 9
Satan/Serpent as deceiver	3:1, 13	12:9; 20:3, 8, 10
Fruit grows in garden	3:2–3, 6, 12; cf. 2:16	22:2
Shame in nakedness	3:7, 10–11 (cf. 2:25)	3:18; 16:15
Enmity between Serpent and woman	3:15	12:13–16
Enmity between Serpent and woman's seed	3:15	12:17
Seed to crush Serpent's head	3:15	20:10
Introduction/elimination of pain	3:16	21:4
Introduction/elimination of curse	3:17	22:3
Eve/heavenly woman give birth	3:20	12:5, 13
Denial/permission to tree of life	3:22, 24; cf. 2:9	22:2; cf. 2:7
Denial/permission to Eden (Paradise LXX)	3:23–24	2:7
Banishment/access to God's presence	3:23	22:4
Wrongdoers outside of garden/city	3:24	21:27; 22:15