

This chart compares the Book of Revelation with like visions in the book of Daniel.

Coming Soon

1. introductory vision phraseology (Dan. 7:9 [cf. Dan. 7:2, 6–7]; Rev. 4:1)
2. a throne(s) set in heaven (Dan. 7:9a; Rev. 4:2a, [9] [cf. 4:4a])
3. God sitting on a throne (Dan. 7:9b; Rev. 4:2b)
4. God's appearance on the throne (Dan. 7:9c; Rev. 4:3a)
5. fire before the throne (Dan. 7:9d–10a; Rev. 4:5)
6. heavenly servants surrounding the throne (Dan. 7:10b; Rev. 4:4b; 6b–10; 5:8, 11, 14)
7. *[the image of a sea (Dan. 7:2–3; Rev. 4:6)]*
8. book(s) before the throne (Dan. 7:10; Rev. 5:1ff)
9. the book(s) opened (Dan. 7:10c; Rev. 5:2–5, 9)
10. a divine (messianic) figure approaching God's throne to receive authority to reign forever over a kingdom (Dan. 7:13–14a; Rev. 5:5b–7, 9a, 12–13)
11. the kingdom's scope: "all peoples, nations, and tongues" (Dan. 7:14a [MT]; Rev. 5:9b)
12. the seer's emotional distress on account of the vision (Dan 7:15; Rev. 5:4)
13. the seer's reception of heavenly counsel concerning the vision from one of the heavenly throne servants (Dan. 7:16; Rev. 5:5a)
14. the saints given divine authority to reign over a kingdom (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27a; Rev. 5:10)
15. concluding mention of God's eternal reign (Dan. 7:27b; Rev. 5:13–14).¹

In fact, the Book of Revelation closely follows the pattern in the Book of Ezekiel. David Chilton points out the following similarities:

1. The Throne-Vision (Rev. 4 / Ezek. 1)
2. The Book (Rev. 5 / Ezek. 2–3)
3. The Flour Plagues (Rev. 6:1–8 / Ezek. 5)
4. The Slain under the Altar (Rev. 6:9–11 / Ezek. 6)
5. The Wrath of God (Rev. 6:12–17 / Ezek. 7)
6. The Seal on the Saint's Foreheads (Rev. 7 / Ezek. 9)
7. The Coals from the Altar (Rev. 8 / Ezek. 10)
8. No More Delay (Rev. 10:1–7 / Ezek. 12)
9. The Eating of the Book (Rev. 10:8–11 / Ezek. 2)
10. The Measuring of the Temple (Rev. 11:1–2 / Ezek. 40–43)
11. Jerusalem and Sodom (Rev. 11:8 / Ezek. 16)
12. The Cup of Wrath (Rev. 14 / Ezek. 23)
13. The Vine of the Land (Rev. 14:18–20 / Ezek. 15)
14. The Great Harlot (Rev. 17–18 / Ezek. 16, 23)
15. The Lament over the City (Rev. 18 / Ezek. 27)
16. The Scavengers' Feast (Rev. 19 / Ezek. 39)
17. The First Resurrection (Rev. 20:4–6 / Ezek. 37)
18. The Battle with Gog and Magog (Rev. 20:7–9 / Ezek. 38–39)
19. The New Jerusalem (Rev. 21 / Ezek. 40–48)
20. The River of Life (Rev. 22 / Ezek. 47)²

Ezekiel, like John, had foreseen the fall of Jerusalem and the establishment of the “new” Jerusalem. It makes sense, then, that John would draw on the Book of Ezekiel so heavily, since John also prophesies concerning the destruction of the temple and the coming of the heavenly city.