

REVELATION REVISITED

Parallels in Ezekiel and Revelation

Story Element	Ezekiel	Revelation
Sea of Glass	“there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal” (1:22)	“there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal” (4:6)
Four Cherubim	“there were figures resembling four living beings” (1:5)	“and around the throne, four living creatures”
with faces	“the face of a man... the face of a lion... the face of a bull... the face of an eagle.” (1:10)	“a lion... a calf... a man... a flying eagle.” (4:7)
and wings	“Each of them had... four wings.” (1:6)	“each one of them having six wings” (4:8)
Fire and Lightning	“In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire.” (1:13)	“Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God” (4:5)
The Throne	“there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man... and there was a radiance around Him. As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day” (1: 26-28)	“behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.” (4:2-3)
God hands out a message	“Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it.” (2:9)	“I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book” (5:1)
Written on both sides	“When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back” (2:10)	“a book written inside and on the back” (5:1)

Open Information	“A hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back” (2:9-10)	“I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book which was open.” (10:1-2)
Command to eat	“He said to me, ‘Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.’” (3:3)	“I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, ‘Take it and eat it.’” (10:9)
Sweet & Bitter	“Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.” (3:3) “and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit.” (3:14)	“I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.” (10:10)