

# The Place of Revelation in the Bible

The Book of Revelation is important because it concludes the story of human history. It puts a period to many of the questions that our human experience raises. It also gives purpose to the arrow of history, revealing that things are heading to a grand finale and that evil will not always be a part of our existence. In order to show this, we contrast Genesis and Revelation:

1. Genesis: Commencement of Heaven and Earth (Genesis 1:1)  
Revelation: Consummation of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21:1)
2. Genesis: The entrance of sin and the curse (Genesis 3:1-10)  
Revelation: The end of sin and the curse (Revelation 21:27; 22:3)
3. Genesis: The dawn of Satan and his works (Genesis 3:1-7)  
Revelation: The doom of Satan and his works (Revelation 20:10)
4. Genesis: Access to the Tree of Life is removed (Genesis 2:9; 3:24)  
Revelation: Access to the Tree of Life regained (Revelation 22:2)
5. Genesis: The beginning of death (Genesis 2:17; 5:5)  
Revelation: The end of death (Revelation 21:4)
6. Genesis: The beginning of human sorrows (Genesis 3:16)  
Revelation: The end of human sorrows (Revelation 21:4)
7. Genesis: Man removed from the direct presence of God (Genesis 3:24)  
Revelation: Man restored to the direct present of God (Revelation 22:4)