**Bookends of Scripture**

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Assessment: Develop a comparison list (with Bible references) of the major matching themes/symbols/rituals found in Genesis 1-3 and Revelation 21-22 that tie the bookends of Scripture together.

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| **Genesis 1-3** | **Revelation 21-22** |
| God is creator of all (1:1) | God is creator of new creation (21:2,5) |
| God is before the beginning (1:1) | God is beginning and end (21:6,22:13) |
| Beginning of creation (1:1) | God is beginning and end (21:6,22:13) |
| Heavens are made (1:1) | New heaven and first heaven (21:1)  |
| Earth is made (1:1) | New earth and first earth (21:1) |
| Waters/Sea (1:6,7,9,10) | Sea was no more (21:1) |
| God speaks / voice of God (1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,etc) | God speaks / voice of God or Jesus (21:5-8, 22:12-13,16 |
| Word is spoken (1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,etc.) | Word is written (21:26,22:10,18-19) |
| Man’s dwelling in Eden (2:8) | Dwelling place of God is with man (21:3) |
| Garden in Eden (1:8) | Holy city, new Jerusalem (21:2,10-22:4) |
| God walked in the Garden looking for man (3:8) | God’s dwelling is with man (21:3) |
| Spirit is present (1:2) | Spirit is present with Christ (22:17) |
| Light/darkness is created (1:3-5,14-18) | Glory of God and Lamb is light (21:23-24, 22:5) |
| Day/night (1:5) | No darkness/night (21:23,25, 22:5) |
| Darkness was present, earth was formless and void (1:2) | God makes all things new, with light (21:5, 22:5) |
| Trees, fruit, vegetation (1:11-12,29,2:16) | Healing and fruit bearing tree (22:2) |
| Sun and moon are timekeepers (1:14) | Tree of life with fruits will keep time (22:2) |
| Springs and mists watered land (2:6) | Spring of life waters thirsty man (21:6) |
| Bride is presented to Adam (2:18-24) | Bride is presented to Christ (21:9) |
| Mankind is told to rule creation (1:26,28) | God and Lamb are rulers with believers (21:5, 22:1,3-4) |
| Jesus is alluded to (1:26) | Jesus is clearly present (21:22-23, 22:4) |
| Redeemer is promised (3:15) | Redeemer is present (21:22-23, 22:4) |
| God created stars (1:16) | Jesus is the bright morning star (22:16) |
| God’s physical presence is not complete (3:6-7) | God’s presence will be complete (21:3) |
| Completion of creation (2:2) | Completion of second creation (21:6) |
| Seven is number of completion (2:2-3) | 12 is the number of completion (21:12-21) |
| 7th day holy (2:3) | All is holy (21:22-27) |
| Goodness of creation (1:10,12,18,21,25,31) | All is good and holy and pure (21:8,27, 22:3) |
| Worship is instituted on 7th day (2:3) | Worship happens constantly (22:3,9) |
| God’s judgment flows from sin (3:14-19) | God’s judgment flows from sin (22:12) |
| God curses serpent, woman and man (3:14-19) | Curse is removed (21:4, 22:3) |
| God gives command to man (2:16-17) | God gives command to man (22:10-11,14,17-19) |
| God satisfies our needs (1:29, 2:16) | God heals the nations (22:2) |
| Sin enters world (3:7)  | Sin (former things) passes away (21:4) |
| Death (2:17, 3:3,19) | No more death (20:14-15, 21:4) |
| Gold, onyx, other valuables present (2:11-12) | New Jerusalem has gold, precious stones (21:18-21) |
| Blessing spoken by God (1:22,28) | Blessing pronounced (22:7,14) |
| Man and woman (2:23-25) | Bride for her husband (21:2) |
| “Wedding” of man and woman (2:23-25) | “Wedding” of bride (Church) and Christ (21:9) |
| Tree of knowledge of good and evil (2:9,17) | Tree of good and evil is absent. |
| Tree of life (2:9, 3:22,24) | Tree of life (22:2,14,19) |
| Rivers (2:10-14) | River/waters of life (21:6,22:1,17) |
| Sexual purity is established (2:24-24) then lost and nakedness covered (3:7,21) | Sexually immoral and others are cast away (21:8, 22:15) |
| Pain in childbirth, pain in work (3:16-17) | No more tears, mourning, crying, pain (21:4) |
| Reference to clothing (3:7,21) | Reference to clothing (22:14) |
| Eat fruit and bread (1:29, 2:16, 3:6,19) | 12 types of fruit on tree of life (22:2) |
| Satan appears for first time (3:1ff) | Satan appears for last time (20:7-10) |
| Satan states first lie (3:4) | No liar present in heavenly city (21:8) |
| Man is driven from God’s face/presence (3:23-24) | Man will see face of God (22:4) |
| Angels are guardians (3:24) | Angels do will of God (21:9-21, 22:1,6,8,16) |
| Few people (2:24) | Many people (22:17) |
| Purity and innocence is lost (3:8) | Purity and innocence is restored (21:4,9,14) |
| Intimate fellowship with Lord is lost (3:23-24) | Intimate fellowship with the Lord is restored (21:3,7) |
| Abundance of produce is granted and lost (1:29-30, 3:17-19 | Abundance of produce is restored (22:2) |
| Home is prepared and then removed (2:8, 3:23-24) | Home is restored (21:3,10-27) |