

## The Chiastic Pattern in Revelation

Two chiastic patterns found in Revelation are demonstrated here. The first example demonstrates the chiastic pattern from the entire book of Revelation. In the center core of this whole chiastic pattern in the book, lies the second pattern. It is demonstrated from the whole chapter of Revelation 12.

In the first example of the whole book of Revelation, the first chapter bears wording that matches the wording found in the last chapter. Some passages share a similar theme rather than specific words.

It has been observed that this patterning yields additional information that is relevant to the context where the chiastic links are found.

In this first example, only a few of the selected chiastic matches are shown. In the whole book, the chiastic links are found linking whole sections. Notice that in the first verse in the pair of texts, the referenced location is ascending, and in the second verse in the pairs, are descending, and both converge in a pair of chiastic parallels in the middle of the book of Revelation.

### The Whole Chiastic Outline of Revelation:

A. Prolog ..... Rev 1: 1 to Rev 1: 11  
...B. Church Militant ..... Rev 1: 12 to Rev 3: 22  
.....C. Ongoing Activity of God, ..... Rev 4: 1 to Rev 8: 1  
.....D 1. 7 Trumpet Warnings ..... Rev 8: 2 to Rev 11: 19  
.....D 2. Evil Powers Progressive ..... Rev 13: 1 to Rev 14: 20

### Center: Revelation 12

.....d 1. 7 Last Plagues ..... Rev 15: 1 to Rev 16: 17  
.....d 2. Evil Powers Judged ..... Rev 16: 18 to Rev 18: 24  
.....c. Judgmental Finale by God, ..... Rev 19: 1 to Rev 21: 4  
...b. Church Triumphant ..... Rev 21: 5 to Rev 22: 5  
a. Epilog .....Rev 22: 6 to Rev 22: 21

Chiastic link #1

In section A

Things which must shortly come to pass

1: 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

In section a

The things which must shortly be done

22: 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Chiastic link #2

In section A

Blessed is he that readeth and keep those things

1: 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

In section a

Blessed is he that keepeth

22: 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Chiastic link #3

In section A

Behold He cometh.

1: 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

In section a

Behold I come quickly.

22: 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Chiastic link #4

In section A

Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.

1: 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

In section A

Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

21: 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Chiastic link #5

In section A

Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

1: 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book,...

In section a

Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

22: 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Chiastic link #6

In section B

The seven churches.

1: 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

In section b

The bride, the Lamb's wife.

21: 9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Chiastic link #7

In section B

The morning star.

2: 28 And I will give him the morning star.

In section b

The bright and morning star.

22: 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Chiastic link #8

In section C

The first voice which I heard.

4: 1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

In section c

I heard a great voice of much people.

19: 1. And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Chiastic link #9

In section C

Four and twenty elders

4: 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

In section c

Four and twenty elders.

19: 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Chiastic link #10

In section C

Lightnings and thunderings and voices.

4: 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

In section c

The voice of mighty thunderings.

19: 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Chiastic link #11

In section C

Give glory and honour and thanks to Him.

4: 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever.

In section c

Be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him.

19: 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Chiastic link #12

In section C

Hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign.

5: 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

In section c

They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign.

20: 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Chiastic link #13

In section C

Washed their robes and made them white.

7: 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In section c

Prepared as a bride adorned.

21: 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Chiastic link #14

In section C

God shall dwell among them.

7: 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

In section c

God himself shall be with them.

21: 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Chiastic link #15

In section C

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

7: 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

In section c

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

21: 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Chiastic link #16

In section D1

Seven angels with seven trumpets.

8: 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

In section d1

Seven angels having the seven last plagues.

15: 1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Chiastic link #17

In section D1

Smoke of the incense.

8: 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

In section d1

Smoke from the glory of God.

15: 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Chiastic link #18

In section D1

Seven trumpet angels prepare to sound.

8: 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

In section d1

The seven angels pour out the vials.

16: 1. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

Chiastic link #19

In section D1

The seventh angel, Christ ...shall reign.

11: 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

In section d1

The seventh angel, It is done.

16: 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Chiastic link #20

In section D1

Lightnings, voices, thunderings, and an earthquake.

11: 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

In section d1

Voices, thunders, lightnings, and an earthquake.

16: 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Chiastic link #21

In section D2

Those who do not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

13: 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

In section d2

Blood of the martyrs.

17: 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Chiastic link #22

In section D2

Seven heads and ten horns, names of blasphemy on his heads.

13: 1. And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

In section d2

Seven heads and ten horns, names of blasphemy.

17: 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Chiastic link #23

In section D2

Head wound and healing, the world wondered, names not written in the book of life.

13: 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

13: 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

In section d2

The time of the head wound: and is not, dwellers on earth shall wonder, names not written in the book of life.

17: 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Chiastic link #24

In section D2

The territory of the beast. Kindreds, tongues and nations.

13: 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

In section d2

The territory of the beast. Peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

17: 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Chiastic link #25

In section D2

Wisdom, 666.

13: 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

In section d2

Wisdom, 666 (7 mountains).

17: 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Chiastic link #26

In section D2

Power for forty and two months.

13: 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

13: 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

In section d2

Power of horns as kings with the eighth.

17: 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, ...and receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

The Chiastic Center of the Whole Book of Revelation

The Center of the whole chiastic book of Revelation contains another chiastic pattern. It does not share any chiastic match like itself, but it is a chiastic pattern of itself.

Revelation 12 is a panoramic view showing the whole career of the dragon.

### The Chiastic Pattern of Revelation 12.

A. The Ten Commandments in the Ark, in the Temple Rev. 11:19	
...B. Wrath of God.....	vs. 19
.....C. Pregnant woman.....	vs. 1, 2
.....D. Great red dragon.....	vs. 3
.....E. Satan's warfare.....	vs. 4
.....F. Woman in the wilderness 1260 years.....	vs. 6
.....G. War in heaven.....	vs. 7
.....H. No place for dragon.....	vs. 8
.....I. Deceiver cast out .....	vs. 9
.....J. To earth.....	vs. 9
Center....The accuser of the brethren cast out.....	vs. 10
..... j. Devil come down.....	vs. 12
.....i. Deceiver limited.....	vs. 12
.....h. Earth only for dragon.....	vs. 13
.....g. War against woman.....	vs. 13
.....f. Woman in wilderness.....	vs. 14
.....e. Satan's warfare.....	vs. 15
.....d. Dragon angry.....	vs. 17
.....c. With the woman.....	vs. 17
..b. Wrath of Satan.....	vs. 17
a. The commandments of God.....	vs. 17

In this one example of chiastic structure, taken from scores of others that have been found, is a barometer of the wealth of meaning God can place within the structure of a verse or chapter. It is almost certain that John the Revelator was not aware of this structure when he wrote.

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

### Revelation 12

1. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and

the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:  
2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.  
3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.  
4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.  
5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.  
6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.  
7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,  
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.  
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.  
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.  
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.  
12. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.  
13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.  
14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.  
15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.  
16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.  
17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony

of Jesus Christ.