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We explore the relationship between the asymptotics of the Turaev-Viro invariants of 3-dimensional manifolds and the Reidemeister torsion. (Received September 27, 2006)