

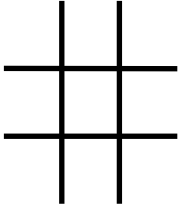


**RESOURCE**

Parashah: Vayera = And He Appeared  
Genesis 18:1-22:24; 2 Kings 4:1-37; 2 Peter 2:1-22

**TITLE: PARALLELISM EXAMPLE**

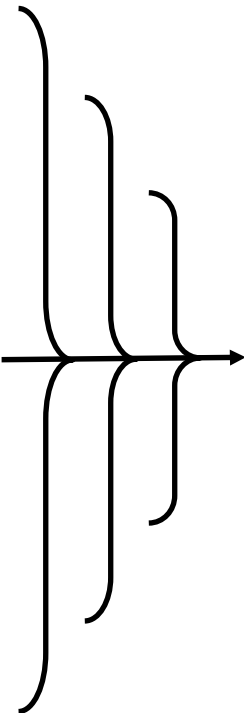
**WHAT IS THIS?**



You are used to seeing parallel lines, like in the picture to the left. But have you ever seen parallel ideas in something you are reading? There are parallelisms of all kinds throughout the Bible, and they are used to emphasize something besides giving you the obvious message in the text. "*For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish*" (Psalm 1:6) invites you to make an assessment of your own status with Elohim, for instance. Will you qualify for the Resurrection? Other parallelisms are more complicated. Let us point out some parallel ideas comparing parashahs Noach and Vayera that some people use to prove that Ham slept with his father Noah. We don't believe it is necessary to take this parallelism that far. The fact that Noah's grandson is cursed and Lot's grandsons are cursed is enough to finish off this parallelism, especially since Ham and Noah could not have produced Canaan like Lot and his daughters produced the Moabites and Ammonites. To begin, compare points **A** to **G** below. In point **A** two righteous men are listed while in point **G** three cursed grandchildren are listed as a contrast. In points **B** and **F** we are reminded about Mount Ararat where Noah landed after Elohim sent the flood to destroy the ancient world because of corruption, and about the mountains where Lot went to live after his home in Sodom was destroyed. Points **C** and **E** talk about how Elohim provides protection and deliverance for the righteous. And then the central point, **D**, talks about the catastrophes that rained down on the unrighteous in the flood and in Sodom. The thing Elohim wants us to remember most from this parallelism is that ungodliness results in complete destruction. Repent!

**COMPARE**

Genesis 6:9-9:27 + Genesis 18:17-19:38



- A.** A righteous man: Noah (Genesis 6:9)  
: Abraham (Genesis 18:17-19)
- B.** Elohim has to destroy the sin: corruption and violence  
(Genesis 6:11-13, Genesis 19:13)
- C.** Deliverance/protection through calamity:  
Noah (Genesis 7:1-16)  
Lot (Genesis 19:15-22)
- D.** Complete destruction rained from heaven:  
Flood (Genesis 17:17-24)  
Sodom (Genesis 19:24-28)
- E.** Elohim remembered the righteous:  
Noah (Genesis 8:1)  
Abraham (Genesis 19:29)
- F.** Mountains: Ararat (Genesis 8:4)  
In the mountains (Genesis 19:30)
- G.** Cursed offspring: Canaan, Ham's son (Genesis 9:24-26)  
Ammonites and Moabites, Lot's Grandchildren (Genesis 19:31-38)