

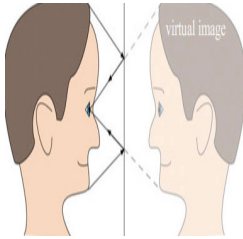


**RESOURCE**

Parashah: Toldot = Generatings/Births  
 Genesis 25:19-28:9; Malachi 1:1-4:6; Romans 9:1-33

**TITLE: CHIASTIC STRUCTURE EXAMPLE**

**WHAT IS THIS?**



In a chiasm, or chiastic structure, several pieces of information are organized in a pattern where things are placed in an order and then related things are placed in a mirrored order, and often the whole chiasm points to the most important thing in the middle. The Bible is full of literary chiasms, many of the simple ABBA sort. (We suspect the entire Bible is one chiastic structure; just the fact that the Garden of Eden is at the beginning and again at the end is a chiasm!) The following chiasm is ABCDE-F-EDCBA, with F being the main point. According to Gary Rendsburg this one is very much more complex than how we are presenting it here. We just want to lay out a simple outline of the significant details of Abraham's life to emphasize the everlasting covenant that Elohim made with him. The plan, right from the beginning, was to redeem mankind from the mess that Adam and Eve and then Nimrod had made. It had to be complex and it had to be secret so that it could not be thwarted. Elohim had to intervene at specific points to make sure certain things happened, and this curriculum attempts to explain those as they occur in the story. The covenant Elohim made with Abraham was one of the key components of the plan for that day, for our day, and for eternity. Elohim is building an eternal kingdom of resurrected people with the faith of Abraham (including his godly ancestors like Noah).

**Key Points**

CHIASM: Genesis 11:27 to Genesis 17:8 mirrored with Genesis 17:1 to Genesis 22:24

- Abram's father
- First go command
- First lie about wife
- Abram fights
- Abram commits
- THE COVENANT**
- Abraham commits
- Elohim fights
- Last lie about wife
- Last go command
- Abraham's brother

- A.** Genealogy of Terah; includes Sarai (Genesis 11:27-32)
- B.** Abram commanded to go forth to land Elohim will give him (Genesis 12:1-9)
- C.** Sarai in Pharaoh's palace (Genesis 12:1-13:18)  
 Peace and success follow; Abram and Lot part ways
- D.** Defeat of Sodom (Genesis 14:1-24)  
 Abram rescues Lot and saves Sodom
- E.** Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:1-16:16)  
 Sacrifice made, between the parts; Ishmael promised
- F. Elohim makes everlasting covenant (Genesis 17:1-8)**  
**Elohim promises to multiply Abraham exceedingly**  
**Elohim promises him the land of Canaan**  
**Elohim promises to be his God and our God**  
**Abram's name changed to Abraham**
- E.** Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:1-18:15)  
 Circumcision commanded as a sign; Isaac promised
- D.** Abraham tries to save Sodom via prayer (Genesis 18:16-19:38)  
 Lot rescued but Sodom destroyed
- C.** Sarah in Abimelech's palace (Genesis 20:1-21:34)  
 Abraham and Ishmael part ways; peace and success follow
- B.** Abraham commanded to go forth to offer Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)
- A.** Genealogy of Nahor; includes Rebekah (Genesis 22:20-24)