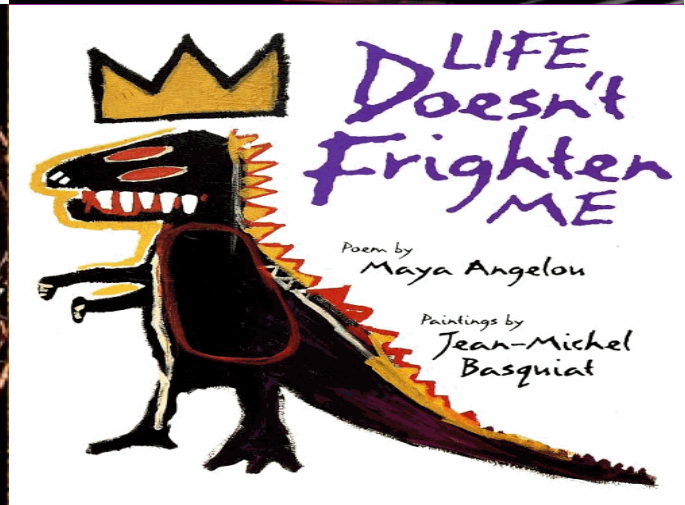
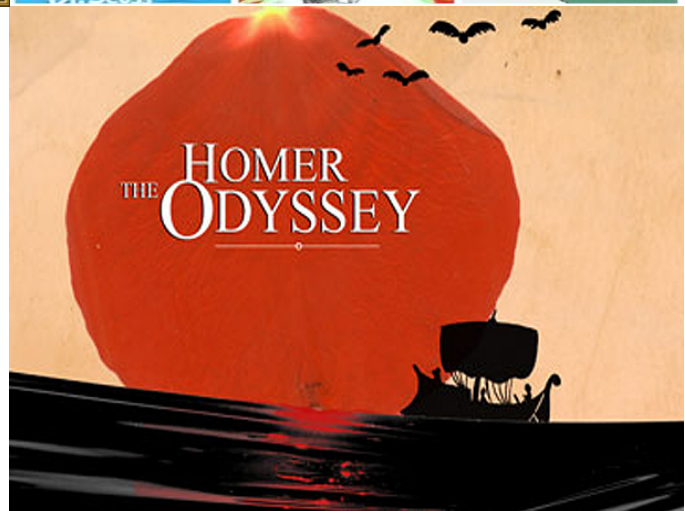


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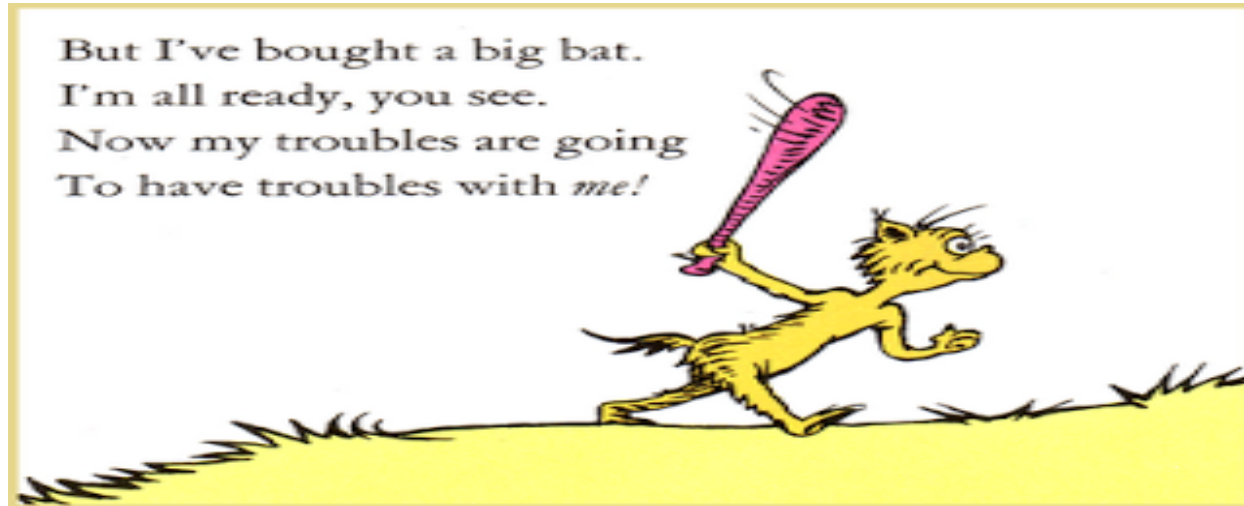
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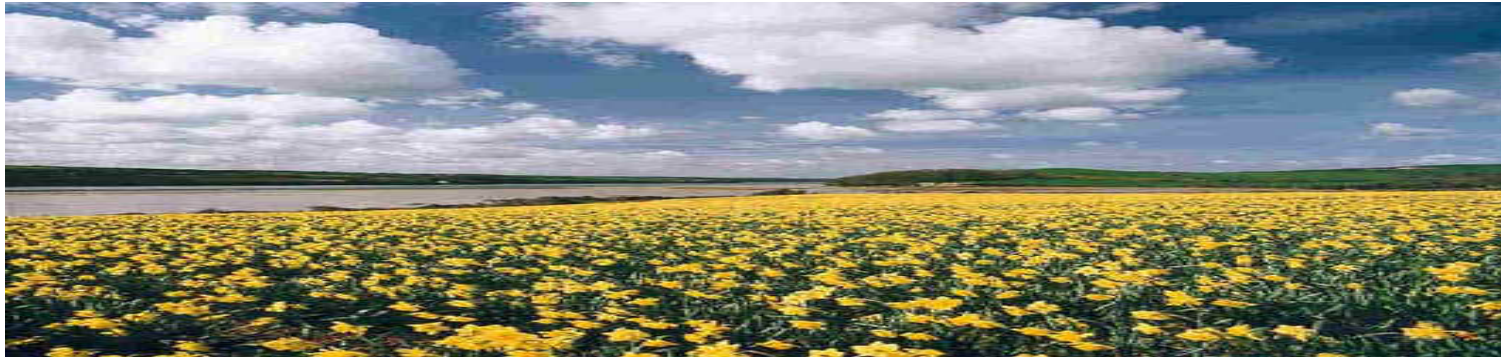
Sound Parallelism of Rhyme

I have heard there are troubles of more than one kind.
Some come from ahead and some come from behind.
But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready you see.
Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!

-Dr. Suess



Time Parallelism of Rhythm



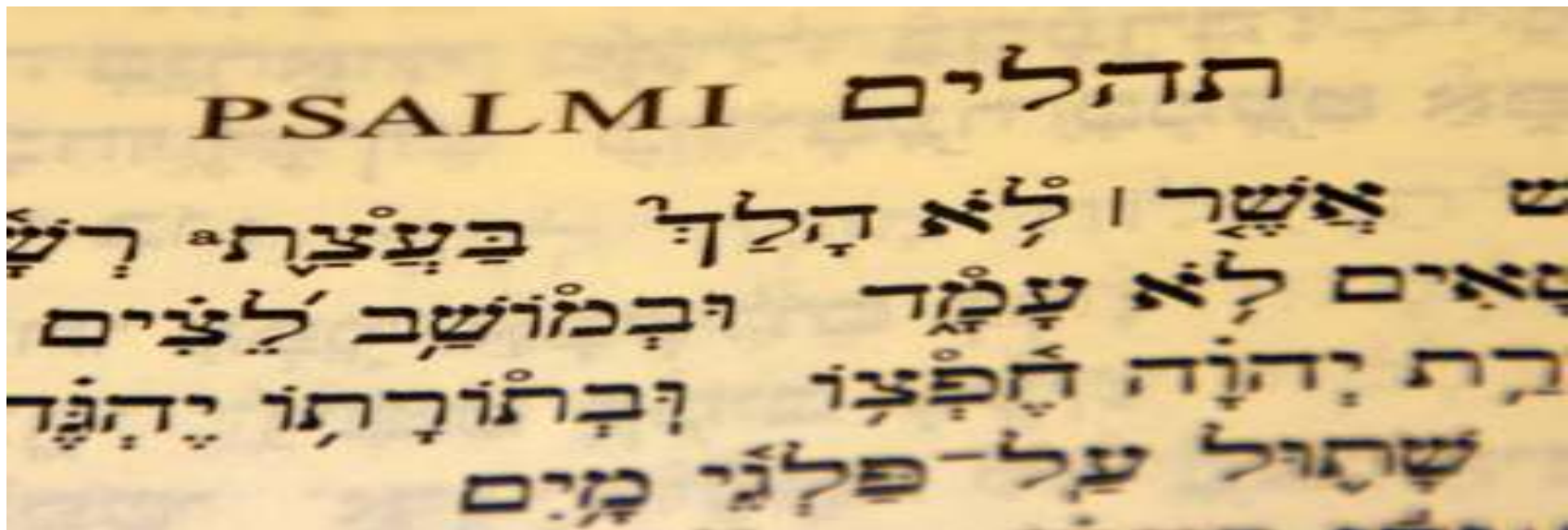
I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils

-William Wordsworth

Hebrew Poetry

Has parallelism of ideas:

- 1) Synonymous
- 2) Contrasting
- 3) Constructive



Synonymous Parallelism

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

-Psalm 19

Contrasting Parallelism

A wise son brings joy to his father,
but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value,
but righteousness delivers from death.

The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry,
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

Lazy hands make for poverty,
but diligent hands bring wealth.

-Proverbs 10

Constructive Parallelism

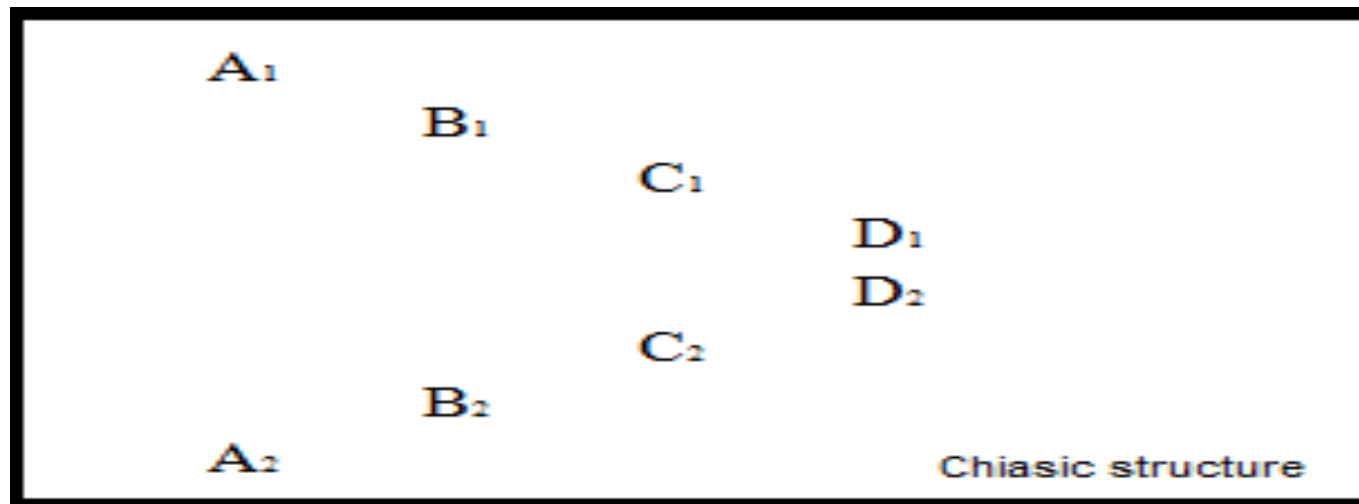
I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure
My heart took delight in all my labor,
and this was the reward for all my toil.
Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the
wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.

-Ecclesiastes 2

Introverted Parallelism / Chiasms

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your unfailing love;
 according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

-Psalm 51



Acrostics and Alphabet

קִיט Psal. CXIX. קִיט

אֲשֶׁר־יָמִי־הָרַדְךָ הַהֲלָכִים בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה: אֲשֶׁר־יָצַרְתָּ אֶדְתִּי בְּכָל־לֵב יִדְרְשׁוּהוּ: אֲלֵא־פָעִלוּ עוֹלָה בְּדַרְכָּיו הָלַכּוּ: אֲתָה צוֹנֶתָה פִּקְדֹנֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר מֵאֵד: אֲחֵלִי יִכְנֹו דַרְכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר הַקֶּן: אֲלֵא־אֲבוֹשׁ בְּהַבִּיטִי אֶל־כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ: אֲדָךְ בִּישָׁר לִבִּי בְּלִמּוֹדֵי מִשְׁפָּטִי צִדִּיק: אֲתַחֲקֶיךָ אֲשֹׁמֵר אֶל־תַּעֲזֹבֵנִי עַד־מָאֵד: בִּמְהֵרָה יִנְכַּח נָעַר אֶת־אֲרָחוֹ לְשֹׁמֵר בְּדַבָּרְךָ: בְּלִלְבִי דִרְשָׁתֶיךָ אֶל־תִּשְׁנֵנִי מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ: בְּלִבִּי צָפַנְתִּי אִמְרָתְךָ לְמַעַן לֹא־אֲחַט־לָךְ: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה לְמַדְנִי הַקֶּן: בְּשִׁפְתֵי סִפְרָתִי כָל מִשְׁפָּטֵי־פִיךָ: בְּרַדְךָ עֲדוֹתֶיךָ שִׁשְׁתִּי כְּעַל כָּל־הוֹן: בְּפִקְדֹנֶיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה וְאֶבִּיטָה אֲרַחֲתֶיךָ: בְּחִקְתֶיךָ אֲשַׁתַּעֲשֶׂע לֹא אֲשַׁכַּח דְּבָרְךָ: גִּמְלָל עַל־עֲבֹדְךָ אֲחִיחָה וְאֲשַׁמְרָה דְּבָרְךָ: גִּלְעִינִי וְאֶבִּיטָה נִפְלְאוֹת מִתּוֹרָתְךָ: דָּ אֲנֹכִי בָאָרֶץ אֶל־תִּסָּתֵר מִפְּנֵי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ: דָּסָה נַפְשִׁי לְתַאֲבָה אֶל־מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ בְּכָל־עֵת: דָּצַרְתָּ וְדִים אֲרוּרִים הַשִּׁנִּים מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ: דָּל מַעְלִי חֲרָפָה וְבוֹז כִּי עֲדַתְךָ נָצַרְתִּי: דָּל יִשְׁכּוּ שָׂרִים כִּי נִדְּבָרוּ עֲבֹדְךָ יִשִּׁיחַ בְּחִקְתֶיךָ: דָּל־עַד עֲדַתְךָ שֶׁעָשִׂי אֲנָשִׁי עָצָתִי: דָּל־בָּקָה לְעֹפֶר נַפְשִׁי כֹה

Prose

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

-Job 1

A New Perspective

First 17 Books of Bible 5 Poetry Books

Historical

Experiential

Nation

Individual

Hebrew Race

Human Heart

God as Poet

“These experiences are here recorded and interpreted for us by the Spirit of inspiration through ‘holy men of old,’ who spoke and wrote ‘as they were moved’ by Him.”

-J. Sidlow Baxter

Poetic Arc

Job-	Blessing Through Suffering
Psalms-	Praise Through Prayer
Proverbs-	Prudence through Precept
Ecclesiastes-	Verity through Vanity
Song of Solomon-	Bliss Through Union

-J. Sidlow Baxter

“In the Book of Job we see the death of the self-life...with its self-goodness and self-reason and self-religion and self-everything...”

“Next, in the Psalms we see the new life in God...”

“In Proverbs we are in God’s school...”

“...in Ecclesiastes we are taught not to set our affection on anything under the sun...”

“...the Song of Songs completes the progress by symbolically expressing the sweet intimacy of communion with Christ in all the fullness of His love.”

-J. Sidlow Baxter



“In these five books, then, we have the death of the old life in self, the flame of the new life in God, the practical disciplining of the soul in the school of God, the weaning of the heart from worldly desires, and the rapture of communion with the heavenly Bridegroom. Is not this a beautiful spiritual progress?

-J. Sidlow Baxter

Job: Death of Old Self

Then Job answered the Lord and said,

“I know that You can do all things,
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have declared that which I did not
understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.”

‘Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ask You, and You instruct me.’

“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;
But now my eye sees You;
Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes.”

-Job 42

Psalms: New Life in God

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of
water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

-Psalm 1

Proverbs: Growth of Soul

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To discern the sayings of understanding,
- 3 To receive instruction in wise behavior,
Righteousness, justice and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the naive,
To the youth knowledge and discretion,
- 5 A wise man will hear and increase in learning,
And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and a figure,
The words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

-Proverbs 1

Ecclesiastes: A New Function

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

What advantage does man have in all his work

Which he does under the sun?

-Ecclesiastes 1

For who knows what is good for a person in life, during the few and meaningless days they pass through like a shadow? Who can tell them what will happen under the sun after they are gone?

-Ecclesiastes 6

Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. Everything is Meaningless...” The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to* every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

-Ecclesiastes 12

Song of Songs: Union with Christ

Song of Solomon

- A. Prologue (1:2-2:7)
 - B. Invitation (2:8-17)
 - C. Night (3:1-5)
 - D. Wedding (3:6-5:1)
 - C. Night (5:2-7:10)
 - B. Invitation (7:11-8:4)
 - A. Epilogue (8:5-14)
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Song of Songs: Union with Christ

(Continued)

Awake, north wind,
and come, south wind!
Blow on my garden,
that its fragrance may spread everywhere.
Let my beloved come into his garden
and taste its choice fruits.

I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice.
I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey;
I have drunk my wine and my milk.

-Song of Solomon 4, 5

SO WHAT?