

## Genesis 18.1-8 and 19.1-5 parallels/contrasts

### 18.1-8

YHWH appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as **he sat at the entrance of his tent** in the heat of the day. **He looked up and saw three men** standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and **wash your feet**, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "**Where [Heb 'ayyeh only 4x in Genesis] is your woman** Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

### 19.1-5

The **two angels** came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was **sitting in the gateway of Sodom**. **When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground.** He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and **wash your feet**; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square." But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, "**Where [Heb 'ayyeh] are the men** who came to you to-night? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them."