**Comparative/Parallel Bible Study Form**

**Theme/Passage Comparison:  
*(e.g., "Sermon on the Mount vs. Sermon on the Plain," "Paul on Faith vs. James on Works")***

**Date:  
Primary Bible Translations Used:**

**1. Passage Selection**

*Identify the passages, authors, or testaments being compared.*

**Passage 1:**

* Book/Chapter:
* Context Summary:

**Passage 2:**

* Book/Chapter:
* Context Summary:

**2. Individual Analysis**

*Analyze each passage independently.*

**Passage 1 Analysis:**

* Historical-Cultural Context:
* Literary Genre/Structure:
* Key Themes/Terms:

**Passage 2 Analysis:**

* Historical-Cultural Context:
* Literary Genre/Structure:
* Key Themes/Terms:

**3. Comparative Analysis**

*Identify similarities, differences, and theological implications.*

**Similarities Table**

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| Theme/Feature | Passage 1 Evidence | Passage 2 Evidence |
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**Differences Table**

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| Theme/Feature | Passage 1 Emphasis | Passage 2 Emphasis |
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**Tensions/Resolutions:**  
*(Note apparent contradictions or tensions and propose resolutions based on context or broader biblical theology.)*

**4. Synthesis and Theological Reflection**

*Summarize how the comparison deepens understanding of Scripture’s unity and diversity.*

**Unifying Themes:**

**Developmental Insights**  
*(How does the comparison show theological progression or adaptation?)*

**5. Application**

*Reflect on practical implications for faith, teaching, or discipleship.*

**Personal Takeaways:**

**Teaching/Apologetics Use:**

**6. Cautions and Further Study**

**Avoiding Forced Comparisons:**  
*(How did you ensure interpretations remain textually grounded?)*

**Research Needed:**

* [ ] Commentary comparison
* [ ] Original language analysis
* [ ] Historical theology sources