
Finding The Truth: Understanding the Bible

Narrative:

Most common type of Biblical literature: 40% of Old Testament.

Definition:

Narratives are stories about historical events that give meaning and direction to today.

All Narratives have 3 basic parts:

A. Characters

- 1. Protagonist: primary person - God**
- 2. Antagonist: opposition -Satan**
- 3. Agonist(s): other characters in story – God’s people**

B. Plot

- 1. God has created a people to bear his image and they became enemies of God.**

C. Plot resolution

- 1. Redemption – how God rescues his people from the enemy and restores them back to his image.**

3 Levels of Narrative:

- 1. First: universal plan of God**
- 2. Second: redemption by the Old and New covenant**
- 3. Third: Individual stories of people**

Narratives are not:

- 1. Allegories – they are true historical facts**
- 2. Filled with hidden meanings**
- 3. I’m touched to teach moral lessons**
- 4. Explicit teaching but often explicit**

Lesson 2

Studying the Bible: Old Testament Narratives

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Suggested Reading

HTRTBFAIW: pages 93-111

HTRTBTJL: pages 33-86

Scriptures used

Notes
