

Narratives in the Bible (part 2): ***Study the Bible's Stories***

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I. Special issues in narratives

- A. Narratives usually do not teach doctrine directly.

- B. Narratives record what happened.

- C. Narratives do not always provide an evaluation of the events.

II. Incorrect use of narratives

- A. Allegorizing

- B. Moralizing

III. Literary analysis of narratives

- A. Setting analysis
 - Story setting
 - Book setting

- B. Parallel passage analysis

- C. Exegetical analysis

D. Stylistic analysis

IV. What is plot?

A. Background

B. Crisis

C. Rising Action

D. Climax

E. Resolution

F. Conclusion

V. How do you study a character?

A. Notice how the narrator describes the character.

B. Notice what the character does.

C. Notice what the character says.

VI. What is setting?

A. Definition

B. Description

C. Aspects

VII.Example Passage: John 9