

Biblical Narrative is a Divine + Human Story

Speaks with people and events to communicate truth, reality, and life

**Features of Biblical Narrative**

	<b>Divine</b>	<b>Human</b>
<b>Setting/Time</b>	Universe past, present, future	Space-time on earth, real-time, objective history
<b>Plot</b>	Supernatural events as overt acts, or providential events with inferred Divine activity	Choices and/or actions of people in response to revelation, and/or circumstantial events causing crises
<b>Characters</b>	Father/Son/Spirit as actors, interveners (angelic messengers)	People in connection with Israel mainly
<b>Devices</b>	Audible voices, dreams, visions, signs, appearances	History, parable, prophecy, poetry, song, wisdom, direct teaching
<b>Movement</b>	Conflict to resolution: God acts	Conflict to resolution: People must choose/act
<b>Theme</b>	Message conveyed, revelation given	Lesson learned (+) reward/lesson unlearned (-) consequences
<b>Biblical Theology</b>	Places and progresses God's plan	Places people in real-time events connected to God's consummate plan
<b>Systematic Theology</b>	Reveal being, character, and work of God	Reveals human nature, fallen condition, and need for redemption