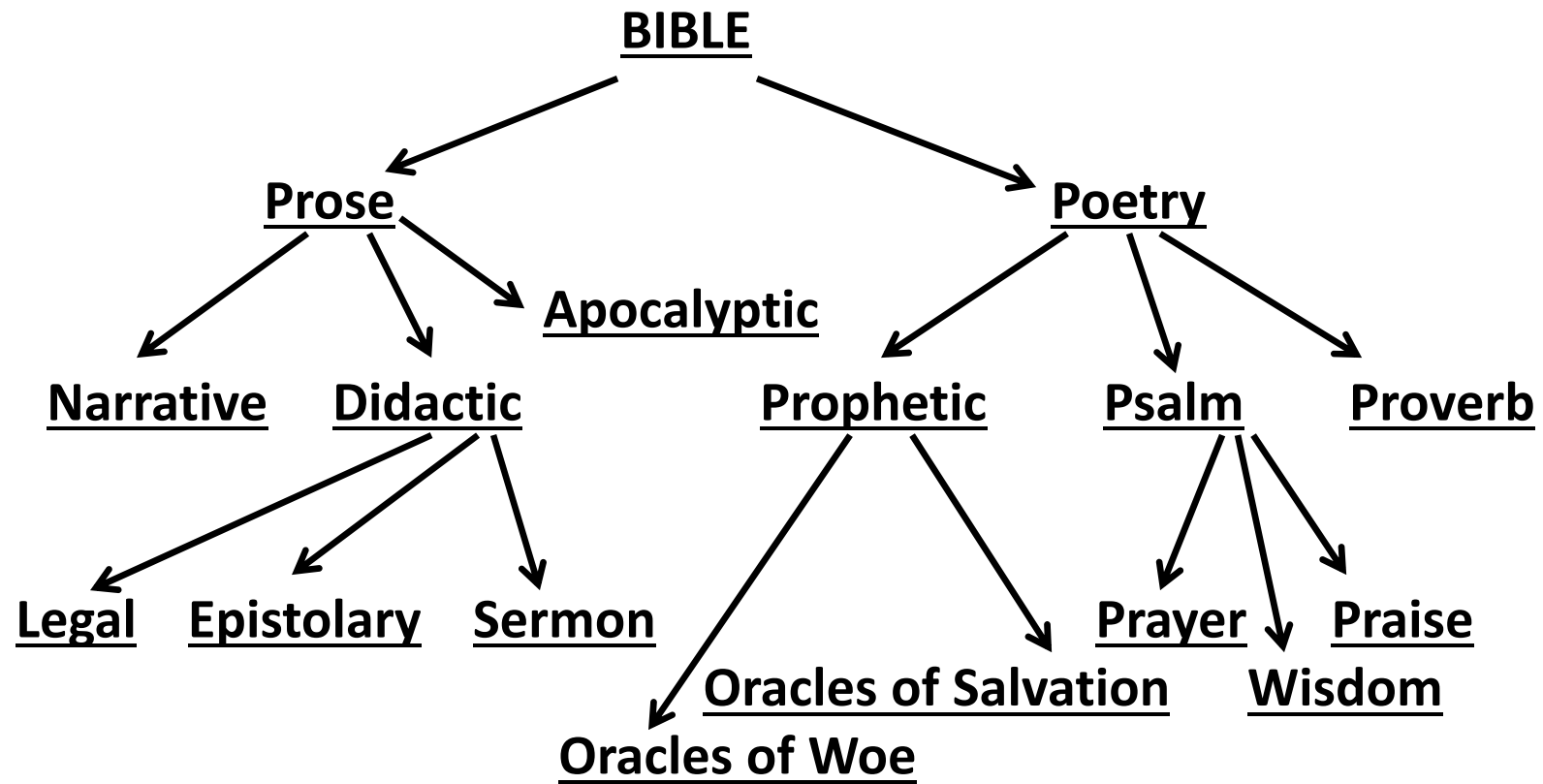


Bible Study Methods
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Parallelism

Lesson #9
July 31, 2016



Characteristics of Poetry

- **Terseness:** short lines/sentences
- **Vivid words:** rare/graphic/colorful word
- **Rhyme/Meter:** Lost in translation
- **Parallelism**

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GENESIS

The Creation

1 ^aIn the beginning God ^bcreated the heavens and the earth. ^aPs 102:25 ^bJob 38:4

2 The earth was ^{1a}formless and void, and ^bdarkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was ²moving over the surface of the waters. ^aJer 4:23 ^bJob 38:9

3 Then ^aGod said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ^aPs 33:6, 9

4 God saw that the light was good; and God ^aseparated the light from the darkness. ^aIs 45:7

5 ^aGod called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. ^aPs 74:16

6 Then God said, "Let there be an ^aexpanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ^aIs 40:22

7 God made the ³expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters ^awhich were above the expanse; and it was so. ^aPs 148:4

8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, "^aLet the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let ^bthe dry land appear"; and it was so. ^aPs 104:6-9 ^bPs 24:1, 2

10 God called the dry land earth, and the ^agathering of the waters

He called seas; and God saw that it was good. ^aPs 33:7

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout ^avegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. ^aPs 65:9-13

12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be ^alights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for ^bsigns and for seasons and for days and years; ^aPs 74:16 ^bJer 10:2

15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 God made the two great lights, the ^agreater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also. ^aPs 136:8, 9

17 ^aGod placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ^aJer 33:20, 25

18 and to ^agovern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ^aJer 31:35

19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

NASB

1. Or a waste and emptiness 2. Or hovering 3. Or firmament

Genesis

NIV 2011

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Jn 1:1-2; Isa 45:12,18

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day. 2Co 4:6; Ps 33:6,9; 74:16

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning — the second day.

Ps 148:4; Jer 10:12

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Ps 104:6-9; Jer 5:22; 2Pe 3:5

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning — the third day. Ps 65:9-13

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of

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3 types of parallelism

1. **Synonymous parallelism:** the thought of the second line reinforces the thought of the first line by presenting a similar thought.

Hear, my son, **your father's instruction**
And do not forsake your mother's teaching

Proverbs 1:8

3 types of parallelism

2. Antithetical parallelism: the thought of the second line contrasts the thought of the first line by presenting its opposite corollary.

For the LORD **knows** the way of the **righteous**,
But the way of the **wicked** will **perish**.

Psalm 1:6

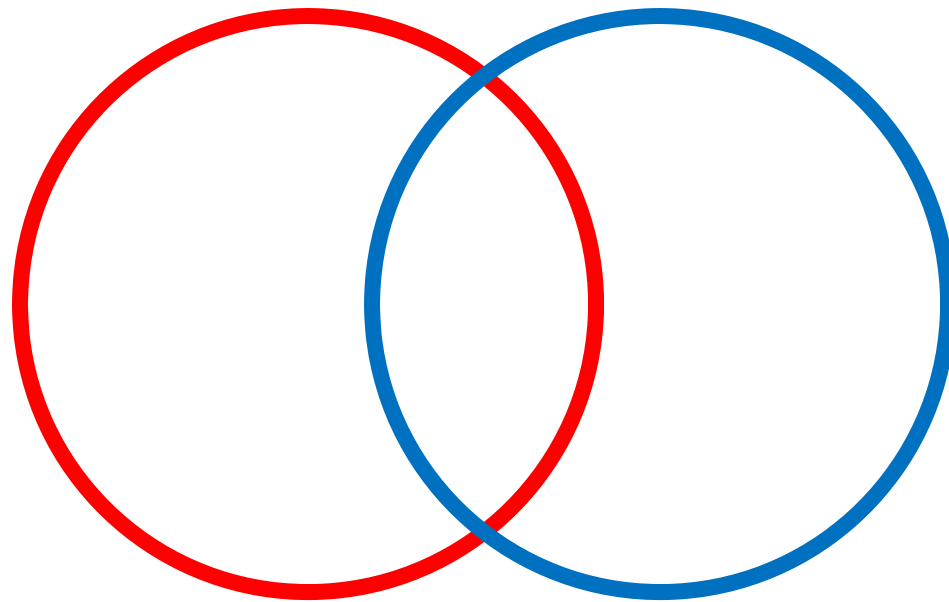
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3. Synthetic parallelism: the thought of the second line develops, complements, supplements, supports, illustrates, or otherwise advances the thought of the first line by presenting a thought which is somehow related.

**I was crying to the LORD with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain.
Selah. Psalm 3:4**

Synonymous

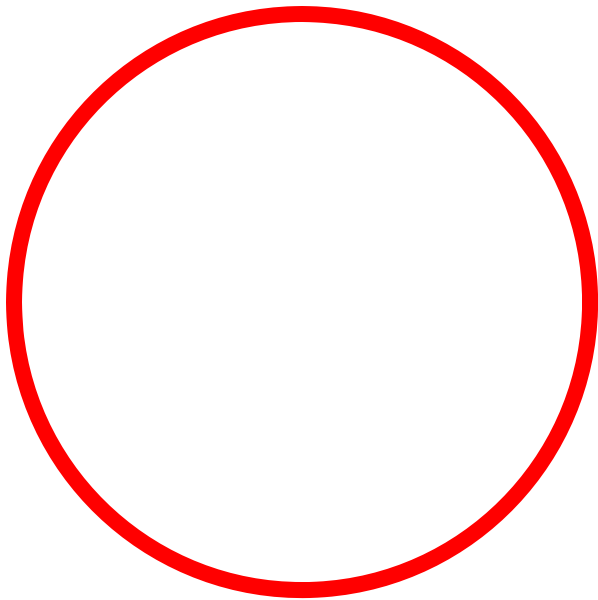
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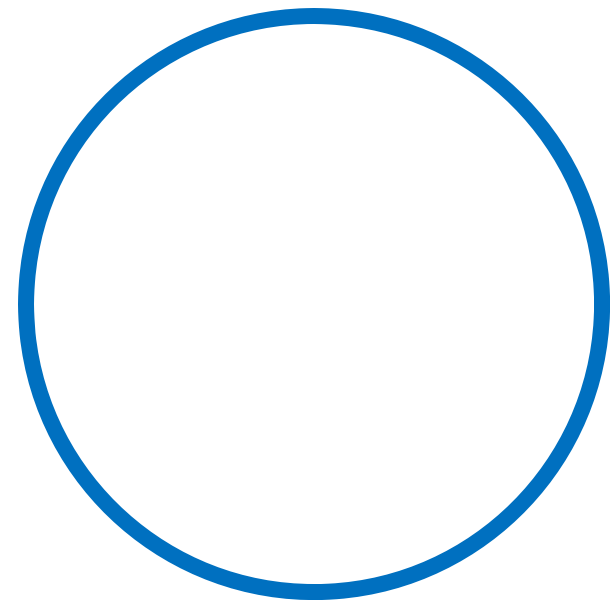
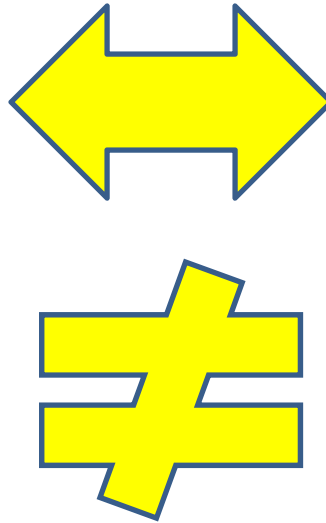
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Antithetical

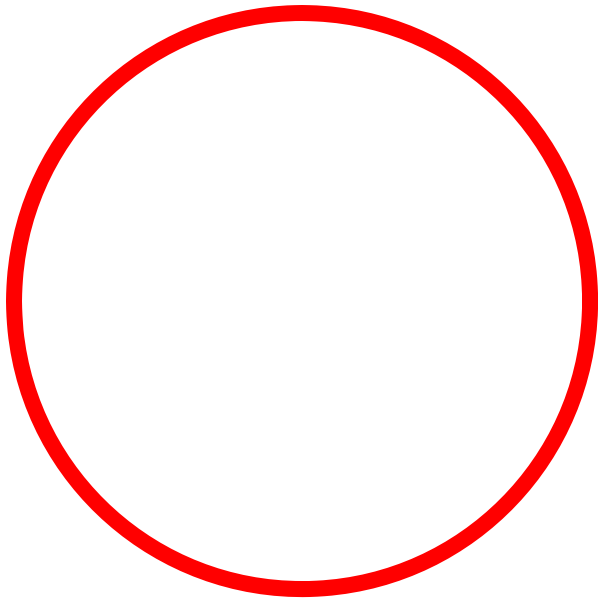


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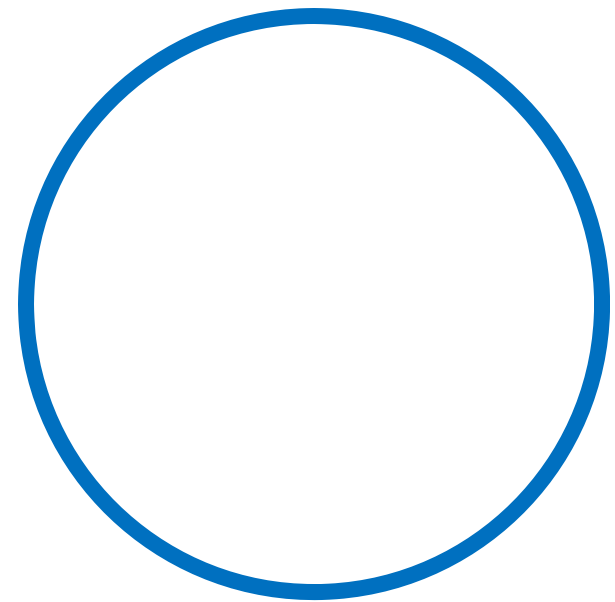
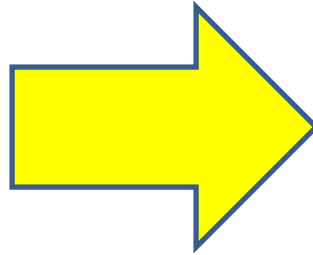


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22 And Zillah, she also bare Tū'-bāl-cain, an ⁸instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tū'-bāl-cain *was* Nā'-ă-măh.

23 And Lā'-mēch said unto his wives, Ā'-dăh and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lā'-mēch, hearken unto my speech: for ¹I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man ²to my hurt.

24 ⁹If Cain shall be avenged

those who play the lyre and pipe. ²² As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³ Lamech said to his wives,

“Adah and Zillah,

Listen to my voice,

You wives of Lamech,

Give heed to my speech,

^a For I ¹ have killed a man for
wounding me;

And a boy for striking me;

²⁴ If Cain is avenged ^a sevenfold,
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I have killed^b a man for
wounding me, Ex 20:13
a young man for injuring
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times.” ver 15; Mt 18:22