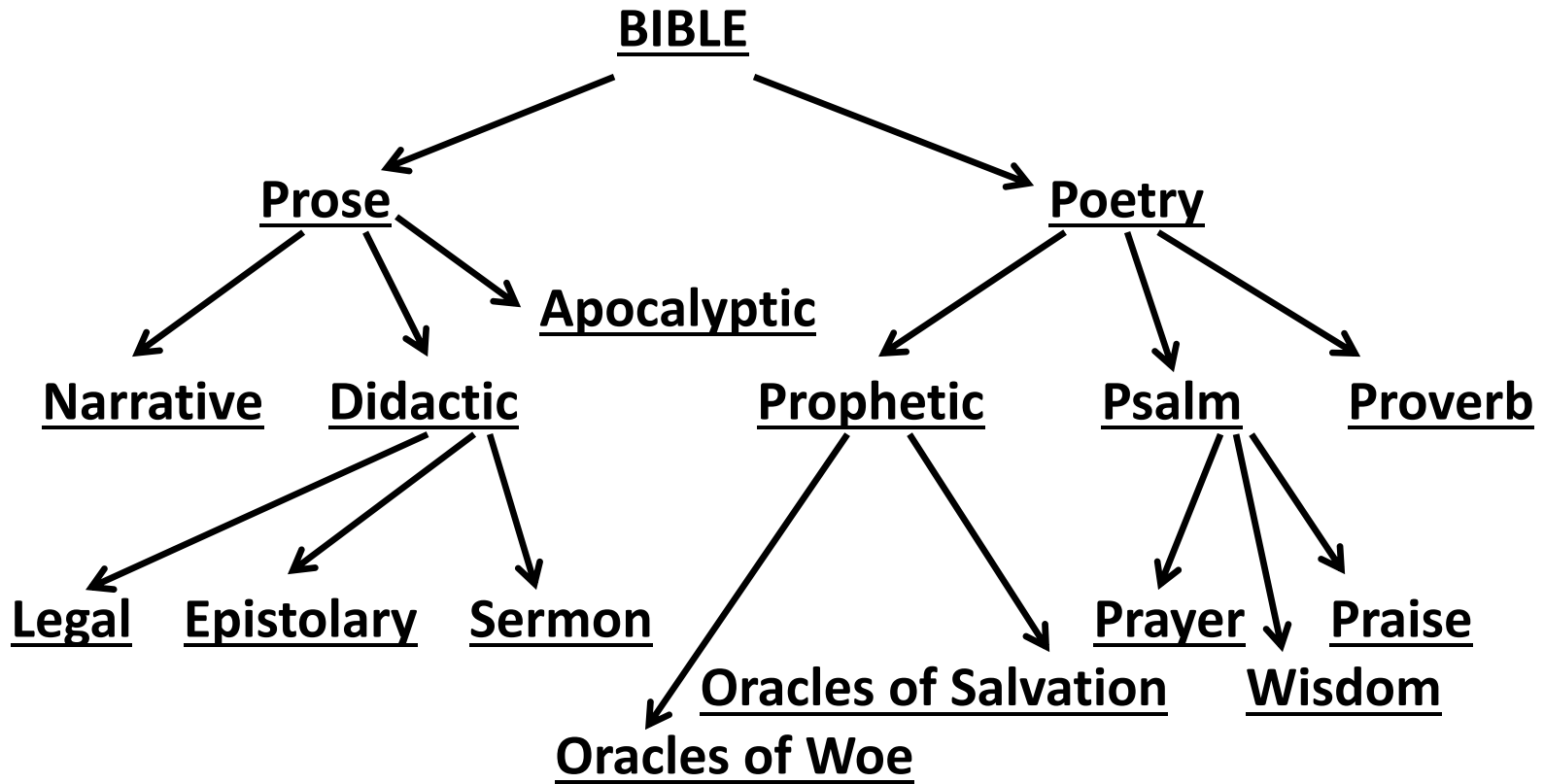


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**Parables**

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# What is a Parable?

**Parable** “a **placing beside**”

A parable is a narrative or saying of varying length, designed to illustrate a truth especially through comparison or simile.

It uses familiar situations, persons, or events to illustrate an unfamiliar or unrecognized truth.

Any passage that meets the details of this definition is a parable.

# The Purpose of Parables

- **Interesting and compelling means of communicating truth**
- **Those in the kingdom will understand truth**
- **Those outside the kingdom will not understand truth**

# How to Interpret a Parable

- **A Parable teaches one, and only one point?**
- **Don't allegorize all the details**
- **Emphasize the end of the parable**
- **All metaphors/illustrations/parables have limitations**

**Luke 13:18-19 The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

**Luke 13:20-21 The Parable of the Leaven**

## **The Growth of God's Kingdom**

- Starts small → ends large
- Imperceptible?
- Irrepressible?
- Global?