

Diagrams of Narrative Structures in the Old Testament:

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Two Steps:

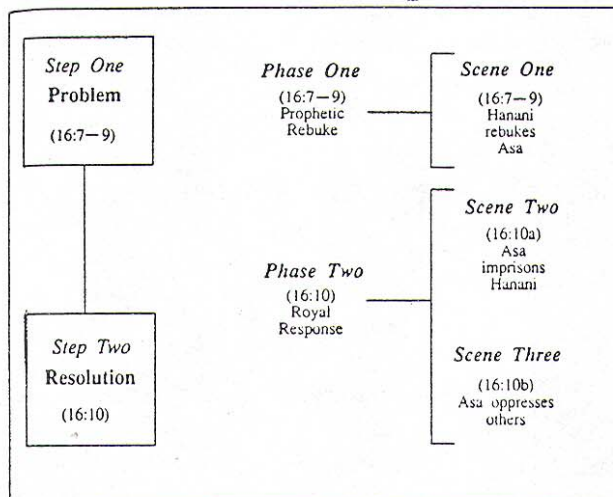


Fig. 23: Dramatic Flow of 2 Chronicles 16:7-10

Other examples:
 Episodes: Joshua 15:16-17
 Accounts: Genesis 16:1-16

Three Steps:

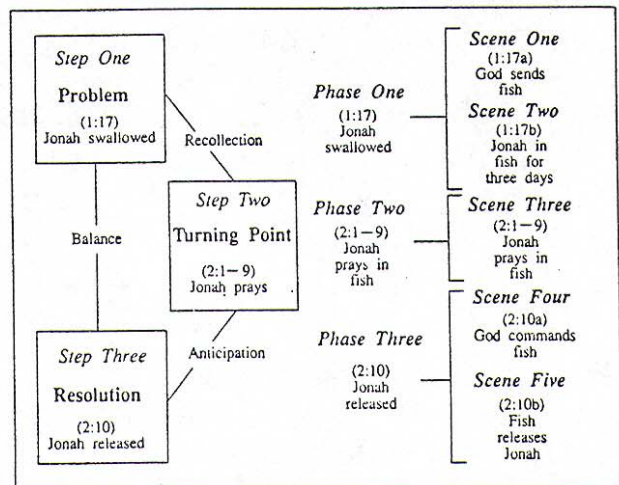


Fig. 24: Dramatic Flow of Jonah 1:17-2:10

Other examples:
 Episodes: 1 Sam 2:12-17
 Accounts: 2 Chron 14:1-16:14

Four Steps:

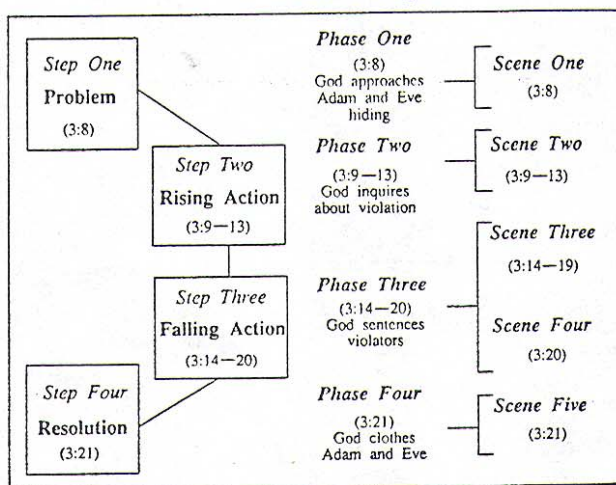


Fig. 25: Dramatic Flow of Genesis 3:8-21

Other examples:
 Episodes: 1 Chron 10:1-6,
 Accounts: Gen 15:1-17:27

Five Steps:

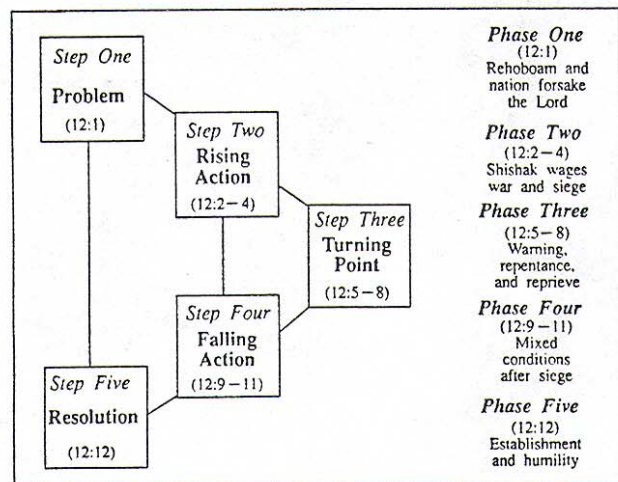


Fig. 28: Dramatic Flow of 2 Chronicles 12:1-12

Other examples:
 Episodes: Gen 15:7-21
 Accounts: Gen 2:4-3:24

Paralleled or Simultaneous:

The paralleled accounts of two brothers: Judah and Joseph:

<u>Judah</u> (Gen 38: 1-30)	<u>Joseph</u> (Gen 39:1-23)
Asso. with Foreign Women (1-3)	Separation from Foreign Women (6b-12)
Sexual Immorality (12-18)	Sexual Morality (6b-12)
Victimizer (24)	Victimized (13-20a)
Judgment of God (6-10)	Blessing of God (20b-23)
True accusation of woman (25)	False accusation of woman (13-20a)
Confession of Sin (26)	Rejection of sin (10)

Cf also 1 Kings 2:13-46a - Solomon justified in dealing with four opponents

Topical Vs Chronological:

Successive accounts predominant and much of the Old Testament is Chronologically arranged, yet sometimes Topical interests have an influence:

A comparison of Gen 15:1-6 - Gen 15:7-12

God promise s reward (1) land (7)
 Abram asks confirm of seed (2-3) of land (8)
 God confirms promised seed (4) land (9-16)
 God's demonstration stars(5) by passing (17)
 Abram believes (6) God reaffirms (18f)

Clustered Accounts:

Solomon's Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:16-34
 3:16-28 (Resolution story);
 4:1-19; 20-28; 29-34 (3 Reports)

Re the Promised Land Num 33:50-

36:13

33, 34, 35 (3 Reports)
 36 (Resolution story)

2 Chron 14:1-16:14

The reign of Asa is organized both chronologically and topically:

14:1-7; 8-15; 5:1-19;
 16:1-6; 16:7-11; 16:12-14.

Dated and in proper order, the events selected show the importance of seeking the Lord - the first three point to prosperity and the second three to the disaster which came because Asa relied on man instead of God. (cf 16:7&8)

Inclusions: Framed Episodes

The Glory of Solomon: 1 Kings 3-10

National Glory : 1 Kgs 3-9
 cf 3:1-3 & 9:24-25

International Glory: 1 Kgs 9-10
 cf. 9:26-28 & 10:14-29

Chiasm :

2 Samuel 21:1 - 24 : 25 - David's Value for Isreal

A: David intervenes with God's Anger (21:1-14)
 B: Accomplishments in Battle (21: 15-22)
 C: David's Praise (22:1-51)
 C: David's Wisdom (23: 1-7)
 B: Accomplishments in Battle (23: 8-39)
 A: David intervenes with God's Anger (24: 1-25)

These accounts are not chronological, but center on the theme of God's eternal Covenant with David. 22:51, 23:5

