



Genre - Narrative: Read it like a novel. How to live like Christ.

6 Biblical Narrative Observations

1. Narratives are stories of God's attempt to _____redeem_____ mankind to a right relationship with Himself.
2. Narratives involve real **people, places** and **times**.
3. Narratives are stories about how God uses _____imperfect_____ people who trust Him to accomplish extraordinary things by trusting Him.
4. Narratives explain what _____did_____ happen but not necessarily what should happen or will happen to you.
5. Narratives don't teach, but _____illustrate_____ doctrine and theological concepts.
6. Narratives illustrate how to be more like Jesus.

Narrative Reading Rules: Identify the Characters, Plot, Plot Resolution and Dialogue

Characters:

- God's friends: Vessels who are attempting to build God's kingdom.
- Satan's friends: Tools of Satan who oppose God's friends.
(People, Angels, Demons, Animals, Perceptions)
- Satan – God's enemy
- God – The hero

Drama:

- **Plot:** How are God's friends attempting to build God's kingdom and in what way are Satan's friends resisting them?
- **Plot Resolution:** How does God, the hero, resolve the conflict between His friends and Satan's friends?

Dialogue: The drama is developed with words and actions. Characters develop and grow throughout the story.

Text: Genesis 3:1-11

Read, pray and discover what God communicated to the people *then*.

Background:

Setting: Place – Garden of Eden **Time** – Creation

Author: Moses (Numbers 11:33 God spoke to Moses face to face)

Audience: Israel

Narrative Reading Rules:

Characters: God, Satan, God's friend: _____Adam_____, Satan's friend: _____Eye_____

Drama: The Plot – Mankind called to bear God's image on earth and Satan is determined to destroy that image. **Plot Resolution** – God punishes man and Satan and promises a savior, sets in motion a plan to bring the savior into the world and restore things back to their right relationship with Him.

Dialogue: Conversations between God, Satan and Adam and Eve.

Discovery: What is the message intended by the author to the original audience?
Answer: There is an incredible spiritual battle between God and Satan and man is in the middle.

Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us *now*.

All humanity is sinful and doomed to punishment, but God has provided _____salvation_____.

Respond and do something. Pray and decide what God wants to do in and through you in the *future*.

By _____faith_____ receive the salvation God has provided.

How are you to respond to what the scriptures has revealed to you?

Write a 6-8 sentence summary of what you learned and how God wants you to change because of it.

BOOK ONE: WARRIORS

WARRIORS: BIBLICAL NARRATIVE

{*Biblical Narratives* are stories about real people in real time involved in real drama}

GENRE: Biblical Narrative (read it like a novel)

READING RULES: When reading identify:

God friends and Satan's friends

The Plot (How are God's friends attempting to build God's kingdom and in what way are Satan's friends resisting them?)

Plot Resolution (How does God, the hero, save the day?)



"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Genesis 6-7: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*) **FRI** – Exodus 6: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*)
TUE – Genesis 13-14: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*) **SAT** – Exodus 34: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*)
WED – Genesis 19: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*) **SUN** – Joshua 1: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*)
THU – Genesis 22: Warriors (*Biblical Narratives*)



Read, pray and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing. Read and research background information that you might find in the text itself.

Biblical Narrative Reading Rules: Read the text and background information and identify:

Setting – Time and place of the story.

Characters – God's friends & Satan's friends.

Drama – The **plot**: How are God's friends attempting to build God's kingdom and in what way are Satan's friends resisting them? The **plot resolution**: How does God, the hero, resolve the conflict by working through His friends?

Discovery – What is the intended message by the author to the original audience?



Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present?

Biblical Narrative Reflection Rules:

What does this narrative reveal about God's character? God's promises? What are themes and life lessons that are communicated through the text? Is there a promise God is making evident to you?



Respond and do something!

Based on your reflections on what you determine God is communicating in the Bible text, pray and decide what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to?

Further applications. Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, blogs, email, etc.).

Further study, visit www.icr.org or www.intelligentdesign.org for Creation/Evolution information.