

1. GENRE

Part 1: Text – “What is the makeup of the passage?”

How to Understand and Apply the Old Testament

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Goal: Determine the literary form, subject matter, and function of the passage, compare it to similar genres, and consider the implications for interpretation.

1. Defining Genre

2. Putting Genre within Its Biblical Context

3. The Relationship of Genre to Historicity

a. A Key Principle:

b. Examples:

4. An Exercise in Genre Analysis: Historical Narrative

a. Introduction

b. How to Interpret OT Narratives:

- Distinguish the episode and its scenes.

- Consider literary features and theological trajectories.
- State in a single sentence the narrative episodes's main idea.
- Draft an exegetical outline of the narrative episode that aligns with the passage's purpose.

c. Case Study: Jonah 1