**Steps to Preaching Old Testament Narratives**

**What is Narrative?**

**The Uniqueness of Narratives**

1. **STEP ONE** – **What is the Text**

***Chapter divisions***

***Find the conclusion of the story***

***Look for change in location, time, characters, or action***

***Shift in writing style***

***Look for words that express closure or transition***

1. **STEP TWO** – **What the Text Says**
2. **Plot**

***Follow the Plot Development and Shape***

***Plot Indicators***

***Plot Motifs***

***Elements of Plot***

1. **Characters**

***Identify and Classify the Characters***:

***Characterization***

1. **Narrator’s Point of View**
2. **STEP THREE** – How the Text Says it

***Study the Text scene by scene***

***Study the language of the text***

1. **STEP FOUR** – What the Text Meant
   1. **Setting**

***Where did the story happen?***

***When did the story take place?***

* 1. ***Context***

***Historical Context***

***Canonical Context***

***Biblical Context***\