

Narrative Typology and the Deity of Christ

The term 'narrative' refers to historical narrative, primarily in this case, to Old Testament historical narrative.

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The term 'typology' refers to the literary and theological device where an Old Testament person, object, or event foreshadows a later person, object, or event such that the latter is a fulfillment of the former.

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The History of Israel and the Life of Jesus

I. Birth

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Birth	
Israel	Jesus
Deut. 32:17-18 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, <i>To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you.</i>	Matt. 1:18, 21, 24-25 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ... {21}And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." ... {24} Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, {25}and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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- I. Birth
- II. Down into Egypt

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Down into Egypt	
Israel	Jesus
Gen. 46:6 So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him.	Matt. 2:13-14 {13} When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, {14} Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

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Out of Egypt	
Israel	Jesus
Ex. 3:10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."	Matt. 2:19-21 {19} Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, {20} saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." {21} Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

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- IV. Waters of Baptism

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Waters of Baptism	
Israel	Jesus
1 Cor. 10:1-2 "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, {2} all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea," (Ex. 14)	Matt. 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

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Son of God	
Israel	Jesus
Ex. 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn." Hosea 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son."	Matt. 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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Into the Wilderness to Be Tested	
Israel	Jesus
Deut. 8:2 And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.	Matt. 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

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First Temptation

	Israel in the Wilderness	Jesus in the Wilderness
Temptation	"You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry" (Deut. 8:2-3).	"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread" (Matt. 4:3).
Response	"The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The sons of Israel said to them, 'Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger'" (Ex. 16:2-3).	"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

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Second Temptation

	Israel in the Wilderness	Jesus in the Wilderness
Temptation	"there was no water for the people to drink. . . 'Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" (Ex. 17:1-7)	"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On [their] hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone'" (Matt. 4:6).
Response	"He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us, or not?'" (Ex. 17:7).	"On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test'" (Matt. 4:7).

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Third Temptation

	Israel in the Wilderness	Jesus in the Wilderness
Temptation	"You shall fear [only] the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you" (Deut. 6:13-14).	"All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9).
Response	"He took [this] from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf ; and they said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt'" (Ex. 32:4).	"Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only'" (Matt. 4:10).

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- VIII. Mt. Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount

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1. Take a look at Mt. Sinai: Ex. 19
 - a. Israel camped before the mountain. v. 2
 - b. God was on the mountain.
 - (1) Cf. Ex. 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (Horeb = Mt. Sinai)
 - (2) Cf. also Ex. 33:6 w/ 34:1-2

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1. Take a look at Mt. Sinai: Ex. 19
 - c. Moses went up the mountain to God. v. 3
 - d. Moses had to convey to the people the words of God. (vv. 3-7)
 - e. Moses had to convey to God the words of the people. (v. 8)

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1. Take a look at Mt. Sinai: Ex. 19
 - f. The people were not allowed to go up the mountain nor even touch its base or they would be put to death. (v. 12)
 - g. They could only meet with God at the foot of the mountain. (v. 17)
 - h. The mountain was filled with smoke. (v. 18)

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1. Take a look at Mt. Sinai: Ex. 19
 - i. All of this, and more, depicted the separation that existed between God and man.
 - j. God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.
 - k. God repeated says "Be holy for I am holy." (Lev. 11:45; 19:2; 20:7; 20:26; 21:8)

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2. Take a look at the mountain in Matt. 5.
 - a. Jesus went up the mountain. (v. 1)
 - b. Jesus allowed his disciples to be with Him on the mountain. (v. 1)

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2. Take a look at the mountain in Matt. 5.
 - c. This is a deliberate inverse of Mt. Sinai in that now, because of what Jesus will do, there is no more separation between God and man.
 - a. cf. 1 Pet. 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,"

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2. Take a look at the mountain in Matt. 5.
 - c. This is a deliberate inverse of Mt. Sinai in that now, because of what Jesus will do, there is no more separation between God and man.
 - b. Jesus gives the beatitudes (cf. the Law).
 - c. Jesus tells the disciples "Be perfect, just as your Father in Heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48)

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3. The Stitch of Matt. 5:1-2

*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

- A. Why would Matthew mention the fact that Jesus opened His mouth to teach them? Surely no one would teach without opening his own mouth!

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3. The Stitch of Matt. 5:1-2

*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

- B. Where have you encountered the notion of the mouth already in Matthew?

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*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

C. Cf. Matt. 4:3-4

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." {4} But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

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*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

D. This is deliberately connecting the mouth of Jesus with the mouth of God.

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*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

E. Matthew is telling us here that Jesus is God.

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*Then He opened His **mouth** and taught them, saying:*

F. Be Holy

1. Lev. 11:44 For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. (cf. Lev. 11:45; 19:2; 20:7; 20:26; 21:8; Num. 15:40)

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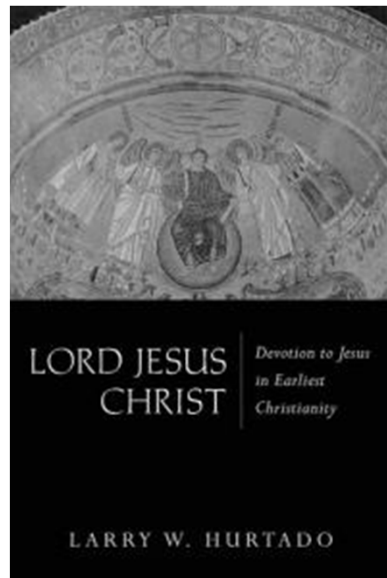
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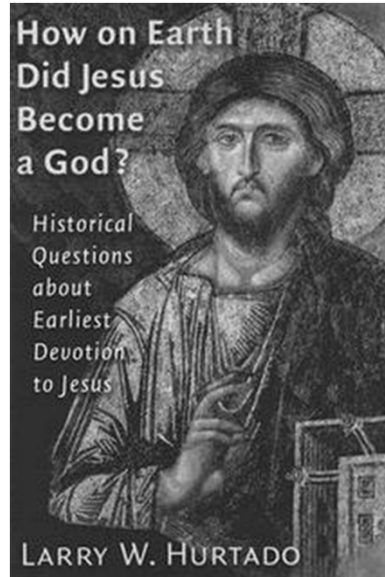
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2. Matt. 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

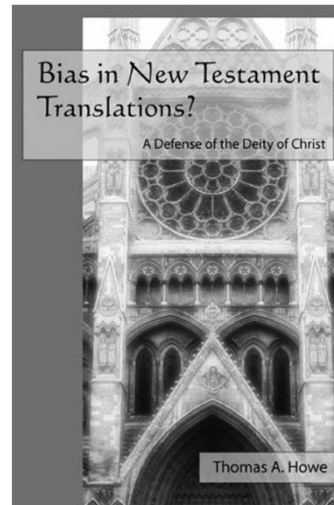
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