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**Study Tools for Understanding Old Testament Narrative**



## Pulling it all together

### Understanding Old Testament narrative

- God is always the main character.
- Jesus is the one it points forward to.
- There are positive and negative examples of faith to learn from.



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### Understanding the different contexts

- **Big Picture:** where we are in terms of God's redemptive purposes in Christ
- **National:** where we are in terms of God's purposes for Israel
- **Individual:** where we are in the book.



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### Things to avoid when applying OT narrative

- Don't jump into the story!
- Don't draw straight line applications between the characters in the story and us.
- Don't raise false hopes and expectations.



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### Things to include when applying OT narrative

- What we learn about God.
- How the narrative points forward to Jesus.
- The positive (or negative) examples of faith to learn from.