

See-Take Design Pattern

The authors of these stories are quite aware of the other stories and creatively, brilliantly play off of the design patterns, such as...

- mixing up the melody of a song to make a point,
- using a turn of phrase to make connection, often going in both directions to link backwards and forwards
- drawing parallels (plot, settings, etc) between stories
- making comparison and contracts to emphasize a key note

...all with the intent to develop the Bible's claim about the fallen human condition. And then JESUS BREAKS the pattern.

	Creation Genesis 1-2	Adam & Eve Genesis 2-3	Cain & Abel Genesis 4	Abraham & Sarah Genesis 15-16
God Speaks... Clearly	"Let there be...." (7 times in Genesis 1)	"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."	"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?"	"...a son coming from your own body will be your heir... Look up at the heavens and count the stars...So shall your offspring be."
Sees / Desire	And God SAW that it was good. (7 times in Genesis 1) God SAW all that He had made, and it was very good. (Gen 1:31)	The woman SAW that the fruit of the "tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye" (as originally intended in verse 2:9) and also DESIREABLE for gaining wisdom...	"The Lord LOOKED with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not LOOK with favor." "But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door; it DESIRES to have you..."	Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your SIGHT." Stated another way: Deal with her as you SEE fit, according to what is good in your own eyes.
Take	...He TOOK one of the man's ribs...	...she TOOK some and ate it.	Cain TOOK Abel's life	"...Sarai his wife TOOK her Egyptian maidservant Hagar...
Gave	Then the LORD God made a woman...and He GAVE her to the man.	She also GAVE some to her husband...	Cain GAVE Sin its desire (?)	...and GAVE her to her husband..."
God Asks	Doesn't need to ask where they are; they are in the Garden with Him	WHERE are you? WHAT is this you have done?	WHERE is your brother Abel? WHAT have you done?	"Hagar...WHERE have you come from, and WHERE are you going?"

Genesis 6:2 "...the sons of God SAW that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they TOOK (married, had children with) them." Then God SPEAKS "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a 120 yrs." Now that there are children 1/2 man + 1/2 godlike, God limits lifespans.

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Listening	God LISTENED to Adam's naming of the animals, and SAW that for Adam no suitable helper was found.	Adam LISTENED to Eve "and he ate it (the fruit)." As well, Adam with his wife HEARD the sound of the Lord God as He walked back into the garden to bring justice.	LISTEN! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. (God DESIRES justice.)	Abram LISTENED to Sarai and "agreed to what Sarai said" and the outcome was sin. "The angel of the Lord also said to her (Hagar)... 'the Lord has HEARD of your misery.'" and the outcome was life, a son named Ishmael.
Praise or Blame	PRAISE: "'At last!' the man exclaimed. 'This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"	BLAME: "I was afraid..." "The woman you put here with me..." "The serpent deceived me..."	BLAME: "I don't know... Am I my brother's keeper?"	BLAME: "You (Abram) are responsible for the wrong I am suffering..."
Re-define Good & Evil	GOD DEFINES good and evil: "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."	REDEFINED: It is GOOD to eat the fruit. It is GOOD to question God's character and not trust in His word. It is GOOD to make your own definition (and not rely on God's definition) of what's good and what's evil.	It is GOOD to kill Abel. It is GOOD to give into your anger instead of ruling over / mastering the sin.	It is GOOD to question God's covenant promises. It is GOOD instead to take matters into one's own hands of God's timing isn't your timing.
Outcome	What happens when God desires, sees, listens, takes, and gives? GOOD! VERY GOOD!	What happens when Human desires, sees, listens, takes, gives, and blames: BANISHMENT to the east.	BAD: Banishment to the east	BAD: Family conflict, broken relationships

	10 Commandments & Golden Calf	Jericho (Joshua 6-7)	Samuel & Saul	David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12)
God Speaks... Clearly	"Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold." (Exodus 20:23)	"But keep away from the devoted things...All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into His treasury."	In Deuteronomy 17, God gives specific guidelines for appointing Israel's king	This time it isn't God who speaks clearly, but rather an unnamed man who warns, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"
Sees / Desires	When the people SAW that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain... <i>(Moses was making them ashamed by how long they had to wait.)</i> When Aaron SAW this, he built an altar in front of the calf... <i>(unnecessary verb added for emphasis)</i> When Moses SAW that the people were running wild... and out of control..."	While "Jericho was tightly shut up" and had not yet fallen, "the Lord said to Joshua 'SEE, I have delivered Jericho into your hands...' (not "will deliver," not "am delivering," but "have already delivered") The Lord's promises are in fact GOOD. When I SAW in the plunder a beautiful cloak, 200 shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing 50 shekels	Samuel SAW Saul and that he was a head taller than any of the others. (See notes: How Samuel Sees vs How God Sees) Saul had hidden himself (the object of desire) among the baggage (Drawing a parallel to Saul as an idol; sense of something not good)	David SAW a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful (good of sight)...

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Take	So all the people TOOK off their earrings...He TOOK what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.	(Example 1) To the tribe, the clan, the family "that the Lord TAKES " (Example 2) Achan TOOK some of the devoted things. "I coveted them and TOOK them."	The king who rules over you will... TAKE your sons... TAKE your daughters... TAKE the best of your fields, etc... TAKE a 10th of your grain, etc... TAKE the best of your cattle, etc... TAKE a 10th of your flocks, etc.	Then David sent messengers to TAKE her Uriah did not TAKE her, but slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants David orders Uriah's life to be TAKEN ...which God says is the equivalent of David TAKING Uriah's life himself ("You killed him" 12:9)
Gave	Aaron: "Then they GAVE me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" <i>(Drawing a parallel to Abraham saying "Sarah GAVE me Hagar, I laid with her, and out came Ishmael!")</i>	(Example 1) The Lord GAVE justice since "he has violated the covenant of the Lord." (Example 2) GAVE them (the object of desire) to be hidden in the ground inside my tent	Samuel GAVE them Saul as king	David GAVE Uriah food and drink, and made him drunk... but still Uriah did not go home. The God of Israel says, I GAVE you - the kingship - deliverance from Saul - your master's house & wives - Israel & Judah - And if all this had been too little, I would have GIVEN you even more

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God Asks	<p>God: "Go"</p> <p>Moses: "WHERE?"</p> <p>God: "down to the people"</p> <p>Moses: "WHY should your anger burn...WHY should the Egyptians say..."</p> <p>Moses: "WHAT did these people do to you that you led them into such great sin?"</p>	<p>Joshua "WHY did you ever bring this people across the Jordan..? WHAT then will you do for your own great name?"</p> <p>God: "WHAT are you doing down on your face?"</p> <p>Joshua asks Achan to "Tell me what you have done...WHY have you brought this trouble on us?"</p>	<p>The people ASK for a king.</p> <p>Samuel ASKS the Lord what to do.</p> <p>But God doesn't ask this time, instead He says to Samuel "warn them solely and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."</p>	<p>"Why do you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in His eyes?"</p>
Listening	<p>God HEARD Moses as he sought the Lord's favor: "Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster... Remember your servants..."</p> <p>"Joshua (with Moses) HEARD the noise of the people" as they walked back into camp to bring justice.</p> <p>The Levites HEARD Moses ask "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me."</p>	<p>The people HEARD Joshua's instructions "but the Israelites acted unfaithfully..."</p> <p>Joshua LISTENED, with the desire to bring justice, to Achan's account after he was called forth (TAKEN by the Lord) from out of the camp.</p>	<p>The Lord told Samuel: "LISTEN to all that the people are saying to you...LISTEN to them and give them a king."</p> <p>But the people refused to LISTEN to Samuel, even after he inquired of the Lord.</p>	<p>David LISTENS to Nathan's story about the rich man, the poor man, and the little ewe lamb, but fails to see himself as the rich man.</p>
Human Blames	<p>Aaron: "You know how prone these people are to evil..."</p>	<p>Achan doesn't blame: "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD...."</p>	<p>Israel: "We will be like all the other nations..."</p>	<p>David doesn't blame: "I have sinned against the LORD."</p>
Re-define Good & Evil	<p>It is GOOD to listen to the voice of the crowds ("Make us gods who will go before us.") instead of the voice of God. It is GOOD to try to fit in with the culture rather than to feel shame on account of God's commandments (ex. make no idols). It is GOOD to believe that there is some other reason for your success ("These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."). It is EVIL to thank God all the time for all things.</p>	<p>It is GOOD to take for yourself beautiful, expensive, sacred things meant for God, as if you yourself were a god.</p>	<p>It is GOOD to blend in, and not be seen as different. It is GOOD to consider what is right and wrong for your nation based on the actions and establishment of other nations. It is GOOD to trust your own judgement and repeatedly ask God to give you your DESIRES.</p>	<p>It is GOOD to take what you desire, and even kill for it if necessary. The ends justify the means. It is NOT EVIL to always be taking.</p>
Outcome	<p>BAD: Tablet with 10 Commandments (God's relational contract with Israel) is broken</p>	<p>BAD: Achan and family killed</p>	<p>BAD: Saul's kingship/rule ends very badly</p>	<p>VERY BAD: Uriah is killed, some of the other king's men are killed, and Bathsheba's first child dies. "The sword will never depart from your house...", household rebels, wives given to another in public view, etc.</p>

	Tempted in the Wilderness	Jesus Feeds 5,000+ (Matthew 14)	Jesus Feeds 4,000+ (Matthew 15)	Last Supper (Matthew 26)
God Speaks... Clearly	And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."	They do not need to go away... Bring the 5 loaves and 2 fish to me.	"I have compassion for these people..."	"Take and eat; this is my body." "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
Sees / Desire	The devil took him to a very high mountain and Jesus SEES all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.	When Jesus landed and SAW a large crowd, he had compassion on them...	He SEES that "they have already been with me 3 days and have nothing to eat. I do not DESIRE to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."	Jesus SEES that He is going to die and even though He DESIRES that the cup be taken from him
Take	Temptation to TAKE FOR HIMSELF the stones and tell them to become bread. Temptation to TAKE FOR HIMSELF all earthly splendor and power.	TAKING the 5 loaves and the 2 fish and looking up to heaven	Then He TOOK the 7 loaves and the fish	Jesus TOOK bread
Gave	The devil GAVE only one thing: temptation. Jesus GAVE only one thing: his allegiance to God saying "Away from me, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"	He GAVE THANKS and broke the loaves. Then He GAVE them AWAY to his disciples, and the disciples GAVE them to the people	and when He had given THANKS, he broken them and GAVE them AWAY to the disciples and they in turn GAVE them to the people	GAVE THANKS and broke it, and GAVE it to his disciples
God Asks	God, the Father, appears silent, asking no questions. Jesus knows all the GOOD responses.		The disciples ask "WHERE..." but Jesus doesn't ask "Where?" because God/Jesus always knows the answer to that question. Instead he asks "HOW MANY..."	
Listening	Then Jesus LISTENED and was led by the Spirit into the desert...			
Re-define Good & Evil	GOOD is not seeking equality with God, but serving and worshipping Him	GOOD is compassion, healing the sick, feeding the hungry	GOOD is compassion, feeding the hungry Jews and Gentiles	GOOD is "Yet not as I will, but as you will."
Outcome	GOOD: JESUS BREAKS THE PATTERN and does not give into temptation; does not TAKE what He SEES/DESIRES	GOOD: They all ate and were satisfied... 12 baskets of leftovers.	GOOD: They all ate and were satisfied... 7 baskets of leftovers	GOOD: Salvation at the cross.