

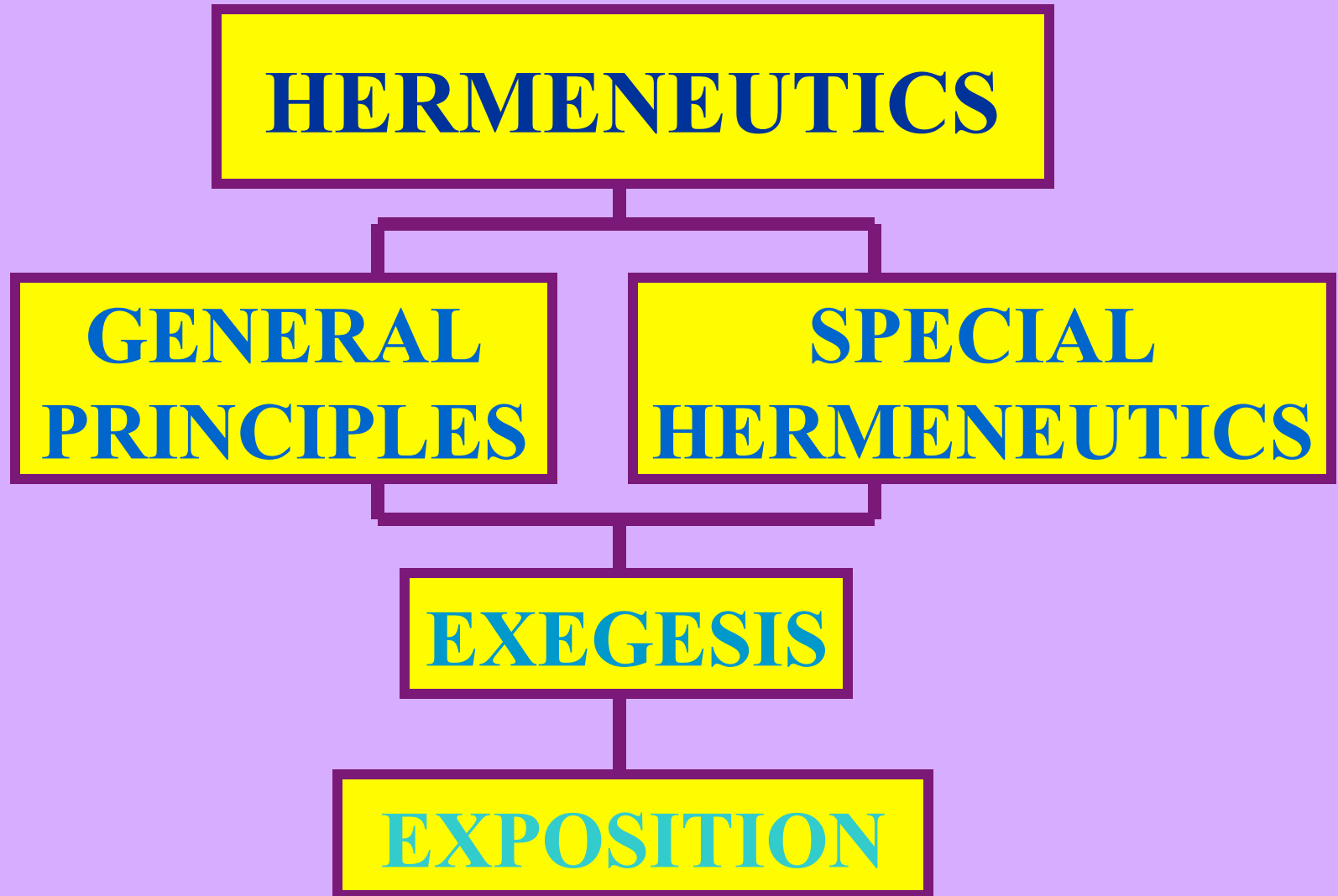
HERMENEUTICS



A photograph of a park or plaza with a large fountain in the background, surrounded by lush green trees. The ground is paved with light-colored stones. Several people are visible walking or sitting on benches. The text 'THE SCIENCE AND ART OF INTERPRETATION' is overlaid in a bold, pink, serif font.

THE SCIENCE AND ART OF INTERPRETATION

BIBLE HERMENEUTICS



SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

1. Narrative



GOSPELS

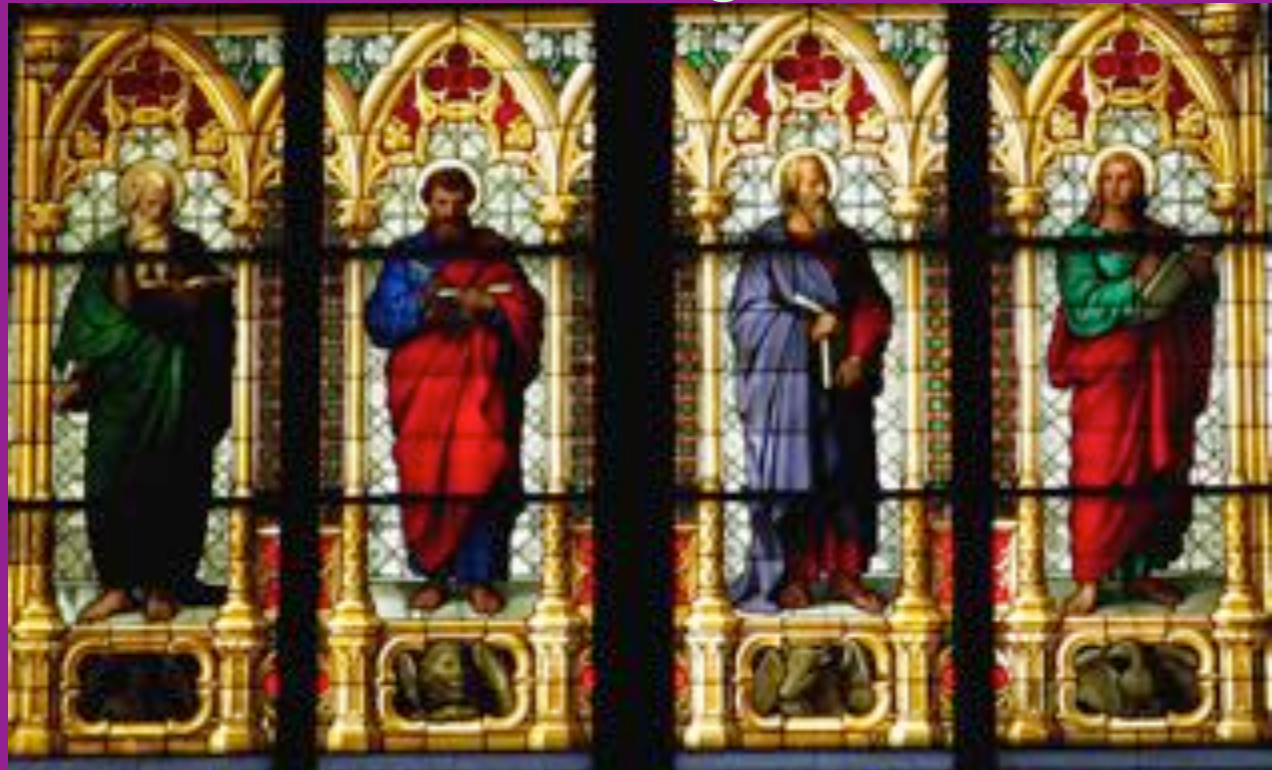
➤ Primary Form

➤ Focus

➤ Hybrid
Nature

➤ Purpose

Cologne Cathedral



SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

1. Narrative

2. Poetry

POETRY



POETRY

➤ Hebrew Poetry



**“Poets are especially artists
who paint pictures with words.”**

Leland Ryken

“We ought clearly to understand also, that the term ‘poetical’ refers only to their form. It must not be thought to imply that they are simply the product of human imagination. There is glorious poetry here, but there is nothing of the merely fanciful or unreal. These books portray real human experiences and grapple with profound problems, and express the big realities. ...”

Sidlow Baxter

POETRY

- Hebrew Poetry
- Occurrence

OCCURRENCE

- **2nd most frequent**
- **5 OT Poetic Books**
- **Only 7 OT books without any**
- **NT**

POETRY

- Hebrew Poetry
- Occurrence
- Purpose
- Characteristics

CHARACTERISTICS

➤ Parallelism



**“Parallelism is the
corresponding of one line
of poetry with another.”**

R. Lowth

PARALLELISM

✧ Synonymous



SYNONYMOUS

- **Close similarity between lines**
- **Ps 49:1, 3:1, 37:2, 7:16,
136:1f, 24:1, 19:2**

Ps 49:1-2

Hear this, all peoples;

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

2 Both low and high,

Rich and poor together.

PARALLELISM

✧ Synonymous

✧ Antithetical



ANTITHETICAL

- **Contrast of lines**
- **Ps 1:6, 30:5, 37:9**
- **Prov 10:1-2**

Prov 10:1-2

A wise son makes a father glad,

**But a foolish son is a grief to his
mother.**

2 Ill-gotten gains do not profit,

**But righteousness delivers from
death.**

ANTITHETICAL

- **Contrast of lines**
- **Ps 1:6, 30:5, 37:9**
- **Prov 10:1-2, 4, 15:1**

PARALLELISM

✧ Synonymous

✧ Antithetical

✧ Synthetic



SYNTHETIC

- **2nd line develops 1st further**
- **Ps 95:3, Prov 4:23**

PARALLELISM

✧ Synonymous

✧ Antithetical

✧ Synthetic

✧ Others



OTHER

- **Emblematic - Ps 42:1,
Prov11:22**
- **Climatic - Ps 29:1-2**

CHARACTERISTICS

- Parallelism
- Metaphorical
- True
- Rhyme
- Acrostic



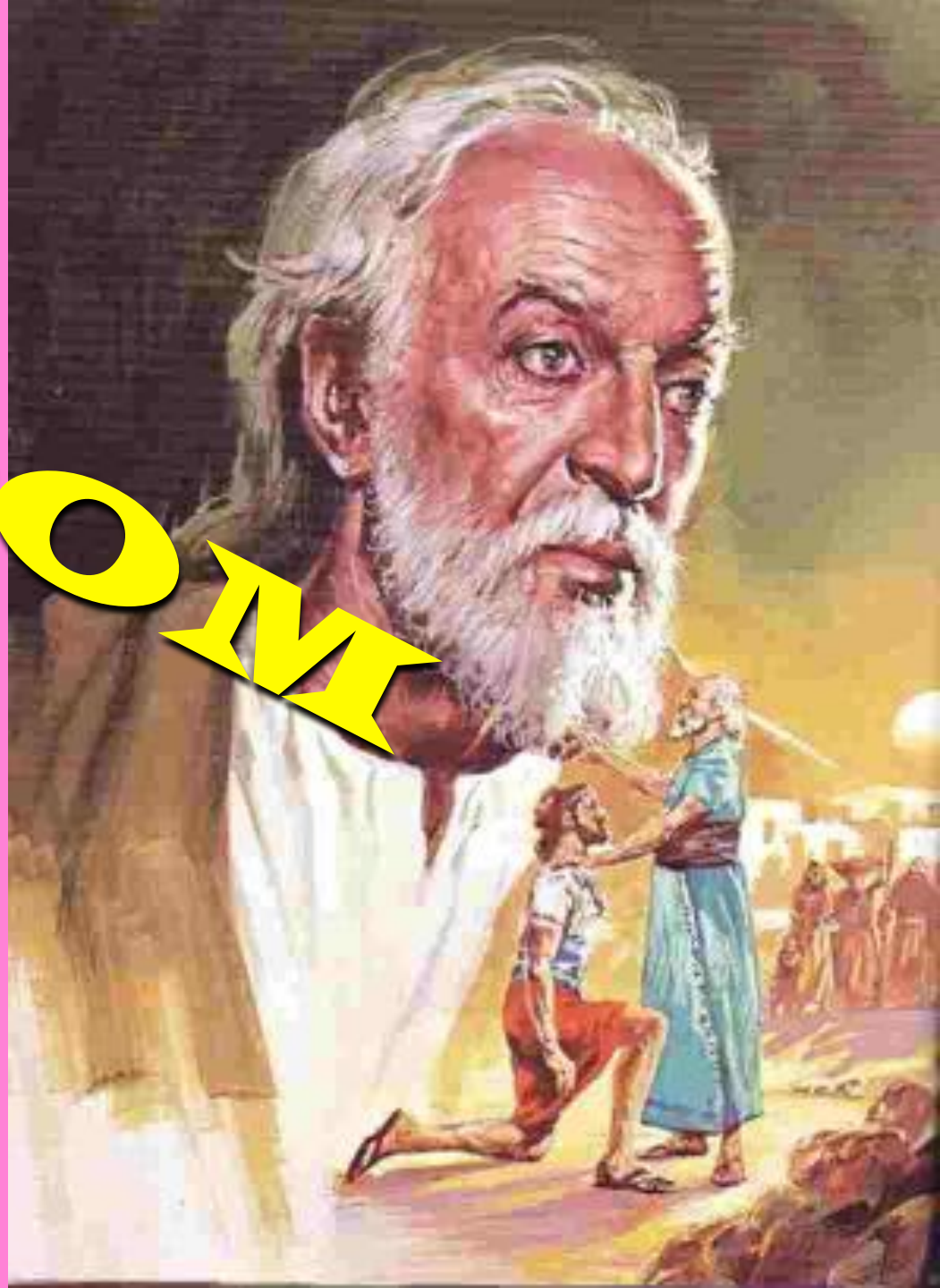
SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

1. Narrative

2. Poetry

3. Wisdom

WISDOM



WISDOM

➤ Hebrew Wisdom



WISDOM

1. הַכְּמָה - Ex 31:6-11

special skill, skill in living

2. מִשָּׁל - Proverb

WISDOM

- Hebrew Wisdom
- Occurrence

OCCURRENCE

- **Proverbial - Proverbs**
- **Reflective - Job, Eccl.**
- **Proverbs in OT**
- **NT - Mt 11:30, Gal 6:7**

WISDOM

- Hebrew Wisdom
- Occurrence
- Characteristics

CHARACTERISTICS



- **Practical Advice**
- **General Truth**
- **Moral Aspect**

BASIS OF CULTURE

- **Job - suffering**
- **Eccl - philosophic reflection**
- **Song - marriage & sex**
- **Ps - worship**
- **Prov - social life & work**
- **Dan - national strategies**

SPECIAL HERMENEUTICS

- 1. Narrative**
- 2. Poetry**
- 3. Wisdom**
- 4. Prophecy**



ПРОРЕКО

PROPHECY

➤ Importance



IMPORTANCE

- 1. Abundance**
- 2. God is only source**
- 3. Divine history interpretation**
- 4. Ultimate destinies**
- 5. Divides theology**

PROPHECY

➤ Importance

➤ History



HISTORY

- 1. Pre-Flood - 2:17, Abel, Enoch**
- 2. Israel Founding - Moses**
- 3. Kingdom - Samuel, Nathan**
- 4. Kingdom Decline - Elijah, Elisha,
major & minor writing prophets**
- 5. Exile & After - Dan, Jer, Ezek**
- 6. Cessation of Prophets - silence**
- 7. NT - JB, Jesus, Apostles**

PROPHECY

➤ Importance

➤ History

➤ Occurrence



OCCURRENCE

➤ **Preaching Prophets**

➤ **Historical Prophets**

➤ **Writing Prophets**

4 Major, 12 Minor, 1 NT

PROPHECY

- Importance
- History
- Occurrence
- Function



PROPHETS

- **Proclaimed God's Word**
- **Anointed & Judged kings**
- **Writers of Scripture**
- **Enforced Covenants**
- **Showed God's Faithfulness in History**
- **God's Prosecuting Attorneys**
- **Predicted Messianic Kingdom**

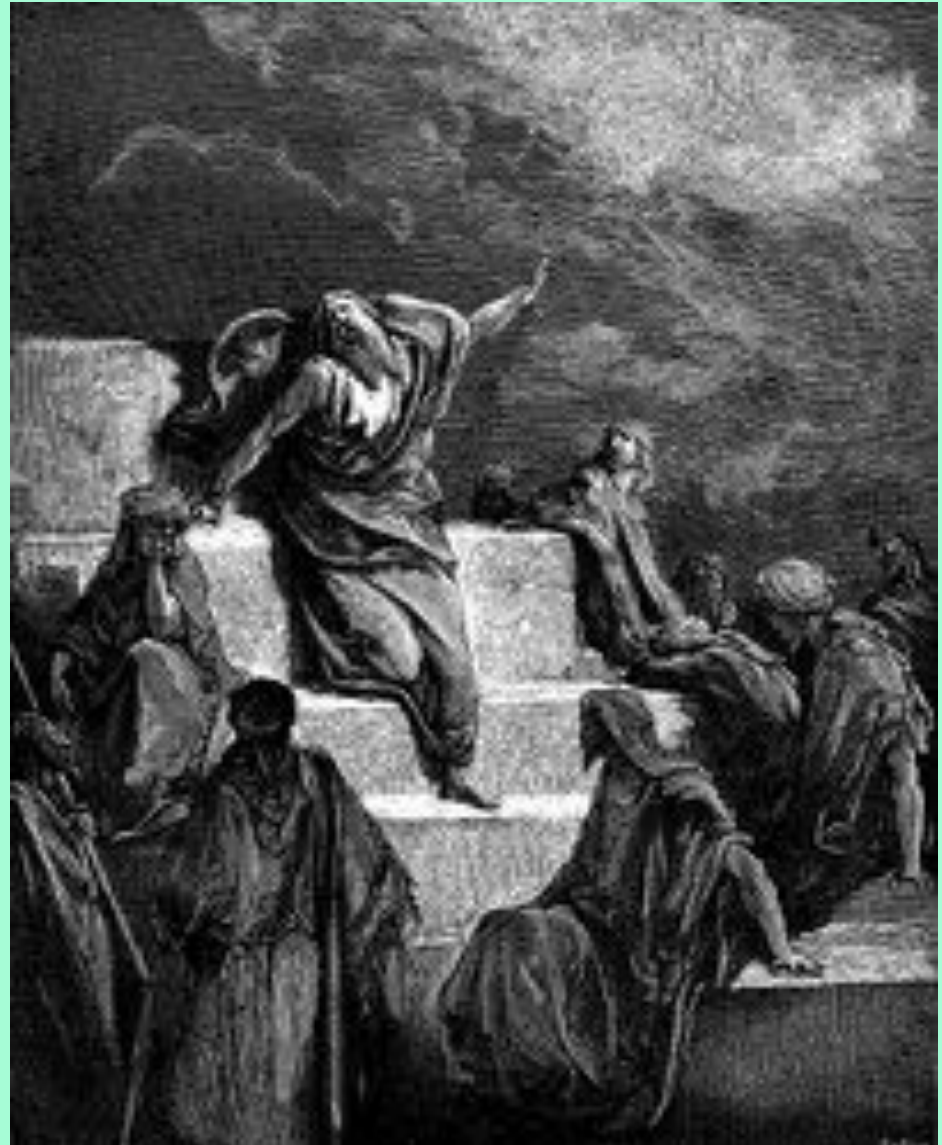
PROPHECY

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CHARACTERISTICS

- **Essence**
- **Forth telling**
- **Foretelling**
- **Motivation**



PROPHECY

- Importance
- History
- Occurrence
- Function
- Characteristics
- Principles

