

Longacre's Discourse Type charts

| Verb Rank in Hebrew Narrative Discourse ¹ | |
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| Band Levels | Hebrew Clausal Elements |
| Band 1: Storyline | 1. Vayyiqtol: primary ^a |
| Band 2: Secondary | 2.1. Qatal 2.2. Noun + Qatal (with noun in focus) |
| Band 3: Background Activities | 3.1. וְיָהָיָה + participle 3.2. Participle 3.3. Noun + participle |
| Band 4: Setting | 4.1. Vayyiqtol of הָיָה, 'be' 4.2. Qatal of הָיָה, 'be' 4.3. Nominal clause (verbless) 4.4. Existential clause with שָׁׁׁ |
| Band 5: | 5. Negation of verb clause: irrealis (any band) ^b . Normally involves לֹא or לֹא־שָׁׁ. |
| <p>^a1. demotes to 2.2. by preposing a noun. 1. demotes to 5. by preposing לֹא 'not' [Preterite > Perfect].</p> <p>^b "Momentous negation" promotes 5. to 2.1./2.2.</p> <p>Longacre notes (<i>Joseph</i>, 79) that this ranking "includes only independent clauses and is applicable only to narrative. Subordinate clauses, whether or not they contain a verb, are closely backgrounded to the main clause."</p> | |

| Diagram 6. Verb Rank in Hebrew Hortatory Discourse ² | |
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| Band Levels | Hebrew Clausal Elements |
| Band 1: Primary line of Exhortation | 1.1. Imperative (2p) 1.2. Cohortative (1p) 1.3. Jussive (3p) ^a } unranked |
| Band 2: Secondary line of Exhortation | 2.1. לֹא־שָׁׁ + jussive/yiqtol 2.2. Modal yiqtol |
| Band 3: Results/Consequences (Motivation) | 3.1. וְ (consecutive) qatal ^b 3.2. לֹא־שָׁׁ + yiqtol 3.3. (Future) qatal |
| Band 4: Setting (Problem) | 4.1. Qatal (of past events) 4.2. Participles 4.3. Nominal clauses |
| <p>^a1.3 substitutes for 1.1 in deferential avoidance of 2p.</p> <p>^b 3.1 may substitute for band 1—but this possibility involves substitutions of the form of predictive discourse.</p> | |

¹Longacre, 81, diagram 3. Modifications made by Madden.

²Longacre, 121.

| Verb Rank in Hebrew Predictive Discourse ³ | |
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| Band Levels | Hebrew Clausal Elements |
| Band 1: Line of Prediction | 1.1. ׀ (consecutive) qatal ^a |
| Band 2: Backgrounded Predictions | 2.1. Yiqtol 2.2. Noun + yiqtol (with noun in focus) |
| Band 3: Backgrounded Activities | 3.1. ׀ִיָּהּ + participle 3.2. Participle 3.3. Noun + participle |
| Band 4: Setting | 4.1. ׀ (consecutive) qatal of ׀ִיָּהּ, ‘be’ 4.2. Yiqtol of ׀ִיָּהּ, ‘be’ 4.3. Nominal clause (verbless) 4.4. Existential clause with ׀ִיָּהּ |
| ^a 1. demotes to 2.1 by preposing ׀ִיָּהּ, ‘not’, and to 2.2. by preposing a noun. | |

| Hebrew Expository Text-Type Verb-Rank Cline ⁴ | |
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| Band Levels | Hebrew Clausal Elements |
| Band 1: Primary line of Exposition | 1.1 Nominal clause (verbless) 1.2 Existential clause (with ׀ִיָּהּ or ׀ִיָּהּ) |
| Band 2: Secondary line of Exposition | [Clauses with ׀ִיָּהּ] |
| Band 3: | |
| Band 4: Contest/Setting | [Here we would expect to find those clause types which have the greatest amount of action and transitivity] |

³Longacre, 107, diagram 4.

⁴David Alan Dawson, *Text-Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew* (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994), 116.

| Verb Rank in English Narrative Discourse ⁵ | |
|---|---|
| Band Levels | English Clausal Elements |
| Band 1: Storyline | 1. Simple Past Tense |
| Band 2: Background Activities | 2. Past progressive <i>-ing</i> verbs |
| Band 3: Flashbacks | 3. <i>had</i> verbs |
| Band 4: Setting | 4. <i>be</i> clauses; active verbs with inanimate subjects |
| Band 5: Irrealis | 5. negatives and modals |
| Band 6: Evaluation or author comments/intrusions | 6. Obviously a comment outside of the narration |
| Band 7: Cohesion | 7. Adverbial clauses/participial clauses/noun phrases in back-referential function. |

| Cline of Dynamicity for the Greek Verbs Found in Mark 5 ⁶ (Greek Narrative Discourse?) | |
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| Storyline | 1.1 Aorist and its consecutive (postposed participles) |
| Storyline preliminary detail | 1.2 Preposed participles dependent on an aorist |
| Secondary Storyline ^a | 2.1 Historical present and its consecutives |
| Backup for Secondary Storyline | 2.2 Preposed participles dependent on the historical present |
| Background, ongoing activity | 3.1 The Imperfect and its consecutives |
| Backup for background activity | 3.2 Preposed participles dependent on the imperfect |
| Setting | 4. Be verbs and verbless clauses |
| ^a clustered and not limited to verbs of speech or motion. | |

⁵Longacre-Hwang, *Holistic Discourse Analysis*, 63.

⁶ Robert Longacre, "Mark 5.1-43: Generating the Complexity of a Narrative from its Most Basic Elements" in Stanley Porter & Jeffrey Reed, eds. *Discourse Analysis and the New Testament: Approaches and Results*. Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series 170: Studies in New Testament Greek 4. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999, 179.