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The Laws of Structure

LAW	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
Cause & effect	One event, concept, or action that causes another (key terms: <i>therefore, so, then, as a result</i>)	Mark 11:27-12:44 Rom 1:24-32; 8:18-30
Climax	A progression of events or ideas that climb to a certain high point before descending	Ex 40:34-35 II Sam 11 Mark 4:35-5:43
Comparison	Two or more elements that are alike or similar (key terms: <i>like, as, too, also</i>)	Ps 1:3-4 John 3:8, 12, 14 Heb 5:1-10
Contrast	Two or more elements that are unlike or dissimilar (key terms: <i>but, yet</i>)	Ps 73 Acts 4:32-5:11 Gal 5:19-23
Explanation or reason	The presentation of an idea or event followed by its interpretation	Dan 2, 4, 5, 7-9 Mark 4:13-20 Acts 11:1-18
Interchange	When the action, conversation, or concept moves to another, then back again	Gen 37-39 I Sam 1-3 Luke 1-2
Introduction & summary	Opening or concluding remarks on a subject or situation	Gen 2:4-25; 3 Josh 12 Matt 6:1
Pivot or hinge	A sudden change in the direction or flow of the context; a minor climax	II Sam 11-12 Matt 12 Acts 2
Proportion	Emphasis indicated by the amount of space the writer devotes to a subject	Gen 1-11; 12-50 Luke 9:51-19:27

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		Eph 5:21-6:4
Purpose	A declaration of the author's intentions	Jn 20:30-31 Acts 1:8 Titus 1:1
Question & answer	The use of questions or questions and answers	Malachi Mark 11:27-12:44 Luke 11:1-13
Repetition	Terms or phrases used two or more times	Ps 136 Matt 5:21-48 Heb 11
Specific to general, general to specific	Progression of thought from a single example to a general principle, or vice versa	Matt 6:1-18 Acts 1:8 James 2