

Epic motifs

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agony	fire	– mythical tradition
animal	flashback	oath
– dolphin	flight	obituary
– dragon	flora	panegyrics
– fish	funeral	peace
– snake	– funeral games	prayer
apotheosis	– funeral rites	prodigy
arrival	– laudatio funebris	proem
assembly	future	prophecy
audience	genealogy	reunion
banquet scene	ghost	revenge
– drinking	greeting	sacrifice
– eating	host	servant
– wine	hostility	sphragis
battle narrative	hunt	storm
– aristeia	hybris	stranger
– fighting scene	interlocutor	suicide
– mass combat	impietas	support
– single combat	invocation	time
– warfare	journey	– diachronicity
bucolic atmosphere	landscape	– timelessness
city	– desert	topos
cosmos	– forest	– many mouths-topos
darkness	– locus amoenus	– unspeakability-topos
departure	– locus inamoenus	underworld
digression	– mountain	vates
disguise	– river	violence
divine intervention	– sea	virtus
emotion	loyalty	voice
epiphany	luxury	weapon
exemplum	memory	wedding
excursus	messenger	wound
exordium	mythology	
farewell	– mythical places	

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abuse of power	– Judas	– canticle
angels	– Lazarus	– Christ, our life
apocalypse	– Mary (mother of Jesus)	– Christmas
biblical persons	– Mary Magdalene	– Easter
– Abel	– Martha	– hope for the Kingdom of Peace
– Abraham	– Miriam	– love of Enemies
– Adam	– Moses	– Passion
– Amos	– Nehemiah	– Pentecost
– Bartimaeus	– Noah/Noah	– resurrection
– Balaam	– Paul	– return of Jesus
– Cain	– Peter	– the blessing
– Daniel	– Philip	– the eternal word
– David	– Pilate	– the Lord's Prayer
– Deborah	– Rebekah	– the Lord's Supper
– Elijah/Elia	– Ruth	– the ten Commandments
– Elizabeth	– Solomon	– unity
– Elisha	– Samuel	– way and Truth
– Esau	– Sarah	death
– Ezra	– Saul	dream
– Eve	– Samson	forgiveness
– Ezekiel	– Stephen	God
– Gideon	– Thomas	– acts like a human being
– Goliath	– Zacchaeus	– has feelings
– Hagar	– Zacharias	– is a fighter
– Hannah	covenant of God	– is an ardent lover
– Job/Hiob	– with Noah	– is father and mother
– Isaac	– with Abraham	God and his people
– Ishmael	– with the people of Israel	– creation
– Jacob	– The new covenant	– fall of man
– Jeremiah	Christian foundations, prayers and festivals	– flood
– Isaiah	– ascension	– exodus from Egypt
– Joseph (son of Jacob)	– asking for forgiveness	– Israel in the desert
– Joseph (father of Jesus)	– baptism	– God's faithfulness
– Joshua		

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guilt

Jesus

- Jesus - the person
- Jesus - his message
- healing and miracles
- parables and examples

number symbolism

possession (by demons etc)

revelation

rich and poor

stories

- Belshazzar's banquet
- burning bush
- golden calf
- tower of Babel

visions