

Waw Consecutive with the Imperfect Used as a Pluperfect?

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p. 329-330 The Waw Consecutive future or imperfect is the ordinary historical tense, and is used in narratives almost to the exclusion of the preterite or perfect, which is only occasionally introduced, when the collocation of words requires it. Being thus a substitute for the preterite it has the same range of signification that is inherent in the primary tense. Thus following a preterite, it will ordinarily conform to the sense of that preterite, whether as a definite act in the absolute past . . . of repeated acts at various times, . . .; a perfect; a pluperfect, had gone down וַיֵּרָד וַיִּשָׁן and lain and slept soundly. Jon. 1.5; 1 Sam. 25.34; Job 9.16