

Formation 3 - Revelation and the Bible: God Reveals Who God Is

Objective: To help the candidates see that we can only fully know God if he chooses to reveal Himself to us. To explain the Catholic conviction that God's revelation is handed through both the Scripture and Tradition & to review the basic structure of the Bible & approach the Scriptures with comfort and reverence.

God Revealed Himself out of love for us. From Adam to Jesus, God intended for us to know Him so that we could return his love. Catholic faith based on revelation comes to us from God through both Scripture and Tradition.

Scripture:

- Is the inspired record of God's revelation in History
- It is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit
- God inspired people to write exactly what he wanted to say & He is the primary author of the Scriptures.

How is Divine Revelation Passed On? (Public Revelation)



What is The Holy Bible?

The word Bible comes from the Greek Word BIBLIA, which means books. Bible is no ordinary book. It is not simply a book that is filled with historical information nor a book that simply tells stories of ancient people. **The Bible is also called Holy Scriptures which means "SACRED WRITING"**. Sacred because it is the record of what God has done. He has spoken to humans in different ways.


The Bible is the very word of God. It teaches us who God is, What he has done for us and what he wants us to do.

Divine Revelation

THE CATHOLIC FAITH BASED ON REVELATION comes to us from GOD through


BOTH

- **SCRIPTURE** - the written word that is divinely inspired (AKA the "Bible")



AND

- **TRADITION** - spoken and other written sources NOT included in the Bible, rituals and actions, experiences of the divine



Tradition:

- Human experience with Scripture originates in oral tradition. Hebrews were nomads and not capable of writing. Experiences of God perpetuated in oral tradition.
- In order that the Gospel might always be preserved, the apostles left Bishops as their successors.
- Apostolic Succession ensures that the sacred deposit of faith is transmitted to every generation
- Those truth revealed to us by Jesus that are necessary for our salvation.

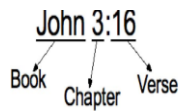
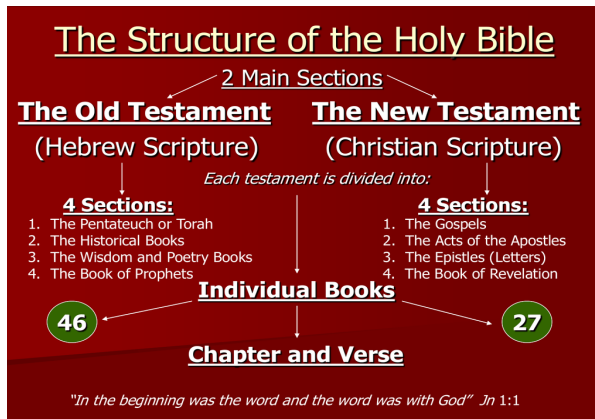
How Does God Reveal himself to us?

God revealed Himself to us:

- a. God reveals Himself to us through Nature
- b. God reveals Himself to us through His Son
- c. God speaks to us in scriptures
- d. God speaks to us through the Church
- e. We Receive God's Eternal life and forgiveness in the Eucharist

The Holy Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are revealed to us in the Bible

What is the Structure of the Holy Bible?



How many books are there in the Holy Bible?

The Bible is a collection of **73** books.
46 Books in the **Old Testament** and
27 Books in the **New Testament**

What does Testament mean?

Testament means Covenant (agreement between God and his people, in which God makes promises to his people and, usually, requires certain conduct from them).

Old Covenant is an agreement that God made with the nation/people of **ISRAEL** (Noah, Abraham, Moses..) before the time of Jesus.

New Covenant is an agreement that God has made for **ALL NATIONS** that was brought about by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



THE CANON OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLE

HEBREW SCRIPTURES THE OLD TESTAMENT		CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES THE NEW TESTAMENT	
<p>THE PENTATEUCH</p> <p>GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY</p>	<p>WISDOM BOOKS</p> <p>JOB PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONGS WISDOM SIRACH</p>	<p>GOSPELS</p> <p>MATTHEW MARK LUKE JOHN</p>	<p>NON-PAULINE LETTERS</p> <p>HEBREWS JAMES 1 PETER 2 PETER 1JOHN 2 JOHN 3 JOHN JUDE</p>
<p>HISTORICAL BOOKS</p> <p>JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL 2 SAMUAL 1 KINGS 2 KINGS 1 CHRONICLES 2 CHRONICLES EZRA NEHEMIAH TOBIT JUDITH ESTHER 1 MACCABEES 2 MACCABEES</p>	<p>THE PROPHETS</p> <p>ISAIAH JEREMIAH LAMENTATIONS BARUCH EZEKIEL DANIEL HOSEA JOEL AMOS OBADIAH JONAH MICAH NAHUM HABAKKUK ZEPHANIAH HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI</p>	<p>HISTORICAL</p> <p>ACTS OF THE APOSTLES</p>	<p>APOCALYPTIC</p> <p>REVELATION</p>
		<p>LETTERS OF PAUL</p> <p>ROMANS 1 CORINTHIANS 2 CORINTHIANS GALATIANS EPHESIANS PHILIPPIANS COLOSSIANS 1 THESSALONIANS 2 THESSALONIANS 1 TIMOTHY 2 TIMOTHY TITUS PHILEMON</p>	

What is the Core Event of the Old Testament?

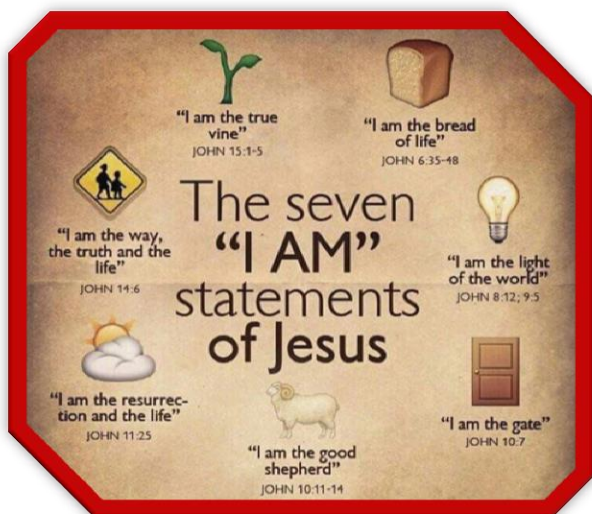
Exodus Covenant: God's chosen people were delivered from slavery in Egypt; they were promised a land of their own; they were given a covenant relationship with the Lord. The writings called the Old Testament all relate to the core event of God's deliverance of and Covenant with the Chosen people.

Revelation through the Word of God

The Revelation of God is spread throughout the Bible, we cannot just pick one passage in the Bible to show how / where / when and in what way God reveals himself to us. Below are multiple verses on how God reveals himself.

- **The Bible Reveals Who and What GOD IS**

- ❖ In Exodus 3:14, God revealed his name to Moses: "I am who I am." God's name reveals that God is self-existent, self-perpetuating life. The other names of God, found throughout the Bible, offer additional insight into who and what God is.
- ❖ The Seven "I AM" statements of Jesus



What is the Core Events of the New Testament?

New Covenant: Jesus Death and Resurrection is the core event of a new people who assembled around the Risen Lord. All the writings that are called the New Testament relate to the story of this event.

- **The Bible Reveals What GOD has done and is Doing**

- ❖ God, as a loving Creator, formed humans in his own image and gave them dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26).
- ❖ God responded to the wickedness of the world by sending the Flood to start civilization over through Noah and his family (Genesis 7:23).
- ❖ "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13)

- **The Bible Reveals What God Does**

- ❖ "I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself," God says in Isaiah 44:24. God made all that is. And God rules what he made.
- ❖ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

- **The Bible Reveals What God Will Do**

- ❖ Of our future, Jesus says: "Behold, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work (Revelation 22:12).
- ❖ Through Jesus, God is bringing children into his family. "Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children" (Revelation 21:7).

To Do List For Child:

Activity: In Your Own Words (Pages 23 -24)
Read: 1 Samuel Chapter 18

To Do List For Parents: Please ensure your child learns:

- **Books of the Bible (Old and New Testament)**

Bible Study: 1 Samuel 18

Saul is Jealous of David Answers

Saul's Anger

1. Who did Saul put David in charge of? the men of war
2. How did David act? wisely
3. What song did the women sing about David? Saul has killed thousands, but David has killed ten thousands!
4. How did Saul feel about the song? made him angry
5. What did David do to make Saul feel better? played the Lyre
But what did Saul do to David? threw his spear at him
6. How did Saul feel about David now? afraid of him
Why? Saul knew that God was with David
7. What title did Saul give David? Captain over 1,000 soldiers

Read 1 Samuel 18:14

How did David behave? (act, conduct himself)

he behaved wisely (levelheadedly) in everything he did

Was God with David? yes

8. How did the people feel about David? loved him
9. What was the dowry amounts for Michal? to kill 100 Philistines, but David killed 200 Philistines
10. How did Michal feel about David? she loved him

Saul is Jealous of David

Draw a line to the correct match.

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| David | 7 | 1 Saul's oldest daughter. |
| Women | 3 | 2 Was angry and threw a spear. |
| Lyre | 10 | 3 Sang praises about David. |
| Saul | 2 | 4 He was with David. |
| God | 4 | 5 Saul's army was always fighting them. |
| People | 8 | 6 David killed 200 Philistines for this. |
| Merab | 1 | 7 Behaved wisely. |
| Philistines | 5 | 8 They all loved David. |
| Michal | 9 | 9 David married Saul's second daughter. |
| Dowry | 6 | 10 David played this for Saul. |