

REVIEW

God reveals God in Tradition (Church) and Scripture. (See text p.30)

DV §11: “Therefore since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into the sacred writings for the sake of our salvation.”

DV §12: “God speaks in sacred scripture through men in human fashion... the interpreter must investigate what meaning the sacred writer intended to express...in particular circumstances by using contemporary literary forms in accordance with the situation of his own time and culture” including historical, prophetic, poetic, or other forms of discourse.

Difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles

Septuagint was the Greek translation used after the conquest of Alexander the Great. It was the scripture used by Jesus.

Sirach, Wisdom, 1st & 2nd Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, Baruch, parts of Daniel and Esther.

Catholic Bible translated into Latin by St. Jerome in late 300's A.D. This version was made official in 1546 by Council of Trent. Called Vulgate, or people's Bible.

See also NCAB N-1.

Old Testament Chronology

SALVATION HISTORY

OT Stories of the Hebrew/Jewish people of what was going on in their lives and where God was in all of it.

Creation stories from Genesis. Truth:

Noah Genesis 6-9 (OT 18-21) Truth:

Abraham & Sarah Genesis 12 (OT 24) Father of our faith.

Genesis 12: 1-3 (OT 24) Covenant

Genesis 14: 17-20 Tithing

Genesis 15: 3-6 (OT 27) Abram and Sarai childless

Genesis 16 (OT 27) Sarai's maidservant, Hagar, gives birth to Ishmael.

Genesis 17: 5-8 (OT 28) Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah.

Genesis 18 (OT 29) Visited by three "men."

Genesis 21 (OT 32) Birth of Isaac.

Genesis 22: 1-18 (OT 34) Abraham tested. Isaac to be sacrificed in Moriah (the high place where Jerusalem would come to be).

Abraham is considered the "Father of our faith."

Isaac and Rebekah - Gen 24 (OT 35)

Esau and Jacob - Genesis 25 (OT 38)

Jacob had 12 sons. Jacob renamed Israel, Genesis 32:23-31 (OT 48). Twelve tribes.

Joseph - Genesis 37-50 (OT 53)

Moses - Exodus 2 (OT 70)

Exodus 2: 23- 3:15 (OT 71-72) Burning bush.

Passover (to protect the Hebrew firstborn boys) described Exodus 12: 1-13. (OT 81).

In Hebrew, Passover = Paschal, "zebah Pesah";
lit. "sacrifice of exemption".

The number 40 represents a generation or a long time of trial.

Joshua leads the Israelites into Canaan-Joshua 1 (OT 226)

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

1. Where is an example of trust in God in these few stories?
2. Where is an example of lack of trust in God in these stories?
3. Consider the pattern, TRUST then LACK OF TRUST. Does that cycle appear in more personal situations?
4. Think of the story of Moses, then consider this poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning:
"Earth is crammed with heaven;
Every common bush aflame with God.
He who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest stand around eating berries."
5. Are you seeing moments of God in your everyday life?