

God's Family Plan

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The Bible Library

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Gospels (4): Matt, Mark, Luke, John
ACTS of Apostles (1): ACTS
Letters (21): Rom, 1 Cor, 2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1 Thes, 2 Thes, 1 Tim, 2 Tim, Titus, Heb, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

To discover *sacred authors' intention*, must consider:

- Conditions of their time and culture
- Literary genres in use at that time
- Modes of feeling, speaking, and narrating at that time
- *Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written*
- Study from *pastoral/practical approach* **BUT**
- **Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the WHOLE Scripture"**
- **Scripture is a UNITY by reason of the unity of God's Plan with Christ as the center**

Senses of Scripture

- Literal:** What does it say in and of itself? (Temple of Jerusalem)
(Leads to Spiritual Senses)
- Spiritual:** What is the deeper meaning?
 - Allegorical: How does it connect to Jesus? (Jesus is the Temple)
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 - Anagogical: how does it connect to the eternal grand scheme of things? (One day we will fully enter the heavenly Jerusalem)

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- Sons of Korah** (Psalms)
- Heman** (Psalms)
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- Jude** (Jude)

Understanding the Bible

It can be **B O R I N G!**

- Bible is **NOT a book; it is Library** of 73 books (Catholic) and 66 for Protestants)
- Not sequential; need to know where they fit in
- Not a *science book*;
- Need to understand difference between styles of writing, when they were written and what they were trying to convey
- Not so much HOW it was done but WHY it happened

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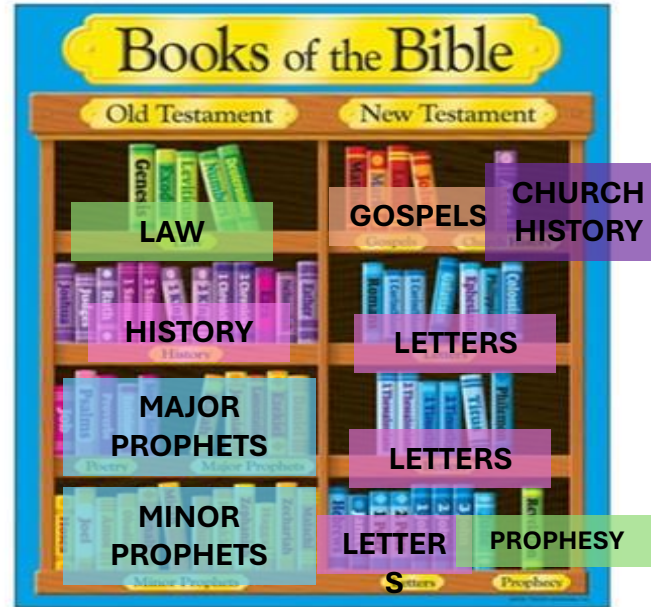
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Revelation (1): Revelations



Bible study NOT about watching video or reading a Bible commentary; it is just as important to immerse yourself in the Word of God itself AND *engage it with your heart and mind.*

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12	WHITE	The Church	ACTS	AD 33 +	1988 YRS	

OLD TESTAMENT

GOD as Creator

(Intimate Friend for a few)

DIVINITY of God

LOVE ME, TRUST ME.

Man **SEES** GLORY of GOD

One Holy Couple

Adam/Eve

One Holy Family

Noah

One Holy Tribe

Abraham

One Holy Nation

Moses

One Holy Kingdom

David

One Holy Catholic Church

Jesus

NEW TESTAMENT

GOD as Son (Leader, Intimate Friend for ALL)

WORD of God

LOVE ME, TRUST ME, TALK to ME face-to-face, HEAR ME, SEE ME, TOUCH ME, BE with ME!

Man **TOUCHES** Face of GOD

GOD as Spirit

(Gift Bearer, Life Giver, Intimate Friend for ALL)

SPIRIT of God

LOVE ME, TRUST ME, RECEIVE ME.

Man **BECOMES** sons and daughters of God

1000 yrs.

1000 yrs.

1000 yrs.

1000 yrs.

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33 yrs.

2000+yrs.

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PEOPLE: What is your **NAME?**

We want to : **HEAR You, SEE You (Face-to-face), TOUCH You**

PEOPLE: What is your **NAME?**

Let us: **HEAR You, SEE You, TOUCH You (Face-to-face)**

JESUS: HIS NAME is **FATHER!**

SEE Me, See Him (Face-to-face); HEAR Me, Hear His WORD; Know Me, Know Him by smell, touch, taste (Mass, Eucharist)

Senses of the Bible (CCC Article 3: SACRED SCRIPTURE Part III: #115 – 117)

www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/upload/viviano-senses-scripture.pdf (USCCB)

LITERAL SENSE: (Speaks of DEEDS)

What is the *plain meaning* conveyed by its grammatical construction and historical context? The *literal* meaning corresponds to the intention of the authors. All other *SENSES* of Sacred Scripture are

SPIRITUAL SENSE: Three categories

- **ALLEGORICAL** Sense: (Speaks to FAITH) How does this relate to JESUS?
- **MORAL** Sense: (Speaks to how we should live/act) How does this relate to ME?
- **ANAGOGICAL** Sense: (Speaks to our DESTINY) How does this relate to the FUTURE?

HUMAN WILL (MAN)

DIVINE WILL (GOD)

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PRAYER OF SURRENDER St. Ignatius of Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Those hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is thine; dispose it wholly according to they will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.