

**What Vatican II Really Said about the Bible:  
Studying the Word of God from the Heart of the Church  
Week 2 | Sacred Scripture**

1. *Dei Verbum* Chapter III: Sacred Scripture, Its Divine Inspiration and Interpretation
  - a. *DV* 11
    - i. Was the Bible written by God or by humans?
    - ii. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
    - iii. What does it mean for Scripture to be without error?
  - b. *DV* 12: Rules for interpreting Scripture
    - i. Be attentive to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture.
    - ii. Read the Scripture within the living Tradition of the whole Church.
    - iii. Be attentive to the analogy of faith: the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.
  - c. *DV* 13: How is the dual authorship of Scripture similar to the dual natures of Christ?
2. *Dei Verbum* Chapter IV: The Old Testament
  - a. *DV* 14-15: Is the Old Testament relevant for Christians? Why or why not?
  - b. *DV* 16: How is Christ the key to understanding the Old Testament in addition to the New Testament?
3. *Dei Verbum* Chapter V: The New Testament
  - a. *DV* 18: Why does the four-fold Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) hold a preeminent place in Scripture, even among the books of the New Testament?

- b. *DV 19*: How are we to understand the events narrated in the four Gospels? For example, are they metaphorical, mythical, or historically accurate?
4. *Dei Verbum* Chapter VI: Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church
- a. *DV 21*: What level of reverence is appropriate for sacred Scripture?
  - b. *DV 22*: What are the names and languages of the two most important ancient translations of Scripture?
  - c. *DV 23*: What aspects of sacred Tradition can help illuminate sacred Scripture?
  - d. *DV 25*:
    - i. What instruction regarding Scripture does the Council give all the faithful and why?
    - ii. "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." (Saint Jerome)
    - iii. What should we do every time we read Scripture?
5. Suggested reading for Week 3
- a. Genesis 11:1-9
  - b. Genesis 17:1-22
  - c. Exodus 14:5-31
  - d. Leviticus 19:1-18
  - e. 1 Kings 11:1-13

# The Story of the People of God

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<b>Creation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Creation of heaven and earth (Genesis 1)</li><li>- <i>Covenant with Adam and Eve (Genesis 2)</i></li></ul>
<b>The Fall</b>	Genesis 3
<b>Redemption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Covenant with Noah's family (Genesis 9)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with Abraham's clan (Genesis 15, 17, 22)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with the nation of Israel (Exodus 24, Deuteronomy 29)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with the Davidic kingdom (2 Samuel 7)</i></li><li>- Divided kingdom (Beginning in 1 Kings 12)</li><li>- Exile (Beginning in 2 Kings 17)</li><li>- Return (Ezra, Nehemiah)</li><li>- Maccabean revolt (1 Maccabees)</li><li>- Messianic fulfillment (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)</li><li>- <i>Covenant with the universal (catholic) Church (Acts of the Apostles)</i></li><li>- <b>What part will you play in the story of the People of God?</b></li></ul>
<b>Christ's Second Coming at the End of Time</b>	Revelation

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