

What Vatican II Really Said about the Bible:
Studying the Word of God from the Heart of the Church
6 | The Four Senses of Scripture

1. Review *Dei Verbum* 12

- a. Content and unity of the whole of Scripture
- b. Living Tradition of the whole Church
- c. Coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation

2. Literal sense of Scripture

- a. Meaning the author intended to convey
- b. All other senses based on the literal sense
- c. Isaiah 5:1-7**

3. Spiritual senses (allegorical, moral, eschatological)

4. Allegorical (typological) sense

- a. Understanding all Scripture in light of Christ
- b. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- c. Allegorical reading of Isaiah 5:1-7

5. Moral sense

- a. Instruction for right living
- b. 1 Corinthians 10:6-11
- c. Moral reading of Isaiah 5:1-7

6. Eschatological (anagogical) sense

- a. Understanding Scripture and our lived experience in terms of our final end, the Church as the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22)
- b. Eschatological reading of Isaiah 5:1-7

7. Song of Songs 4:1-16