

## Congregation Beth El of Manhattan • Membership Classes

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### **Bibliology** (The Doctrine of Revelation) [General & Special]).

#### I. G-d's simultaneous

- A. incomprehensibility
- B. knowability
- C. facts about the Person
- D. personal (subjective) experience of the Person

II. G-d is the source of ALL knowledge (revelation) about Himself. He cannot be found by man through man's efforts independent of willing participation by G-d Himself. (Ps. 32:6, John 6:44)

#### III. General Revelation:

- A. Psalm 19, Romans 1:16ff: available to all mankind equally. The conscience.
- B. Implications of the above: moralistic & eschatologic (Romans 1:18ff espec.)

#### IV. Special Revelation (Extra-Biblical):

- A. Several Tools & Devices (Ryrie pp.63ff)
- B. Every person's time of visitation. Ps. 32:6, Luke 19:44  
(*alayad* - Matt.3:2, 4:17, 10:7, Mark 1:15 ) - within reach

#### V. The Scriptures

##### A . Autopistic View

- 1. Gen. 1:1 - no argument offered at intro.
- 2. Downside: [intellectual in-breeding produces the 6,000 year non-dilemma.]
- 3. Misapplication of "Special & General Revelation"

##### B. Axiopistic View

- 1. Deut 18: 21ff - (empirical proofs offered in specific response to the question, "How?")
- 2. Pattern throughout Scriptures of G-d offering proof before requiring obedience.  
John 20:24 (Thomas), Isaiah 7:10-11, Judges 7:10-15 (Gideon)

#### VI. Axiopistic Information

- A. The framework: Deut 18:, Zech 1:6, Luke 16:31 Moses & Prophets
- B. Examples: Isa 7 (Efraim's fall); Isa 44-45 Cyrus; Jer 29:11 (70 years in Babylon); Isa 11 (the second recovery of the Jewish nation from exile); Daniel 11 - Walvoord's exegesis.
- C. Science: Acts 17:26 (one blood), Isa. 40:22 circle of the earth (Columbus) , stretches out the heavens ... and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in (Hubbel & Red Shift), Job 22:14 circuit of heaven ("warp": i.e.;space curvature); etc.

#### VII. Practical Applications and Implications

- Deut 6:4 - Hear (obey) O Israel! **The L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One.**
- Ps. 96:5 - For **all the gods of the nations** are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
- Egypt as a type of G-d's loving dealing with the entire planet. Exod. 7:5 "Then they will know ..."  
compare with Ezek 36 & 36 expressions vis a vis Islam, etc.
- G-d revealed Himself to Egypt as morally indignant due to sin. (re: Gen'l Revelation)