

The Church is guided by the Holy Spirit in both revealed Scripture and in Church Tradition. *Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture then, are bound closely together... Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age."* CCC 80

THE BIBLE (Catholic and other Christian Editions)

From oral tradition to printed text, the compilation of Holy Scripture has always been the trust and tradition of the worshipping community.

The unity of the two Testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and Revelation. The Old Testaments prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are the true Word of God. CCC 140

THE OLD TESTAMENT: OVERVIEW

Five different covenantal relationships (with Adam & Eve, Noah & his family, the tribe of Abraham, Moses & the people of Israel in captivity, and the Kingdom of Israel, led by King David) frame the story of God's faithfulness to God's people.

The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked. CCC 121

THE OLD TESTAMENT—THE PENTATEUCH

The first five books of the Bible, "the law" are called the blueprint, or the standard by which the rest of sacred writing is interpreted. The Torah, the "teaching," contains the basic core of the Jewish faith.

The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were but a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord in redeeming humankind and giving perfect glory to God. CCC 1067

THE OLD TESTAMENT—PROPHETIC BOOKS

The Old Testament prophets continually called Israel back to fidelity to Yahweh; they proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God, who will come to redeem the world.

"The economy of the Old Testament was deliberately so oriented that it should prepare for and declare in prophecy the coming of Christ, redeemer of all." CCC 122

THE NEW TESTAMENT—CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: MARK

The Gospel of Mark was written primarily for the Gentile Christians in Rome who were suffering persecution. He portrays Jesus as the Suffering Servant.

The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior." CCC 125

THE NEW TESTAMENT—CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: MATTHEW

Matthew's profile of Jesus as Teacher was influenced by the fact that he wrote primarily for the Jews, showing how Jesus brought the teachings of Moses to fulfillment.

The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures' "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior." CCC 125

THE NEW TESTAMENT—CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: LUKE

Luke's profile of Jesus as a compassionate Messiah was influenced by the fact that he wrote for the Gentiles, especially for the poor and outcasts of society.

The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior." CCC 125

THE NEW TESTAMENT—CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: JOHN