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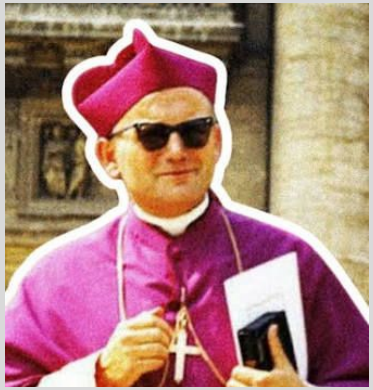
October 22, 2026

Announcements

1) Next Class is Oct. 29
2) Get those forms in ASAP- Due December 17
3) Continue to pray and develop your prayer life







St. Pope John Paul II

Feast Day: October 22

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for planting the gift of faith in our hearts. We lift up to you all those in the OCIA process. Strengthen their faith and open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Help them to persevere through any difficulties and bless them with the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they learn to walk with You day by day. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

- The Torah
- The Historical Books

“The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful. . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. *Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.*” St Jerome

DB p. 14

CCC para. 133

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

Goals

- BIG PICTURE
- ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation
- IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

Recap What We've Covered

- Desire for God
- Faith and Reason
- Revelation
- Mystery
- Genesis & Exodus

DB p. 79

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

BIG PICTURE

- Divine Pedagogy – GOD has a plan and He's executing it

"The divine plan of Revelation … involves a specific divine pedagogy: God communicates himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ." (CCC 53)

DB p. 78

CCC para. 53, 122, 684, 708, 1145, 1610, 1950, 1964

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- Bible ≡ Gk., “biblia,” collection of books or library

“But I would not believe in the Gospel, had not the authority of the Catholic Church already moved me.”

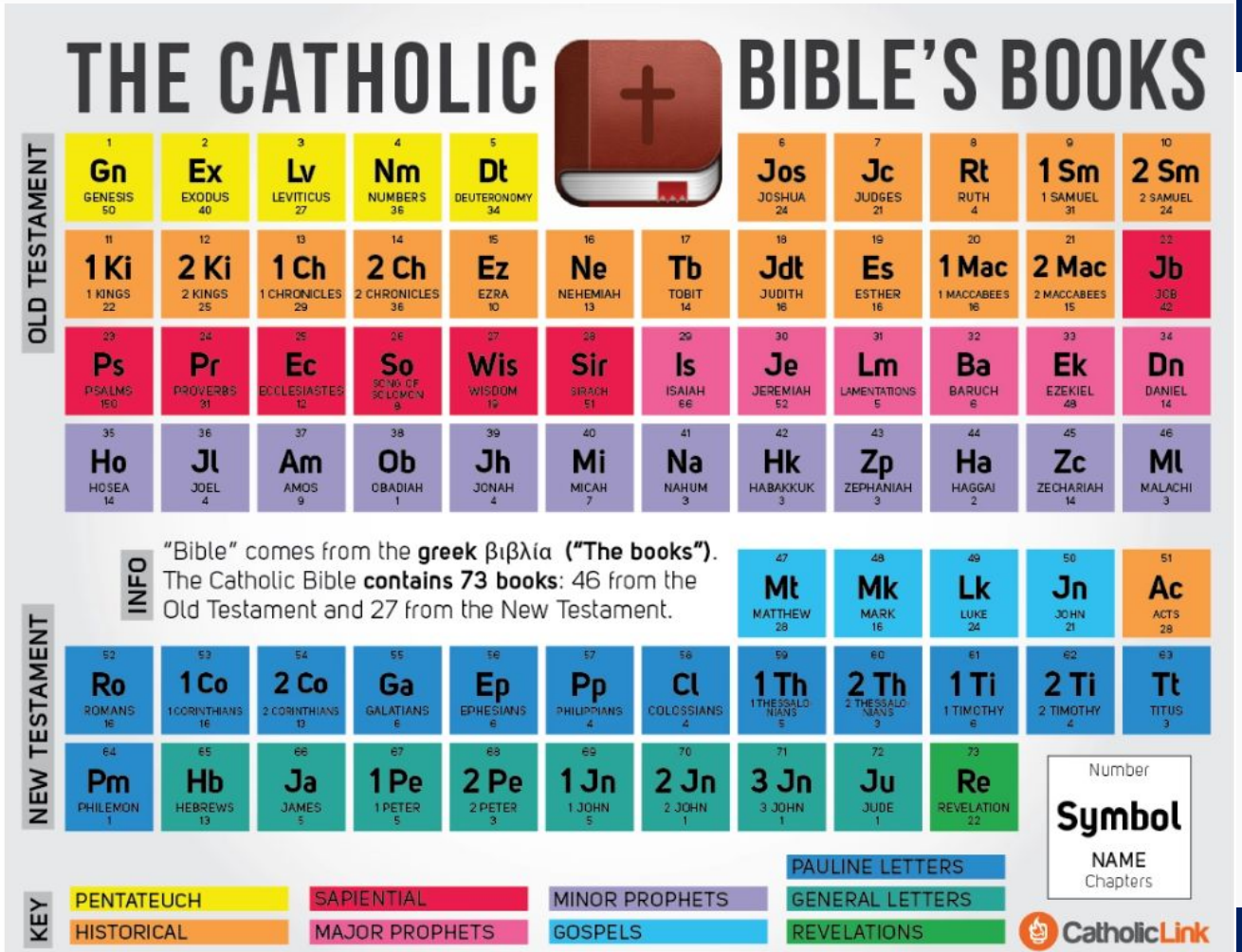
-- St Augustine

DB p. 15

CCC para. 119

HAND OUT

AMDG



DB pp. xix-xx and pp.xxv-xxvi

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"For the Greater Glory of God!"

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- Purpose of the OT and the New Testament (NT)

“The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New” – St Augustine

DB p.46, 110, 272 (273)

CCC para. 121-123, 129

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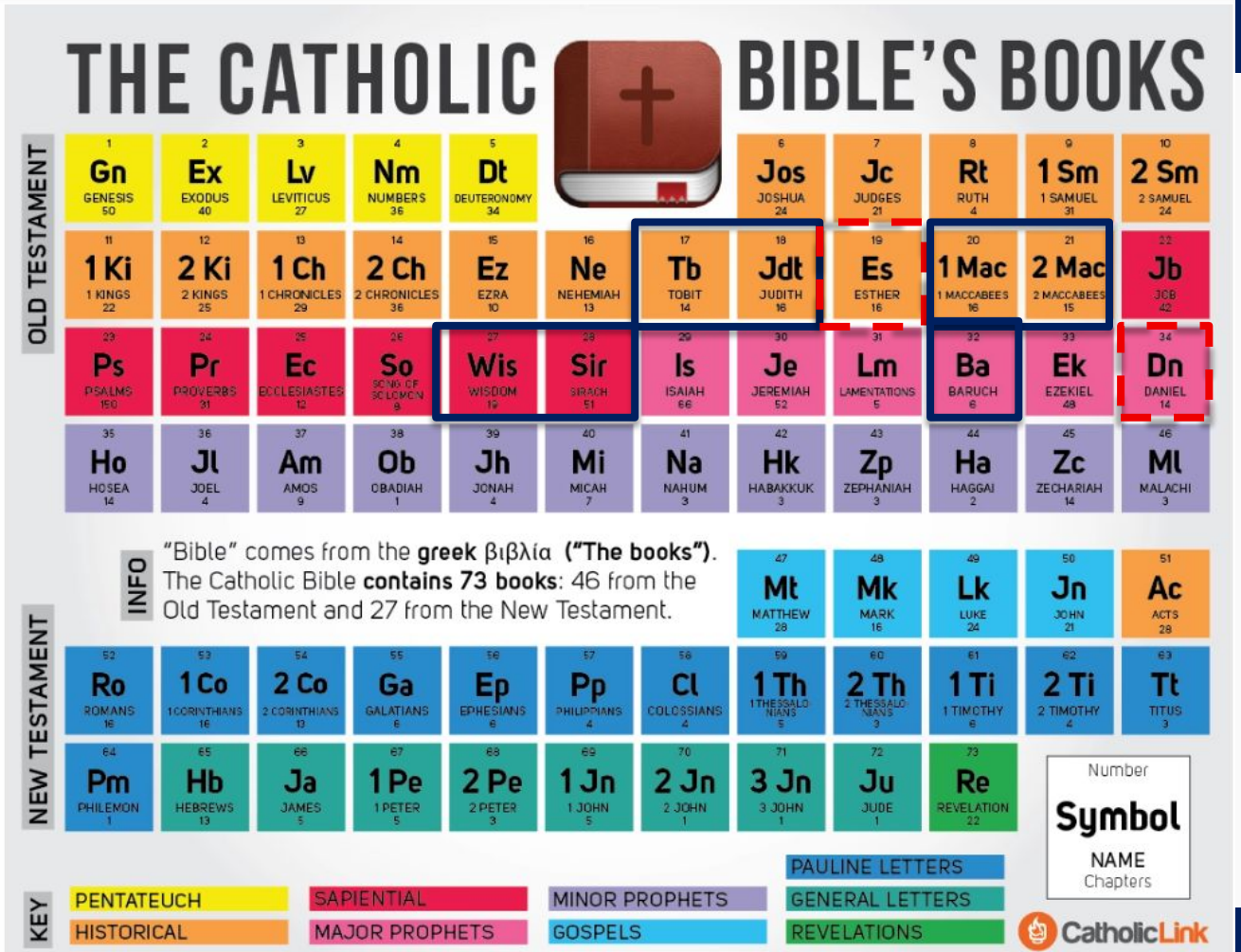
ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- Canon of Scripture

“It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of the sacred books. This complete list is called the canon of Scripture.” (CCC 120)

DB pp. 111, 984, 1741, 1750,1816

CCC para. 120



Protestant and Jewish Bibles don't have this book

Protestant and Jewish Bibles have shorter versions of this book

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Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- Scripture is in ***EVERY*** Liturgy
- Scripture is rooted in Christ – to foretell Him, to present Him
- Scripture is a unity, Old and New Testaments

"The Church, as early as apostolic times, … has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments …, [discerning] in God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son." (CCC 128)

DB pp. 888, 1178

CCC para. 101-108, 120-141, 228

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- Four senses of Scripture
  - Literal
  - Spiritual – Allegorical, Moral, Anagogical
- The Holy Spirit interprets all Scripture AND guides the Church's interpretation

CCC para. 109-119

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People Outside the Promised Land
- Pentateuch, or TORAH

DB p. 1, 63, 113, 148, 195

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- Before the Kingdom – Joshua, Judges; Ruth

DB pp. 238, 265, 292

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- The Kingdom – 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-13

DB pp. 297, 361

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- The Divided Kingdoms of Judah and Israel – 1 Kings 14-25, 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles

DB pp. 361, 430

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- The Fallen Kingdom – Tobit, Esther, Judith

DB pp. 527, 541, 558

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- The Vassal State – Ezra, Nehemiah

DB p. 499

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

ROUGH IDEA of the OT foundation

- The People in the Promised Land
- The Vassal State Seeks God's Glory – 1 & 2 Maccabees

DB pp. 1195, 1230

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: How to **Study** the Bible
  - DB p.1739 – Bible dictionary (glossary)
  - DB p.1783 – Maps
  - DB p.1784 – Apologetical list of topic
  - DB p.1796 – Concordance

DB pp. xi-xii; example p.113

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: How to **Pray** the Bible

“And such is the force and power of the Word of God that it can serve the Church as her support and vigor, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life.” (CCC 131)

CCC para. 131-133

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: How to **Read** the Bible

DB p. 47

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: The Calendar as Bible Study Tool
  - Annually
  - Sunday readings on a Three-Year cycle
  - Daily readings on a Two-Year cycle

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: The Calendar as Bible Study Tool
  - Seasonally
  - Liturgical seasons: Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time
  - Daily readings specific to each day

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Follow-up this lecture: The Calendar as Bible Study Tool
  - Preparing for Mass weekly or daily
  - Preview that day's readings
  - Preview the Mass prayers

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

IMPLANT DESIRE to learn more of the OT

- Your hand-outs – are outstanding!

Salvation History in the Old Testament (OT)

QUESTIONS for Discussion

1. In reading the Bible, what do you enjoy or dislike?
2. How does understanding the different senses for interpreting scripture impact your understanding or perception of the Bible?
3. Why is it important to understand the OT as Catholics?
4. What did you learn about the OT tonight?
5. What are the differences in reading, studying, and praying the Scriptures?
6. How will you approach the OT after tonight?
7. Will your relationship with Christ improve or degrade by praying, learning, and studying the OT?