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# REVELATION MATTERS

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## Psalm 19

*TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

<sup>7</sup> *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

**Special Revelation** is God's self-disclosure in \_\_\_\_\_ history through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ whereby He makes Himself and His truth known at specific \_\_\_\_\_ and to specific \_\_\_\_\_.

*“General revelation communicates the reality and majesty of the Creator, but supernatural revelation brings to light the evidence of his faithfulness and righteousness and reveals his plans and purposes for our lives. General revelation can give us a God, a Creator and due to our sin, a Judge, but knowing God as a Savior only comes through Special Revelation. It is in special revelation that God speaks directly, differently, and far more specifically about who he is and what he has done in redemptive history.”*

– Keith Mathison

*Hebrews 1:1 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*



- **God's Word has been communicated** \_\_\_\_\_.
- The communication of God's Word in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Genesis 9:17
- Genesis 35:1
- Exodus 3:14
- Deut. 5:22-24



- **God Word has been communicated** \_\_\_\_\_
- **In** \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ representations of supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ that God impressed directly upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the recipients.
- **In** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ supernatural realities not \_\_\_\_\_ present.
- **In** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ manifestations of the \_\_\_\_\_ God.



- **God Word has been communicated** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ that takes place through God's \_\_\_\_\_ acts in history that "people may know."
- That they may know that there \_\_\_\_\_ our God. (Ex. 8:10)
- That they may know that \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the earth. (Ex. 8:22)
- That they may know that there is none like me in \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 9:14)
- That they may know that \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 9:29)
- That they may know that \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 10:2)

*Deuteronomy 4:32-39 (ESV)*

<sup>32</sup> “For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. <sup>33</sup> Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? <sup>34</sup> Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup> To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. <sup>36</sup> Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. <sup>37</sup> And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, <sup>38</sup> driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, <sup>39</sup> know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

*Hebrews 2:3-4 (ESV)*

<sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

*1 John 4:1-6 (ESV)* <sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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- God Word has been communicated \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)* <sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

- Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ mode of revelation.

*John 1:1-5 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*John 1:14 (ESV)*

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 14:7-9 (ESV)*

<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

*2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)*

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*In the incarnate Lord, all other modes of divine revelation reach their richest fulfillment. Christ’s every word is the word of God. He reveals God with every ordinary act of love and every extraordinary miracle. Though clothed in humility as he walks in Galilee and Jerusalem, Christ is the greatest theophany ever known. Warfield wrote, “The theophanies are but faint shadows in comparison with His manifestation of God in the flesh.” Christ’s transfiguration with Moses and Elijah before the apostles Peter, James, and John is considered a vision. His second coming will transcend all miracles and visions, and will show them to be mere sparkles of the supernatural glory that will dawn upon our fallen world.*

- Joel Beeke

Group Discussion:

- “So What?” What difference should it make that God has revealed himself not only generally, but specially, specifically, and supernaturally? How should that information lead us to transformation? What should be different in our lives as a result of special revelation?
- Remember, head, heart & hands. Discuss how this intellectual understanding (head) should change our belief & motivations (hearts) and as a result change how we live (hands).

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Takeaways:

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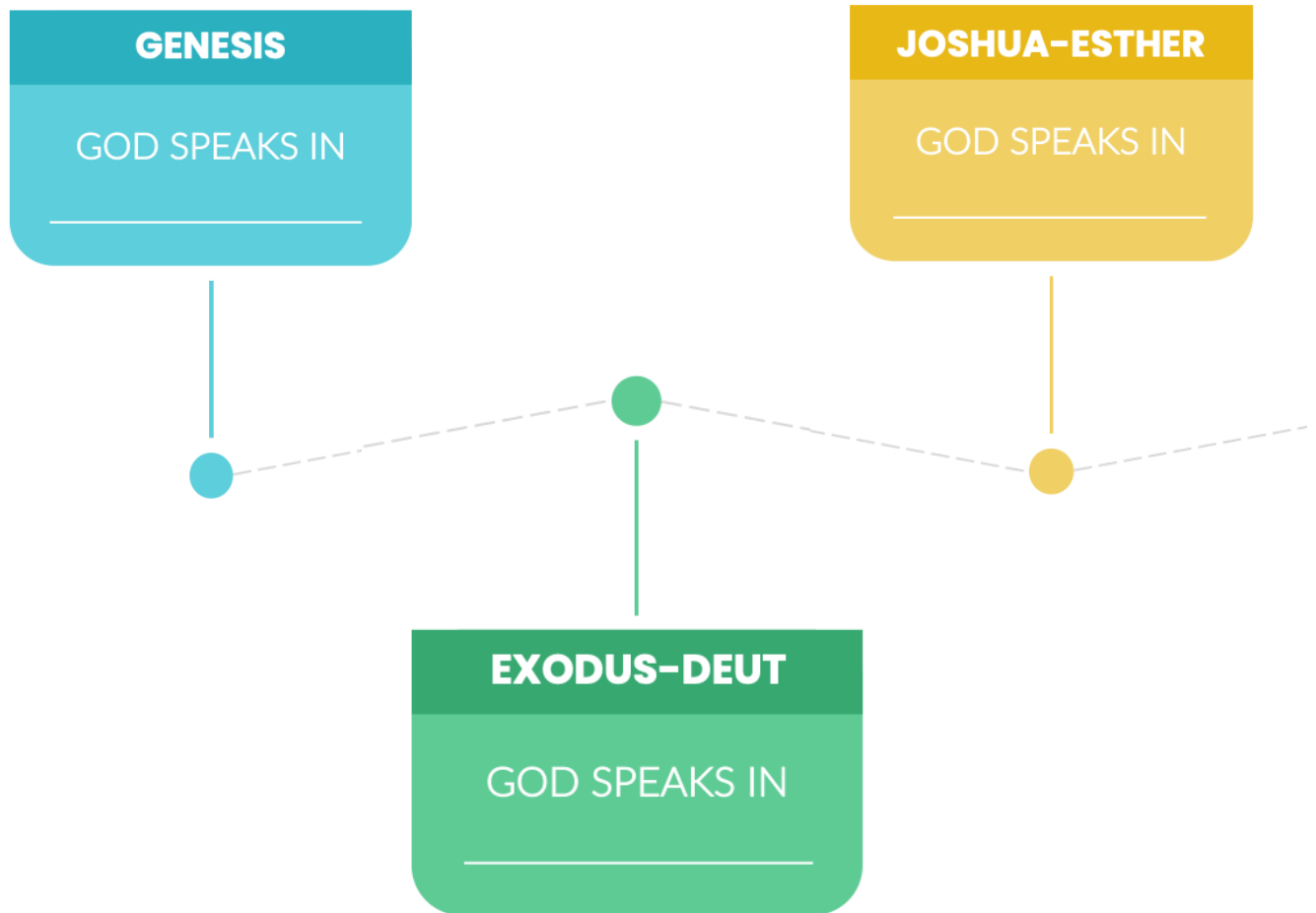
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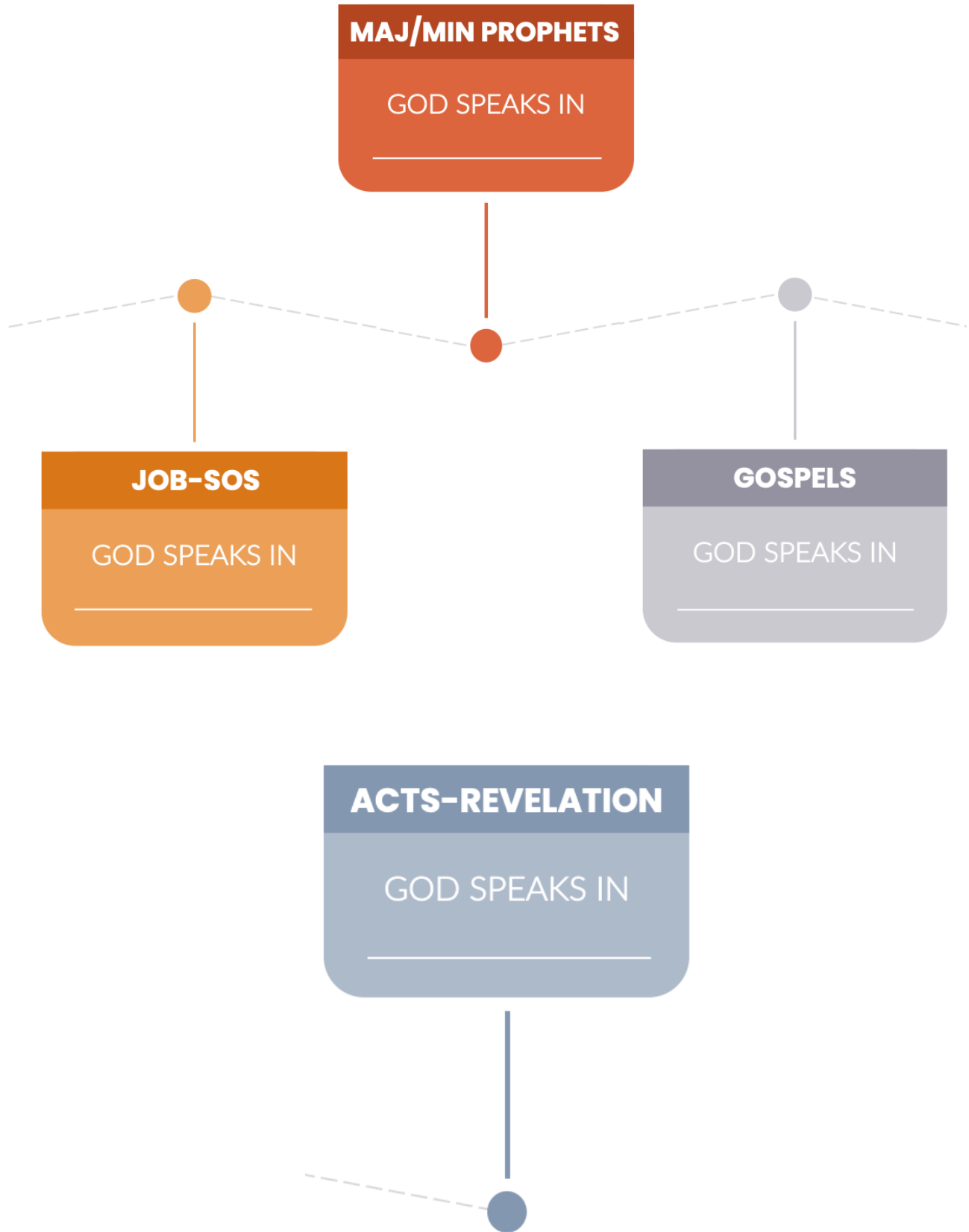
## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

*1 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)*

*<sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*



## PROGRESSIVE REVELATION



## 2023 Theology Matters Schedule

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**July**

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**August**

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**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**