

Study Guide: Revelation

To study the topic of Revelation, consult the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.**

1. Why does God reveal himself? In what ways does God make himself known through Revelation? (CCC 51-53)
2. What is the difference between "public" and "private" revelation? Which type has been closed? Which still continues?(CCC 66-67)
3. How did the apostles hand down the revelation of God in the Gospel? (CCC 76)
4. Define Tradition (with a capital T). How is it distinct from "traditions" (with a small t)? (CCC 78, 83)
5. What is the relationship between Tradition and Scripture? What do both together comprise? (CCC 80-82, 84)
6. In connection with revelation, what is the role of the "magisterium" (the teaching office of the Church)? What authority does it have relative to Scripture and Tradition? (CCC 85-87, 888-892)
7. What is a dogma? What role does it have for faith? (CCC 88-90)
8. What is the "sense of the faith" (sensus fidei), and under what conditions is it infallible? (CCC 91-93)

9. How much does the Church venerate the Bible? (CCC 103-104)

10. What does the Catholic Church teach about the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible? (CCC 105-107)

11. What are some of the principles for a valid interpretation of Scripture? What is the “analogy of faith” and why is it important for Bible reading? (CCC 109-114)

12. What are some of the “senses of Scripture” (meanings it may carry)? On which one are all other senses of Scripture based? (CCC 115-119)

13. Of the books listed in the Catholic canon of the Old Testament, which are not in Protestant Bibles? (CCC 120)

14. What is the role of the Old Testament in the life of the Christian? Has the Old Covenant been revoked? (CCC 121-123)

15. What is the role of the New Testament? What are the three stages the Catechism lists for the formation of the Gospels? (CCC 124-127)

16. What is *typology* and why is it important for the reading of Scripture? (CCC 128-130)

17. What is the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church? Does the Church forbid Catholics to read the Bible? (CCC 131-133)