

Doctrine of Revelation

Verbal: includes *information transfer* from God to man (Deut 30:11-14)

Personal: includes *personal interaction* between God and man (Ps 95:6-11)

Historical: intermittent so depends upon *historical memory* (Ex 12:24-27; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

Comprehensive: implications *span all of life* (Deut 12-26)

Prophetic: line of self-consistent prophets with a horizon to the end of history (Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Pet 1:10-12)

“What makes the history of Israelite prophecy *sui generis* is the succession of apostles of God that come to the people through the ages. Such a line of apostle-prophets is unknown to paganism. Not even those great souls that rose among the nations to found religions and teach the good way [e.g., Buddha, Zoroaster] are of a type with the prophets of Israel. . . .paganism does not know of a continuous, generations-long succession of prophets.”

Yehezkel Kaufmann, The Religion of Israel, p 212f

“The existence of such an order in Israel, forming a permanent channel of revelation was, of course, a signal mark of distinction between Israel and the other nations of antiquity.”

International Critical Commentary, Deuteronomy, p229.

“He [Judas Maccabeus after the conquest of the Temple Mount] chose blameless priests devoted to the Law, and they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place. They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt offerings which had been profaned. And they thought it best to tear it down lest it bring reproach upon them for the Gentiles had defiled it. So they tore down the altar and stored the stones in a convenient place on the temple hill until there should come a prophet to tell them what to do with them.”

1 Macc 4:42-46

“After the death of Judas, the lawless emerged in all parts of Israel. . . .They sought and searched for the friends of Judas, and brought them to Bacchides, and he took vengeance on them. . . .Thus there was great distress in Israel, such as had not been since the time the prophets ceased to appear among them.”

1 Macc 9:27

“And the Jews and their priests decided that Simon should be their leader and high priest for ever, until a trustworthy prophet should arise, and that he should be governor over them.”

1 Macc 14:41

Consistency
criterion: man's
thoughts can be
orderly *because*
God's plan is orderly

Correspondence criterion: man's
ideas can correspond with factual
reality outside his head *because*
both are part of a unified creation

