

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Prophets of God. Today's topic: REVELATION AND INSPIRATION (how God speaks to the human family).

1) General and Special Revelation

- a. What is general revelation? Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20
- b. Share a time you sensed the presence of our Creator God when spending time in nature.
- c. Is it possible for a person to reach out to God and be saved simply through general revelation, without receiving any special revelation through prophets of God? (Romans 2:14-16)
- d. How does the author of the Book of Hebrews describe special revelation? Hebrews 1:1-3
- e. If we can know about God through general revelation, why does God also provide special revelation regarding His character of love and His plan for our lives? (Psalm 119:105)

2) How special revelation works

- a. How did the Apostle John describe the process of special revelation he received on the Isle of Patmos? Revelation 1:1-2, 10-13
- b. What testimony did the LORD give to Aaron and Miriam about the process of special revelation? Numbers 12:6-8a
- c. In addition to visions and dreams, what were some other ways God provided special revelation to the human family? Exodus 3:1-6, Luke 1:26-28, John 1:14-18, etc.

- d. Why did God impress His prophets to write down the special revelations they received? (Revelation 1:19, John 20:30-31, 1 Corinthians 10:11, etc.)
- e. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, what bold claims did the Apostle Paul make about the Scriptures? 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- f. How was the prophet Moses able to write an accurate account of creation, an event that occurred thousands of years before he was born? (2 Peter 1:19-21)
- g. How were the Gospel writers able to write accurate accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus decades after the events had taken place? 1 John 1:1-3, Luke 1:1-3

3) The precious gift of the Holy Scriptures

- a. How did the Psalmist David describe the precious gift of the Holy Scriptures? Psalm 19:7-10
- b. How did the prophet Jeremiah describe the precious gift of the Holy Scriptures? Jeremiah 15:16
- c. When did you come to appreciate the precious gift of the Bible as a special revelation from God?
- d. What portion of the Holy Scriptures do you find especially meaningful?

