

REVELATION

Revelation names the divine initiative in which God freely communicates God's own self to humanity. It is not first of all human discovery, but God's gracious act of self-disclosure. In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, revelation refers to God's presence and saving action in the history of Israel, brought to its fullness in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

Revelation, therefore, is both historical and personal. God reveals not simply information about God, but God's own life, purpose, and saving will for humanity. This self-communication reaches its definitive expression in Jesus Christ, who is the fullness and completion of God's revelation.

The normative witness to this divine revelation is the Bible, which gives authoritative testimony to God's saving acts in history and to the definitive revelation of God in Christ.