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STAGES OF REVELATION  
ACTIVITY#2

In the beginning God makes himself known

The Covenant with Noah

God chooses Abraham

God forms his people Israel

God has said everything in his Word

There will be no further Revelation

The Magisterium of the Church

- God, who creates and conserves all things by his Word, provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities.
- He invited them to intimate communion with himself and clothed them with resplendent grace and justice.
- After our first parents' sin, God buoyed them up with the hope of salvation, by promising redemption
- Even though they sin God wishes to give eternal life to all those who seek salvation by patience in

- After the unity of the human race was shattered by sin God at once sought to save humanity
- The covenant with Noah after the flood gives expression to the principle of the divine economy toward the "nations"
- It is intended to limit the pride of fallen humanity united only in its perverse ambition to forge its own unity as at Babel
- But, because of sin, both polytheism and the idolatry of the nation and of its rulers constantly threaten this provisional economy with the perversion of paganism

- In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred and his father's house, that makes Abraham "The father of a multitude of nations".
- The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church.

- God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai
- God gave Moses his law so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God
- Israel is the priestly people of God, "called by the name of the LORD", and "the first to hear the word of God", the people of "elder brethren" in the faith of Abraham.
- God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts.

- "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."
- Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word

- "The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* (sense of the faithful) knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

- "The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone.
- This Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant.
- At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication and expounds it faithfully.