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PRAYER



WHAT WAS THE MOST EXCITING
THING YOU DID THIS SUMMER?









HOW MANY MILES?





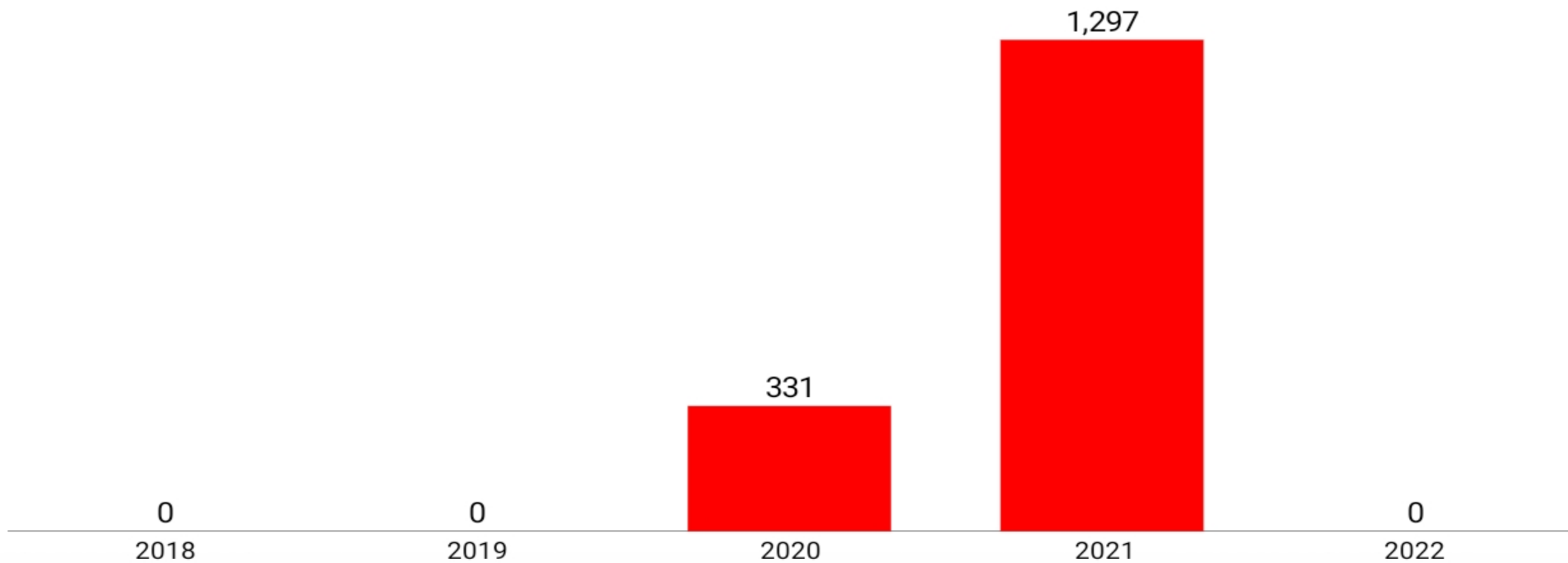
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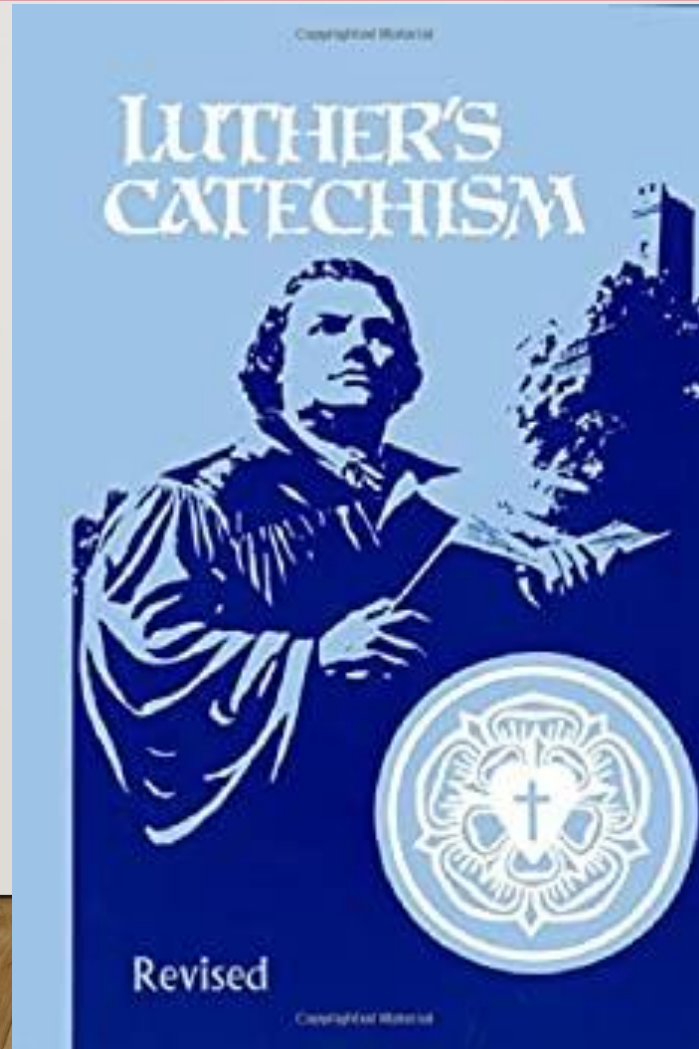
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THE CATECHISM



WHAT IS IT?

- A book of instruction in the form of questions, numbered Bible passages, and answers based on those passages.
- Example

WHO WROTE IT?

- Martin Luther (1483-1546)



WHY DID HE WRITE IT?

- So that parents could teach their children the basic truths of the Bible

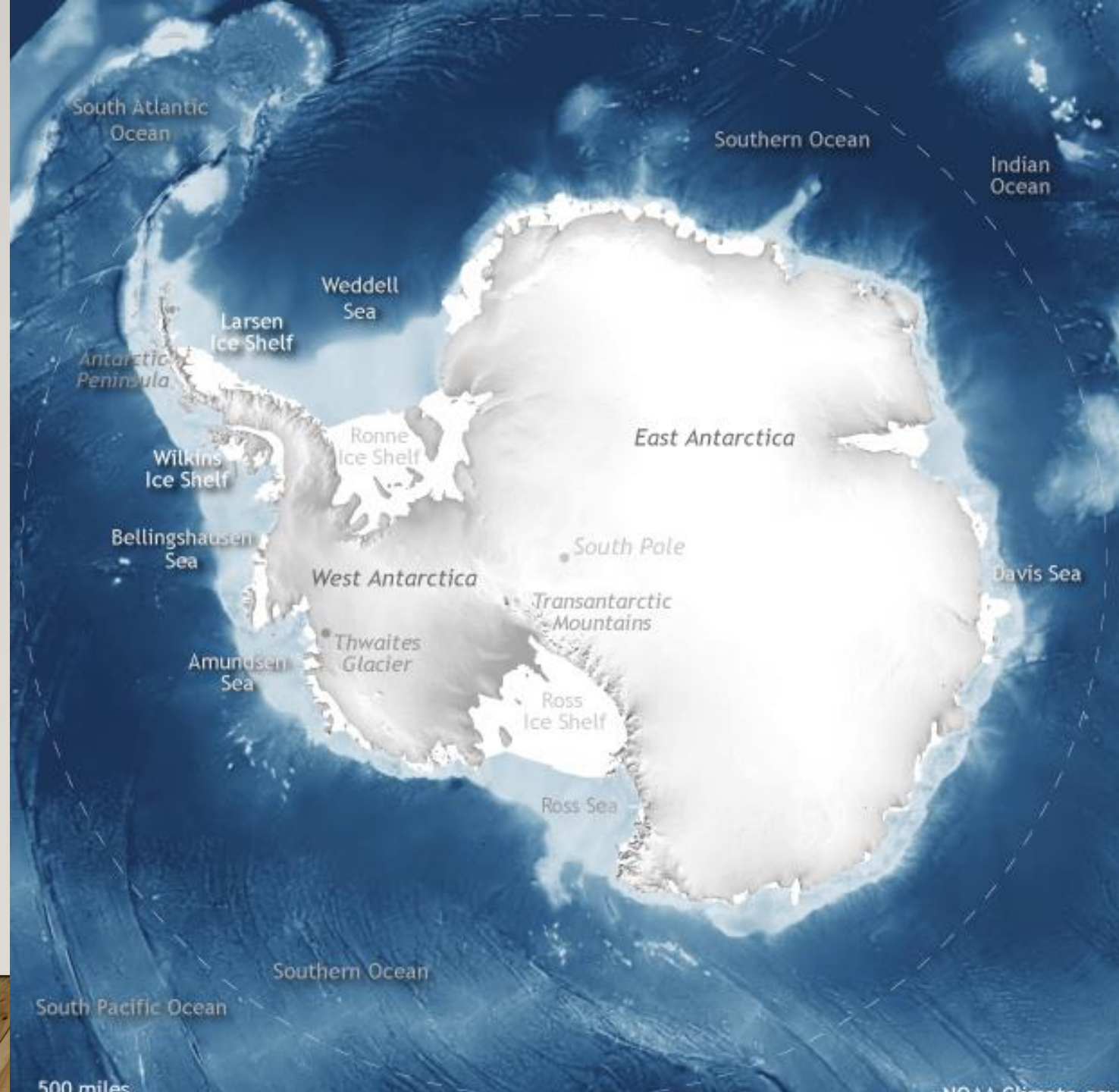
WE NEED THE BIBLE

CATECHISM QUESTIONS 1-8

WHY ARE YOU IN SCHOOL?









**HOW DO I
LEARN THINGS
ABOUT GOD?**

HOW CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Genesis 1:1

Hebrews 3:4



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Hebrews 3:4

a.) We can learn about God from the things that he has created (nature).



WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM...

...a beautiful sunset?





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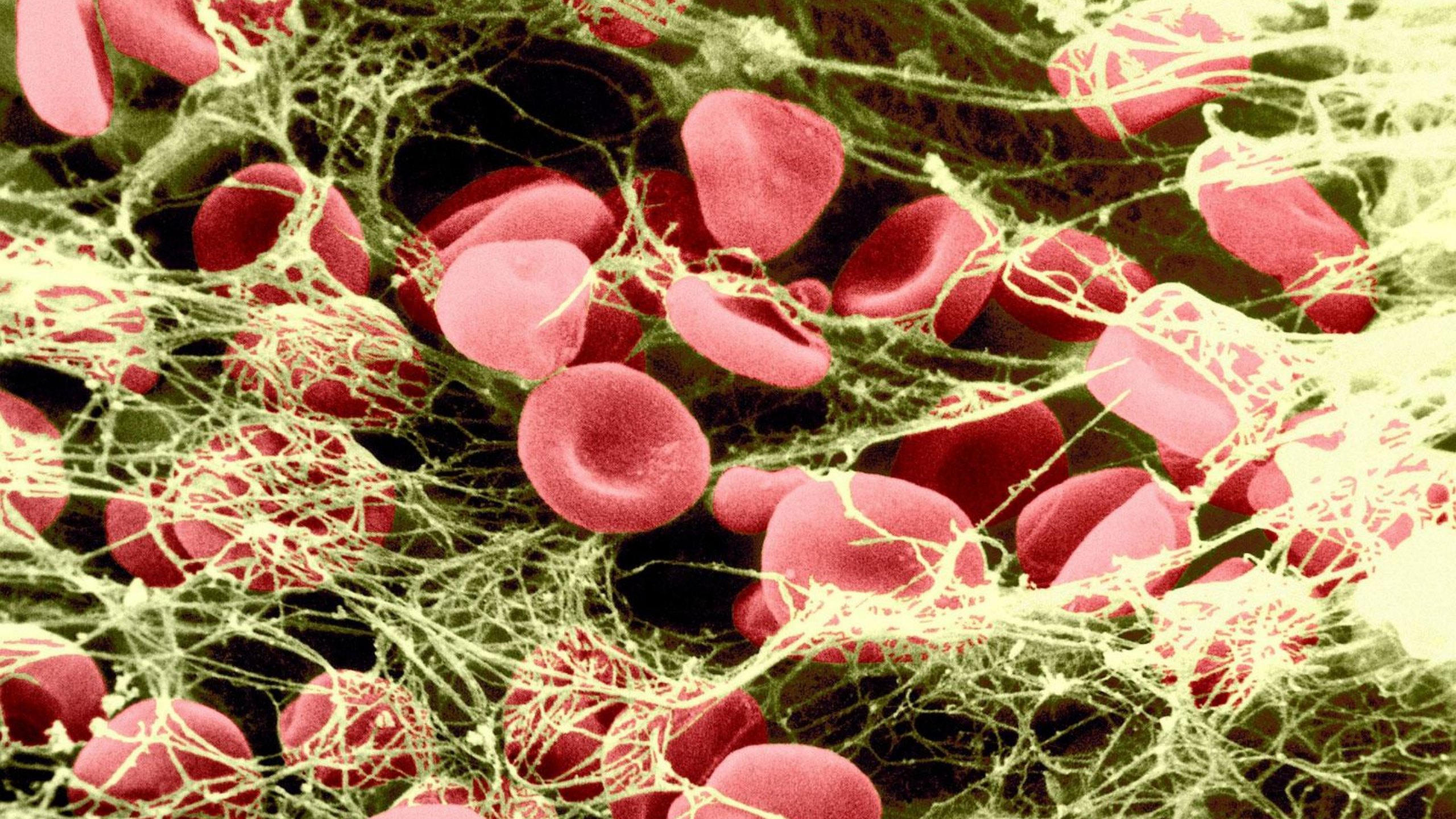
...a hurricane?



WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM...

...how our body heals from a cut?





FROM NATURE WE LEARN GOD IS...

- Divine / Magnificent
- Powerful
- Wise
- Kind / loving



HOW ELSE CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Romans 2:14-15



B.) CONSCIENCE: THE VOICE OF GOD'S LAW IN OUR HEARTS THAT CONVICTS US OF RIGHT AND WRONG



HOW ELSE CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Romans 2:14-15 • My conscience tells me that I deserve God's punishment for the wrong things that I do.



THE NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD:
WHAT A PERSON CAN KNOW ABOUT
GOD FROM OBSERVING NATURE AND
THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE



WHAT CAN WE NEVER LEARN FROM THE NATURAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

Acts 16:29,30

2 Timothy 3:15



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c.) Only the Bible tells me that
God has saved me.

(the revealed knowledge of God)

WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT?

Hebrews 1:1

Acts 3:18

2 Peter 3:2

John 20:31

- Prophets: men through whom God spoke and who foretold that the Savior was coming



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- Apostles: eyewitnesses and companions of Jesus whom he sent out to be his spokesmen after he was gone



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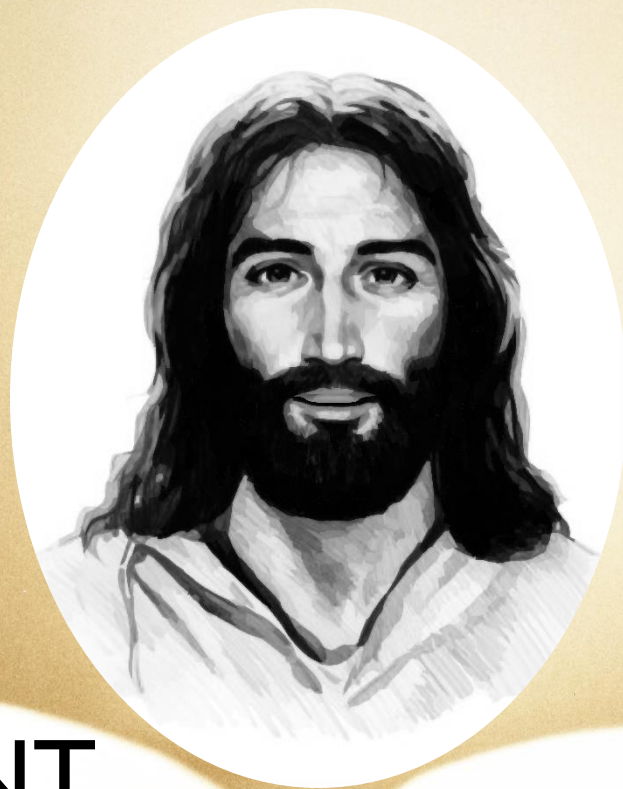
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a.) The Bible is mainly about
Jesus and his work of saving us.

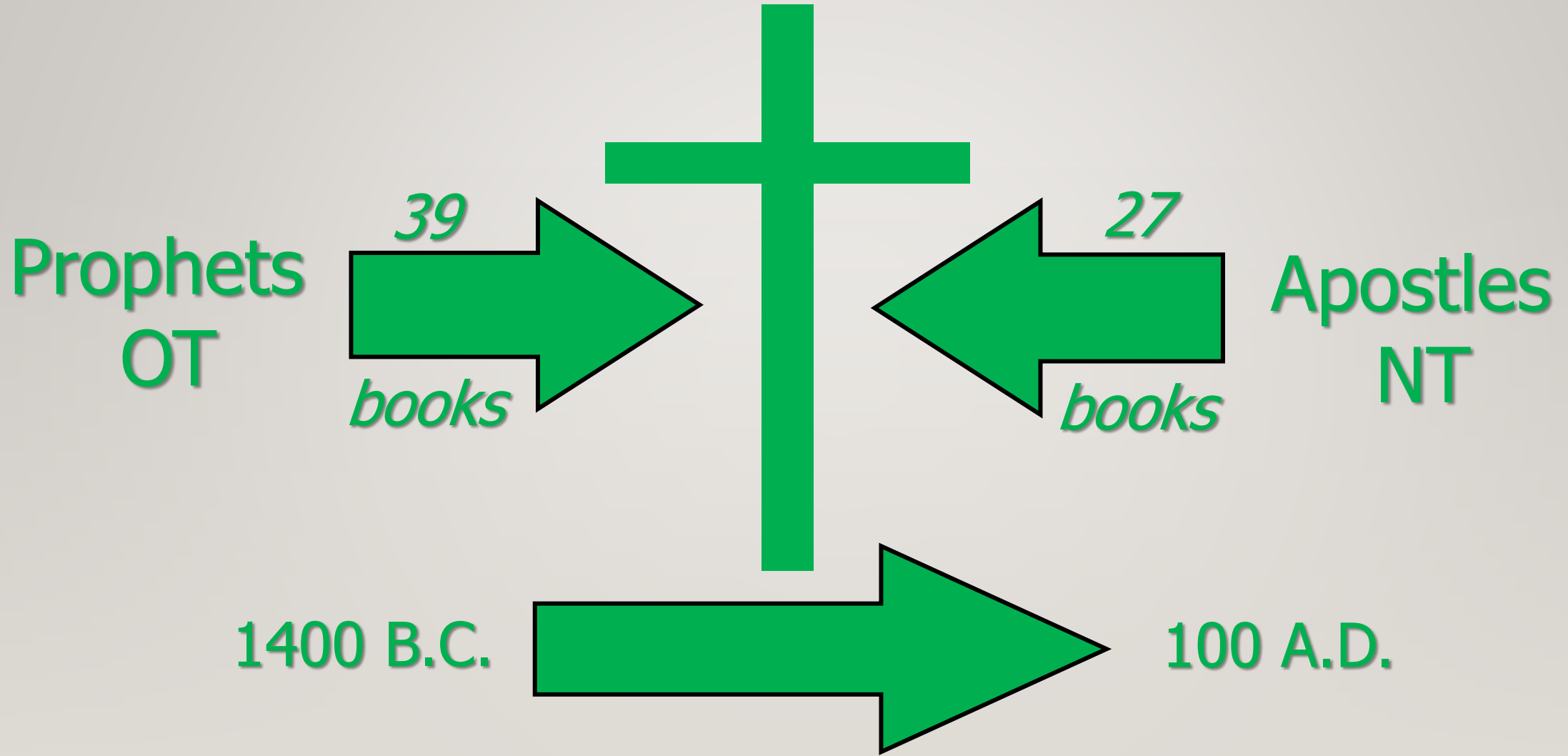




• OLD TESTAMENT

• NEW TESTAMENT

THE BIBLE OVERVIEW



OLD TESTAMENT WRITTEN IN HEBREW/ARAMAIC

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:



OLD TESTAMENT CONTAINS...

- Histories: tell how God guided and cared for his people
- Poetry: writers use word pictures to ponder what God has done
- Prophecy: revealing God's will and telling the future

NEW TESTAMENT WRITTEN IN GREEK

οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν
υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς
αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

NEW TESTAMENT CONTAINS...

- Histories: the life of Jesus and the spread of Christianity
- Letters (called Epistles): explaining the teachings of Jesus
- Prophecy: God had the Apostle John see a vision of the future until Judgment Day

NAVIGATING IN THE BIBLE

a.) The Bible is broken down into **book**, **chapter**, and verse.

Genesis **1**:2



Genesis

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was^a formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that

ning, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two

not do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "I will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream, I am standing on the bank of the Nile, and a flock of seven fat cows is grazing in the marshes, and a flock of seven thin cows is grazing in the marshes."

come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

³⁷The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. ³⁸So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom the Spirit of God is?"

b.) Headings on top of page tells you beginning and ending chapter and verse

c.) Occasionally there may be an explanatory footnote inserted by the editors*.

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was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on

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¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was eve-

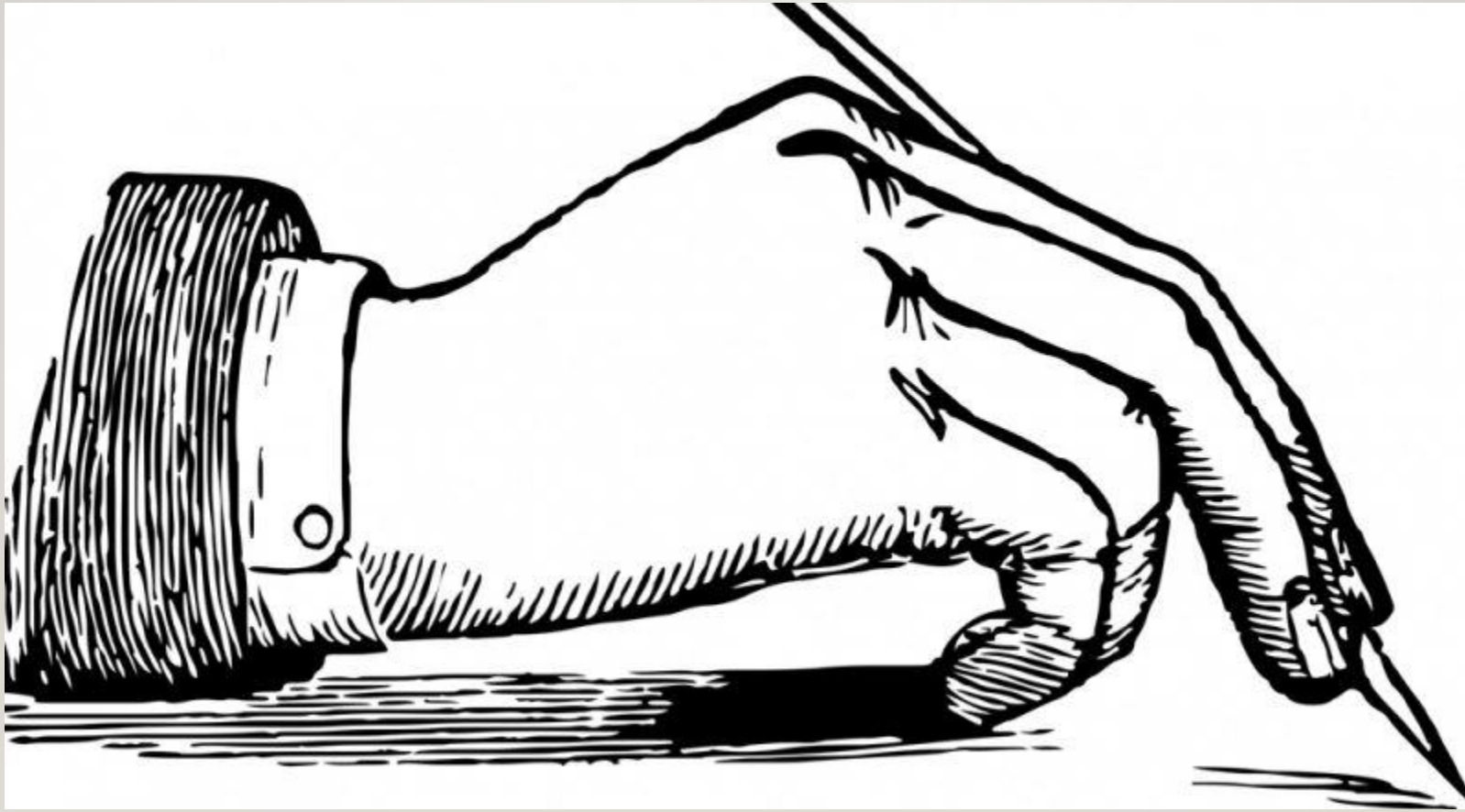
fruitful and increase in number, and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their

^{a2} Or possibly *became*

IT'S OK TO WRITE IN YOUR BIBLE!

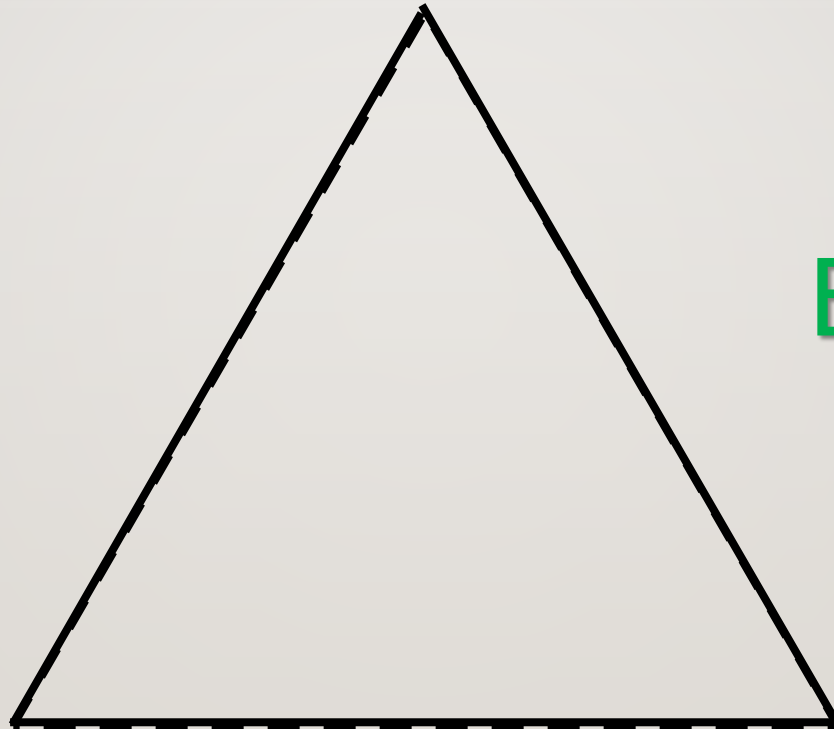


WHAT ARE THREE WAYS WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Nature

Bible

Conscience



ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT TIME (9/26)...

Memory Work:

- 2 Timothy 3:15
- OT Books (Genesis – Song of Songs)

Complete take-home quiz (two-sided)

