

THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH:

AN EXPLORATION OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & DOCTRINE

Fall 2016 - WEEK 3 - Revelation & the Word of God, pt. 1

⊕ Terms

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- Knowing that God _____.
- Knowing logical, practical, and moral _____.

2. Special (specific) revelation – God's self-disclosure first to the chosen race of Israel and eventually to all nations through His Word. God's Word comes through, but is not limited to, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, the _____, and most importantly _____. (*Gen. 1:3, Psalm 19:7-11; 119, John 1:1-2; 5:36-40, 2 Tim. 3:14-17, 2 Pet 1:20-21, 1 Jn 1:2*)

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