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**Revealing the Jewish Roots of Christianity** Servant Publications

From biblical scholar John Bergsma—two-time Teacher of the Year at the Franciscan University of Steubenville -- comes *Bible Basics for Catholics*, a fresh, fun, and authentically Catholic introduction to the 'big picture' of salvation history. This overview of the Bible is based on Bergsma's wildly popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University, where he is a colleague of popular author Scott Hahn. Using the skills that have made him a great teacher, Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Central to the book's themes are Bergsma's signature illustrations of key biblical characters, which are simple, yet surprisingly profound and help readers understand complex biblical ideas.

*The Bible Compass* Baker Books

*How to Read the Bible Every Day* helps Catholics read through the entire Bible. It includes an easy-to-use plan for beginners as well as plans for those already reading Scripture regularly. It even includes a supplemental reading plan keyed to the Church year. The three-year plan involves only 5-7 minutes a day of reading the Bible. Two-year and one-year reading plans give the more ambitious reader the opportunity to read Scripture 10-15 or 20-30 minutes a day. The two-year plan follows the daily readings of the liturgy. Its compact size means you can easily slip it inside your study Bible. Here is an invaluable guide for Catholics who want to grow in their understanding of God's Word.

*You Can Understand the Bible* Crossroad 8 Avenue

*Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History* Ave Maria Press

*What Every Catholic Should Know* Baker Academic

2002 Catholic Press Association Award Winner One of the most significant changes initiated by the Second Vatican Council was the direct encouragement for Catholics to rediscover the Bible.

Unfortunately, education has lagged behind Catholic interest in exploring the Bible and its mysteries. Consequently, vital questions, including how to read and interpret the Bible, remain unanswered for many Christians. In *Biblical Fundamentalism*, Father Ronald Witherup offers Catholics a guide to the questions that arise when they desire to use the good book" in their personal lives. Father Witherup provides an overview of the origins, history, basic tenets, and problems with biblical fundamentalism and its influence in contemporary culture. He summarizes Catholic teaching on the Bible and points out both the strengths and the weaknesses in the fundamentalist approach to the Bible. He also provides a concise but thorough response to questions that Catholics have about fundamentalism and discusses resources for further study. *Biblical Fundamentalism* is divided into five chapters. The first chapter explains the historical origins of Christian biblical fundamentalism and why it is a uniquely American phenomenon. The second chapter outlines the main tenets of fundamentalist faith and how it approached the Bible. The third chapter does the same for the Catholic faith. The fourth chapter explores why biblical fundamentalism is attractive in our day and offers a critique of it. Finally, the fifth chapter imparts some practical advice about how to fashion a sensible (and courteous) Catholic response to fundamentalism. Chapters are \*The Origins of Biblical Fundamentalism, - \*Bible Basics: A Fundamentalist Approach to the Bible, - \*Bible Basics: A Catholic Approach to the Bible, - \*Evaluating Fundamentalism, - and \*A Catholic Response to Fundamentalism. - Ronald D. Witherup, SS, PhD, is Provincial of the U.S. Province of Supicians and former academic professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California. He holds a doctorate in biblical studies from Union

Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is the author of *Conversion in the New Testament*, a liturgist's Guide to Inclusive Language, and is a contributor to *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. "

*Catholic Bible Dictionary* Our Sunday Visitor

A humorous one-stop reference to Catholic history, theology, and culture offers funny sketches of feast days and other witty treatments of Catholic issues, especially the Saints. Original.

**Saved** Marian Press - Association of Marian Helpers

Many people are often understandably intimidated or overwhelmed by the sheer size and complexity of the Bible. But now popular author and Boston University professor Peter Kreeft has written a clear road map of the Bible, focusing his keen insight and engaging wit on the core message of each book. It won't take long for you to understand why his guide to scripture has become a best-seller! Sparkling with intelligence and Kreeft's trademark humor, *You Can Understand the Bible* will transform dry study into spiritually satisfying adventures in God's Word. Regardless of how you approached- or didn't approach- the Bible before, you'll come away with a new appreciation of its depth and meaning. Kreeft also provides practical guidance for praying the scriptures every day, allowing the reader to delve into the messages of scripture in a manner that will surprise, delight, and reward.

*The Bible and Marriage* Image

Drawn from the eponymous blog essays on faith, culture, and lives of Christian discipleship by young Jesuit priests and seminarians for young adult seekers.

**A Catholic Introduction to the Bible** Orbis Books

Award-winning author and theology professor John Bergsma follows up his popular *Bible Basics for Catholics*—which has sold more than 60,000 copies—with a more in-depth look at the New Testament. Using simple illustrations and the same clear, conversational style that characterized his earlier book, Bergsma introduces four of the most important writers in the New Testament: Matthew, Luke, Paul, and John. With humor and simple illustrations, theology professor John Bergsma focuses on Matthew, Luke, Paul, and John, whose writings comprise about 90 percent of the New Testament. The gospel of Matthew, written for Jewish Christians, illuminates the life and teachings of Christ as the long-promised Messiah. In Luke's gospel, readers will delve into the infancy and Triduum narratives, as well as the Acts of the Apostles and the life of the early Church. This leads the reader to discover St. Paul and his first and arguably greatest theological treatise: *Romans*. Finally, "the beloved apostle" St. John draws us in to the unsurpassed beauty of the fourth gospel, as well as the most mysterious book of the New Testament: the book of *Revelation*. A concluding chapter offers suggestions for further study. Intended as an introductory work for those who are new to scripture study, *New Testament Basics for Catholics* does not aspire to be a comprehensive guide to all twenty-seven books of the New Testament, but is intended to lay the foundation for a lifetime of scripture reading.

**Stunned by Scripture** duncan heaster

Although many Catholics are familiar with the four Gospels and other writings of the New Testament, for most, reading the Old Testament is like walking into a foreign land. Who wrote these forty-six books? When were they written? Why were they written? What are we to make of their laws, stories, histories, and prophecies? Should the Old Testament be read by itself or in light of the New Testament? John Bergsma and Brant Pitre offer readable in-depth answers to these questions as they introduce each book of the Old Testament. They not only examine the literature from a historical and cultural perspective but also interpret it theologically, drawing on the New Testament and the faith of the Catholic Church. Unique among introductions, this volume places the Old Testament in its liturgical context, showing how its passages are employed in the current Lectionary used at Mass. Accessible to nonexperts, this thorough and up-to-date introduction to the Old

Testament can serve as an idea textbook for biblical studies. Its unique approach, along with its maps, illustrations, and other reference materials, makes it a valuable resource for seminarians, priests, Scripture scholars, theologians, and catechists, as well as anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible.

[The Two Shall Become One Flesh](#) Ignatius Press

Participant Workbook Revised and reformatted! Genesis to Jesus opens the door to deeper understanding of Scripture for all Catholics, especially those who find reading the Bible a daunting task. The book leads the reader on an overview of salvation history in order to give the "big picture," the single plot that runs through the books of the Bible. What is that overarching story? God's plan to bring all humanity into his covenant family. This overview of key covenants from creation to the New Covenant established by Jesus not only helps the reader see how various biblical stories fit together in God's plan, it also provides a foundation for ongoing Bible study. Genesis to Jesus is the first in a series of study guides produced by The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, based in Steubenville, Ohio. The Center, founded in 2000, develops materials to help Catholics deepen their faith through Scripture study. KIMBERLY HAHN is the author of *Life-Giving Love: Embracing God's Beautiful Design for Marriage*, the *Life-Nurturing Love* series published by Servant Books, and coauthor, with her husband Scott Hahn, of *Rome, Sweet Rome: Our Journey to Catholicism*. DR. SCOTT HAHN teaches theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. He is the author of *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture* and many other books. They are the parents of six children.

[Psalm Basics for Catholics](#) Bible Basics for Catholics A New Picture of Salvation History

John Bergsma's popular Bible Basics for Catholics, which has sold more than 60,000 copies, offers readers an accessible vision of salvation history as it unfolds in the Bible, showing readers how the Bible points us to the saving life and work of Jesus. This new edition includes an additional chapter on covenant fulfillment in the Book of Revelation. Bergsma brings to his theology a combination of academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and unique playfulness. Bible Basics for Catholics is based on Bergsma's popular Introduction to Theology course at Steubenville. As a teacher, Bergsma has an uncanny ability to make complex ideas understandable and faith-inspiring while staying true to both Catholic teaching and biblical scholarship. Readers will begin to see the Christian understanding of salvation by walking through the Old Testament, going through the great stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, the great kings and prophets of Israel, and culminating in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

[Bible Basics for Catholics](#) Ignatius Press

The popular rich and unique pedagogical presentation of the Encountering Jesus series makes the study of Church history appealing, accessible, and applicable for upper level Catholic high school students in Catholic Church History, a brand new and updated textbook to support the Option B elective of the USCCB curriculum framework.

[Genesis to Jesus](#) Ave Maria Press

More than a generation has passed since the appearance of the last major Catholic Bible dictionary. It has been a fertile generation for biblical scholarship, an eventful time for biblical archaeology, and a fruitful time for the Church's interpretation of the Bible. It is time for a new resource. Scott Hahn, internationally renowned theologian and biblical scholar, has inspired millions with his insight into the Catholic faith. Now he brings us this important reference guide, written specifically for Catholics, which contains more than five thousand clear and accessible entries and covers a wide range of people, places, and topics. From Genesis to Revelation, the whole of salvation history is presented and explained in smart, easy-to-understand prose. Catholic Bible Dictionary is an invaluable source of information, insight, and guidance for Catholics and others who are interested in enriching their understanding of Sacred Scripture. Scott Hahn draws from two millennia of scholarship to create an accessible and comprehensive tool for deeper and more rewarding biblical study.

[Nourished by the Word](#) Loyola Press

Many Catholic parents are tempted to leave the religious education and spiritual formation of their children up to their parish or Catholic school. Professional catechist, popular blogger, and father of two, Marc Cardaronella has a passionate plea for those parents: be your child's primary educator in the faith by what you do and say. This practical guide gives parents what they need to be a bigger partner in handing on the faith to their children by creating a faith-nurturing environment at home. When Marc Cardaronella started his job as a catechist, he could empathize with parents who came to him to talk about how their now-grown children had left the Church because he had been there: Despite years of religious education and regular Mass attendance, Cardaronella never really practiced his faith. He fell away from the Church right after his Confirmation and stayed away for twenty years. Now it's his mission to equip families like yours to hand on your faith. His passionate message is that the kind of faith formation children need is not taught in standard religious education classes and probably never will be. Cardaronella is on a quest to help you fill the gaps by

first strengthening your own faith—opening your heart to God, practicing trust, clearing away obstacles to God's grace, and creating regular prayer and study routines at home. He gives you the tools to pass that faith on to your kids and make it stick by teaching you how to pray with your children consistently, about adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the power of the Examen prayer, and how to motivate your kids to be engaged in parish life and Christian outreach. Keep Your Kids Catholic offers equal shares of inspiration, challenge, and practical advice. Each chapter includes Reflect, Pray, and Live sections to help you integrate Cardaronella's message into family life.

[Biblical Fundamentalism](#) Our Sunday Visitor

"Ideal for introductory Bible courses, adult education groups, and readers of any faith, this book is an invitation to engage biblical text in a direct, fulfilling, and honest manner in order to better understand and interpret it, and to enter into the process of learning how to do this."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

[Scripture](#) Emmaus Road Publishing

Bible Basics is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in the scriptural evidence for Catholic teaching. It provides full-text biblical references and commentary for 70 essential doctrines of the Catholic faith and explains the canon of Scripture.

[The History of the Catholic Church](#) Paulist Press

Is there anything in the New Testament about the need for priests in the Church? Many Protestants would argue no. And if you point out that there is a priesthood in the Old Testament, they are likely to say it was a feature of the Old Covenant that was undone by Christ. How should a Catholic respond? In *Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood*, biblical scholar John Bergsma convinces readers that Jesus did, in fact, intend for a ministerial priesthood to be a key feature of the New Covenant. Bergsma shows how the priesthood is a major thread holding together the biblical story line—beginning with Adam's loss of the gift of priesthood in the Fall and the long process of restoring his descendants to a priestly status over the centuries, culminating with Christ. With chapter summaries and discussion questions included, *Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood* can readily be adapted into a four-part study for personal or small group use.

[Bible Basics for Catholics](#) Ascension Press

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[The Ave Catholic Notetaking Bible](#) Ave Maria Press

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." — John 3:16 What does it mean to be saved? Can I know that I am saved? As Christians, and especially as Catholics, we face these questions on a daily basis, not only from the people we meet but also in our own hearts. Scripture provides the answer, for the Bible isn't simply a collection of disjointed tales — it is the story of our salvation. In this Bible study, Fr. Mitch Pacwa guides us through Catholic teaching on salvation, as found in Scripture. With his characteristic wisdom, he tackles tough topics and questions, including grace and free will, repentance and faith, the role of the sacraments, and the necessity of good works. Perfect for a parish small group study or for personal reflection, each of the six sessions in *Saved: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics* will help us begin to discover the infinite mystery of our salvation, deepening our relationship with the God who saves us.

[Bible Basics](#) Emmaus Road Publishing

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