

There are different methods in revelation. But there is always that difficulty that the message has to be attuned to receive the revelation. In the Bible we find, and clearly maintained therein, that parts of it are given by direct revelation--"The Word of the Lord came to Isaiah"--The Lord spoke unto Moses. We find the claim is made very strongly in the book of Hebrews in the first verse of that book. The inspired writer says that God in ^{various} (sundry) times and diverse manners--at different times and diverse God spoke to the prophets and in these last days He spoke to us through His Son. So God has revealed Himself through these various people in many different ways and now through His Son He has revealed Himself--an individual and not only through His voice but through His character --gives us a revelation of God. This is a fact that is claimed that many parts of the Bible are a direct revelation that God has given to us. Note a few of the passages in which direct revelation is claimed for a certain section--Gen. 6:14--God gave a message to Noah. In v. 15 He tells Noah how build the ark. Note Gen. 15--God speaks to Abram and gives him a specific message in Word. Then he shows him the stars--so would his seed be. Thus a message is given to Abram from the material universe as well as through a direct message from God. Note Daniel 9--there we have a ~~prayer~~ prayer given by Daniel and then in answer to the prayer, we read in v. 21 that the ~~angel~~ Gabriel came down and spoke--God sent him to give a specific message to Daniel, not by direct talk with him, not by a dream, but sent an angel to speak with him instead--this also happens in the book of Revelation also. Note ^{Acts} ~~Rev.~~ 9 and 10--God has this idea which ~~is~~ He wants to reveal to His prophet --Paul is struck blind and then God uses a different method to speak to the messenger which He sends to Paul than He does with Paul. Note ch. 10 of Acts especially--Peter had some very certain ideas and these ideas are based upon God's revelation but they are not altogether true. Peter has received a distorted idea as it has been passed through many generations of Jews and they come to take certain attitudes which were not altogether what God had meant--Thus it was necessary for God to lead him along and in such a way as to get rid of his prejudices and so we read how Peter became very hungry--God gave him a vision. God is not having him look at something that is actually there, nor does He have an angel come to him but a vision is given him--all the animals he sees in this sheet and Peter being so hungry. ILL. of being one time in the mountains--walked all day to get to this certain spring because of the terrific thirst and that spring was dry--all that night the dreams were about great rivers. Peter being hungry is in a frame of mind to receive a certain message