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Unboxing the Bible

A Journey through the Scriptures

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1. Interpreting the Bible
2. Reading Plans
3. Finding a Person
4. Q&A

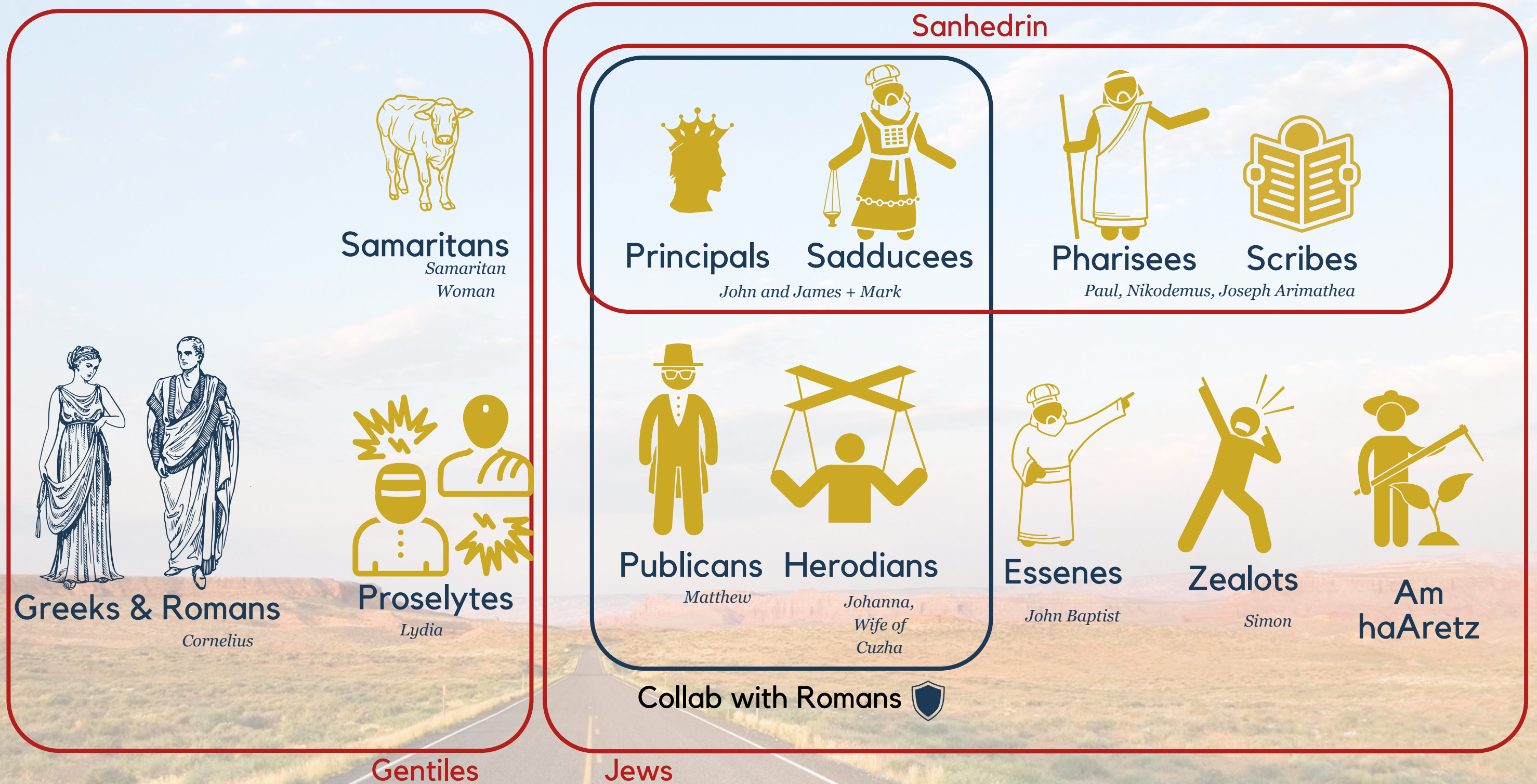
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Interpreting the Bible



Interpreting the Bible

ἐραυνᾶτε τὰς γραφάς
Seek within the Scriptures

ζωὴν αἰώνιον
Eternal Life

μαρτυροῦσαι
Testimony

ἐραυνᾶτε τὰς γραφάς, ὅτι ὑμεῖς δοκεῖτε ἐν αὐταῖς
ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἔχειν: καὶ ἐκεῖναί εἰσιν αἱ
μαρτυροῦσαι περὶ ἐμοῦ: καὶ οὐ θέλετε ἐλθεῖν
πρὸς με ἵνα ζωὴν ἔχητε.

You **search the scriptures** because you think that in them you have **eternal life**; and it is they that **testify** on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (...)

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

John 5:39-40. 45-47

What is the difference between Reading and Interpreting?



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**The Human process of
Reading is Interpreting**





**What is the difference
between
Reading the Bible and
Reading other books?**



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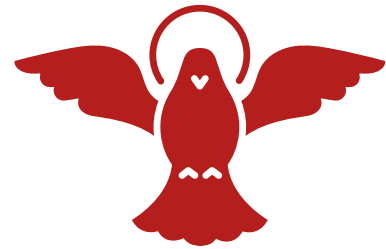
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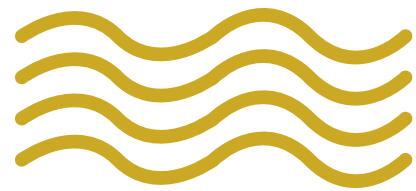
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Spirit



Unity



Tradition



Harmony

But, since Holy Scripture must be read and interpreted in the Holy Spirit **in which it was written:**

no less serious attention must be given to **the content and unity of the whole of Scripture** if the meaning of the sacred texts is to be correctly worked out.

The living tradition of the whole Church must be taken into account

along with the **harmony which exists between elements of the faith.**

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Interpreting the Bible



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Reading Plans

QUESTIONS

 **GOAL** **DEDICATION** **FOCUS**



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Reading Plans

1. The Gospel in 90 Days
2. One Year Bible Overview
3. Genesis to Revelation 365
4. Biblical Foundations of Catholic Beliefs
5. From the Old to the New

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Finding the Person

1. Emmaus
2. St Josemaria
3. Responde Mihi!