

## SPIRITUAL SENSE OUTLINE OF THE WORD

### HEBREW SCRIPTURES

<p><b>GENESIS</b> – beginning of creation to time of Joseph</p> <p>Creation Adam Noah Babel</p> <p>Abraham Isaac Jacob Egypt Joseph</p> <p><b>EXODUS</b> – Israel led out of Egypt, Commandments, Tabernacle Moses</p> <p><b>LEVITICUS</b> – ceremonial law</p> <p><b>NUMBERS</b> – census, wilderness wandering</p> <p><b>DEUTERONOMY</b> – law retold, death of Moses</p> <p><b>JOSHUA</b> – conquest of Canaan</p> <p><b>JUDGES</b> – temporary local leaders, from death of Joshua through Samson.</p> <p><b>I &amp; II SAMUEL</b> – transition to kingdom period</p> <p><b>I &amp; II KINGS</b> – end of united kingdom, divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah Solomon Elijah Elisha Kings</p> <p><b>PSALMS</b> <b>PROPHETS</b> 5 major 12 minor</p>	<p>Spiritual beginnings, formation of the soul (spiritual body), “remains”: impressions of spiritual value.</p> <p><i>Prenatal and early infancy</i> Innocence of ignorance, assertion of inherited tendencies, instinct v. intellect, heart and mind separate, heavenly environment.</p> <p><i>Later infancy and childhood</i> Idea of God, obedience, leading parental influence, development of sense of right and wrong, self-assertion and conflicts, “dreams,” idealism, mind’s hunger, memory knowledge, first joy of learning, discovering life.</p> <p><i>Childhood instruction</i> Habits form, deeper learning, self-discipline, meaning of freedom, natural knowledge and training, wilderness, law and order, Decalogue, percepts, repetition, assimilation, heart-mind advance, God and neighbor.</p> <p><i>Adolescence</i> Truth used in struggle to gain ideal spiritual life, gradual conquest of self; hereditary tendencies.</p> <p><i>Chaos of youth</i> Unsettled period, alternating submission to ways of the world and sudden better impulses that deliver; search for ruling love, defeats and victories.</p> <p><i>Ideal of youth</i> Harking back to childhood, emerging to new but insufficient power, awkward age, problems of self-guidance, desire for integration.</p> <p><i>Early maturity</i> Demand for controlling ideas, governing principle, first ideal enthroned based on own ideas about spiritual life, then more “after God’s heart,” whole nature brought together out of desire to worship the Lord in life, early success in trial to make ideal real, followed by division of will and understanding. The Word (prophets) shows power but also reveals great weakness in spiritual purpose when the issue is God or self. Finally, life goes captive to worldly engrossment; first mind, then heart. Knowing truth but not doing it, “breakdowns,” inner maladjustments, temptations and victories, insight into consequences of evil, disillusionment about self, hope, development of conscience, no help in self, see need for deliverance, look to divine redemption.</p>
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### CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

**MATTHEW** – prophecies fulfilled

**MARK** – healing and teaching

**LUKE** – ministry

**JOHN** – emphasizes Son of God

#### *Maturity*

Savior comes, his birth in us is second birth, his ministry in all parts of our being, revealing self, claiming our undivided allegiance, teaching, healing, law of love, first phase of new life; reformation (outward shunning of evil.)

**REVELATION** – prophecies, Holy City

#### *Maturity to Old Age*

“Regeneration” proper (conscious), more subtle trials of inner life, motives, plane of causes, realization one is a spiritual being, heaven within, glorified Christ in control of life, descent of New Jerusalem, regenerate nature.

*Swedenborg’s overview of the Word*, as summarized by Rev. Robert Kirven of the Swedenborg School of Religion, Newton, MA. (now Center for Swedenborgian Studies, Berkeley, CA.)