

3. Biblical teaching concerning modes of special revelation

In Hebrews 1:1-2 we read:

God who formerly spoke many times and in many ways to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by the Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ages.

This suggests that God has used many modes of revealing Himself and a knowledge of His will. Fourteen of these modes are referred to in the following materials.

a. Revelation by means of the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire

Exodus 13:21 -- "And the Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night."

b. Revelation by means of the shekinah glory

I Kings 8:10-12

- 10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud (הָעֶנָּן) filled the house of the Lord,  
11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory (כְּבוֹד) of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.  
12 Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that He would dwell (לִשְׁכֹּן) in the thick cloud."

c. Revelation by means of the glorious aftermath

Exodus 33:18-23

- 18 Then Moses said, "I pray thee, show me Thy glory!" (כְּבוֹד)  
19 And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."  
20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"  
21 Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;  
22 and it will come about, while My glory (כְּבוֹד) is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by."