D. Originally three accepted sections of the Old Testament (Luke 24:44)
   1. Law
   2. Prophets
   3. Writings
E. Old Testament
   1. Made up of 39 books
   2. Written between 1500 BC and 400 BC
   3. Written in mostly Hebrew with just a few portions in Aramaic (Genesis31:47; Daniel 2:4b-7:28; Ezekiel 4:8-6:18; 7:12-26; Jeremiah 10:11).
F. New Testament
   1. Made up of 27 books
   2. Written from 33 AD to 90 AD (most believe 90 AD, but some say 70 AD.)
   3. Written in Koine Greek

Answer Key

1. *specific*
2. *sanctified*
3. *serving*
4. *holy*
5. *holy*
6. *specific*
7. *sanctified*
8. *serving*
9. *specific*
10. *sanctified*
11. *serving*
12. *Priesthood*
13. *Heirs*
14. *Promises*
15. *Abomination*
16. *recognition*
17. *responsibility*

THE POTENTIAL OF *NBPM*

Has there ever been a time in your life when you could say that you didn't have access to God's Word? Can you remember wanting to spend time in the Word but no one, including yourself, had a copy in your language? Can you imagine being a Christian and not having a Bible to read, study, and trust? Unfortunately, this is the case in many parts of the world – especially in third-world countries. Even if Bibles were available, nationals typically could not afford to buy them.

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LESSON **THREE**

God's People For Providing His Word to Every Generation

I. Priests (Numbers 3:31; 4:4; 18:1-7)

A. They were a _____[1] people
(Numbers 3:27-32 — Kohath and his descendants).

B. They were a _____[2] people
(Numbers 18:1-7 — only the tribe of Levi. No "strangers" — non-family members).

C. They were a _____[3] people (Numbers 4:4).
(_____[4] hands were to be the only ones to handle the _____[5] things.)

II. Kings (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

A. They were a _____[6] people (Deuteronomy 17:15).

B. They were a _____[7] people (Deuteronomy 17:19).

C. They were a _____[8] people (Deuteronomy 17:19-20).

III. Christians—the Church (Revelation 1:5-6; 5:10; I Peter 2:5,9)

A. We are a _____[9] people
(Deuteronomy 26:18; Titus 2:14; I Peter 2:9).

B. We are a _____[10] people (Titus 2:14).

C. We are a _____[11] people (I Peter 2:5).

IV. Salvation brings certain results, rights, and responsibilities.

A. Results of the washing by the blood at salvation
1. Remission of sin (Matthew 26:28; Romans 3:25; Hebrews 9:22)
2. Cleansing from sin (I John 1:7)
3. Purges our sinful conscience (Hebrews 9:14)
4. Purchased our salvation (I Corinthians 6:20; 7:23)
5. Promised companionship (Ephesians 2:13; Proverbs 18:24)
6. Paternal rewards (Romans 8:15; I John 3:1)

B. The Rights made possible at salvation
Jesus' work on Calvary made us to be kings and priests unto Himself (Revelation 1:6).
1. We have rights as being part of a royal _____[12]-
We can come boldly before the throne (Hebrews 4:16).
2. We have rights as being part of a royal family.
(a) We are joint _____[13] with Jesus (Romans 8:17).
(b) We receive _____[14] as children.
(1) Peace (Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15)
(2) Provision (Philippians 4:19)
(3) Power (Matthew 16:18; Philippians 4:13)
(4) Productivity (John 14:12; John 15:5)

C. Responsibility that comes at salvation
There are many responsibilities that are expected of a Christian. Just as the kings and priests had God-given responsibilities concerning His Word, we as Christians also bear the same responsibility concerning His Word (I Thessalonians 2:4). The emphasis of the Great Commission was first to go and teach. It then went on to include the copying and providing of the Word of God. After all, how are you going to teach them to "observe all things" (Matthew 28:19-20), if they do not have the Word to study and observe for themselves (I Thessalonians 5:27)? Simply speaking, it isn't enough.
1. God allows us to handle the Scriptures.
2. God makes us responsible for the Scriptures.
3. Biblical example of mishandled responsibilities — God classified these actions as an _____[15] (Ezekiel 44:1-8).
(a) Included lost people in the work He had assigned to the saved (verse 7).
(b) Did not take their responsibilities seriously (verse 8).
(c) Satisfied to have someone else do their responsibilities (verse 8).
With the _____[16] of both kings and priests also comes the _____[17] of both.

V. General Facts about our Bible

A. Made up of 66 books

B. Written over 1500+ years

C. 40+ writers