

olden times, the tools used to copy God's Word were ink wells, writing sticks, and animal skins. Today, we have printing presses that are very fast and perfectly accurate. For example, some of God's people at Bearing Precious Seed, under the authority of First Baptist Church in Milford, Ohio, use one of those presses to print God's Word. To date, over 100 million Scriptures have been printed in many different languages in order for people all over the world to know God's Word! God has a plan for your life. Would you start praying now that God would prepare you for whatever He wants you to do? Who knows, perhaps God would want you to be a printer or even a translator of His Word. Are you willing to do what God wants for your life, no matter what it may be?

WORDS TO KNOW!

ACCURATE: Correct in every detail.

LANGUAGE: A spoken or written system of communication.

PAINSTAKING: Done with great care and thorough effort.

PRESERVE: To keep something in its original state.

PRIEST: Jewish religious official or holy representative.

PRESERVED IN GOD'S WORD!

Follow the instructions below to decode this riddle!

IN WHAT LANGUAGE WAS MOST OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ORIGINALLY WRITTEN?

WORD	CODE
1	20-20-6-1
2	66-19-13-18
3	1-1-1-2
4	14-25-5-35
5	40-26-28-9
6	15-5-5-7
7	54-2-1-5
8	13-4-41-3
9	19-97-12-2
10	44-22-2-10

Most _____

1. 2. 3. 4.

5. 6.

7. 8.

9. 10.

Book Chapter Verse Word

20-20-6-1

Instructions: How to use the KJV Cipher Key...

There are four numbers in the code for each word. The first number is the book of the Bible. The next two numbers are the chapter and verse, and the last number is the word in that verse. For example, the first word in the riddle is represented as 20-20-6-1. That would be Proverbs 20:6, and the 1st word in that verse is "Most". Have fun!

GOD PRESERVES HIS WORD!






LESSON THREE

GOD PRESERVES HIS WORD!

In our first lesson, we learned how God has provided His Word through His own speaking and writing, as well as through His chosen men. Next, we learned about the places that God has used to protect His Word (The Ark of the Covenant and the Church). Now, let us discover how it is possible for God's Word to survive for thousands of years without the message ever being changed.

Imagine how frustrated you would be if a friend wrote you a letter, and someone else took it, changed some of it, and then handed it to you. Wouldn't you want to read your friend's words exactly as they had been written to you? That's how God wants His Word treated as well. God has planned for and commanded that His Word be preserved exactly as it was given.



*My favorite thing to do is ride
like at the park. I also like to play base*

Around 600 years ago (1456), the first printing press was invented that could mass produce copies of the Bible, but what did people do before printing presses and copy machines?

For several thousand years, God's Word had to be painstakingly copied by hand! However, not just anyone was allowed to copy God's Word. Special members within God's chosen people, called priests, were assigned the task of copying God's Word (Read Numbers 4:4; 18:1-7). This way, God knew that the task would be done correctly.

The priests copied God's Word by hand, letter by letter, space by space, one line at a time until it was completed. Then, their work was checked and tested before it was approved. The priests were so serious about the work they did in handling of God's Word that they made sure to be totally right and clean in God's eyes before they ever even picked up a pen (they even took a bath first)! These men of God were responsible to never make even a single error throughout



hundreds of copies and thousands of years! God always used His people to protect His Word!

Later, God also entrusted another group of people with the copying of His Word as well (Read Deuteronomy 17:18-20). The kings were commanded to make a copy of God's Word for themselves when they became king. By reading God's Word daily, they would be kept from sin. But whose job is it today? Who does God use to protect His Word now?

Just as God entrusted the copying of His Word to the kings and priests of Israel in the Old Testament, The task now belongs to those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their Saviour! (Read Revelation 1:5-6). True Christians are God's people, and it is God's people who have always been given this very special job. In Ezekiel chapter 44, we find out that God became very angry when His chosen people (then, the priests) gave their responsibilities to other people. Today, it is no different.



God's people in God's church are to be the ones who are protecting, printing, and passing out God's Word! In