



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

It is the Instruction Manual from God.

Lesson 2F - How does God Communicate with us?

- *Keep in mind that before people had (or wanted) access to the Bible, God used other ways.*



THROUGH PARTS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- *In the early days of the Bible, the communication between God and man was verbal (like between Adam & God).*
- *However, fathers usually recorded things somehow so as to pass the history on to their descendants.*
- *Cain & Abel knew about sacrifices & God. Adam told them that.*
- *The Chaldeans wrote things down. Abraham grew up there.*
- *The Egyptians wrote things down. Moses grew up there.*
- *Moses wrote the Law; the Jews carried that Law while traveling.*

1. From Exodus 19 - Leviticus 27:34, the nation of Israel is camped near Mount Sinai. When Moses came down from the mountain, what did he bring with him? (Ex 24:12)
a. T_____ of stone b. the L_____ c. and C_____
2. Where did they store these three items? (Ex. 25:16) _____

A Few Details

- *At that time, Israel's Bible was called the Law of God and contained the information that is recorded in Exodus 20 - Leviticus 27.*
 - *All during their travels, they carried the Law in the Ark of the Covenant all the way to Canaan.*
3. Who was teaching this Law to the people? (Deut. 1:5) _____
 4. Who is supposed to read this Law first? (Deut. 17:18) _____
 5. Who wrote down this Law for priests? (Deut. 31:9) _____
 6. How were the people to hear the Law? (Deut. 31:11) _____
 7. What good will the Law be for the people? (Joshua 1:8-9) (Remember, this is their Bible.) _____

More Details

- *Moses wrote down all the material in Genesis - Deuteronomy before he died (5 Books of the Law)*
 - *For the rest of the Old Testament years, these books were copied by priests & scribes.*
 - *The years in the book of Judges were evil; there is NO mention of the Law in Judges.*
 - *However, in the Judges time, a man named Boaz knew parts of the Law & obeyed it. (Ruth 4:4)*
 - *There is no mention of the Law of God in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel; that isn't good.*
8. In 1 Kings 2:3, who finally mentions obeying the Law of God? _____
 9. ___Yes ___No All through 1 & 2 Kings, they knew of the Law but would not obey it? (Yes)
 10. What did a high priest find lost in the temple? (2 Kings 22:8) _____

Some Final Thoughts

- *In Ezra 7:10, the Law that Ezra read to the people was probably Genesis - Deuteronomy.*
- *In 2 Kings 22:8, scholars think the lost part of the Law found was only Deuteronomy.*
- *By the end of the Old Testament, probably all the Old Testament books were written & available.*
 - a. *In Luke 4:4, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy; In Luke 4:18, Jesus quoted from Isaiah.*
 - b. *In Luke 24:44, Jesus mentioned the entire Old Testament (The Law, the Poetry Writings, the Prophets)*
 - c. *This Old Testament would have been the Bible for the New Testament believers also. Paul's letters were written before 64 AD. Some N.T. believers read them; The rest of the New Testament was written between 75AD & 100AD.*

AS YOU CAN SEE, THROUGH THE MANY BIBLE YEARS, MANKIND DID NOT HAVE THE WHOLE BIBLE YET. GOD TAUGHT THEM FROM WHAT THEY HAD.