

**MEMBERS OF THE NT CHURCH BELIEVE THE
BIBLE MUST BE RIGHTLY DIVIDED**

7. **Paul's Charge To Timothy** "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Scripture? _____ If one doesn't study, is he/she approved of God? ____ Is ignorance of God's Word a cause for shame? ____ What does "rightly dividing the word of truth" mean? _____
Is it possible to *wrongly divide* the truth? ____ Can one take portions of the Scripture out of context and make a pretext of the truth? ____ What does (Deut 4:2) teach us? _____
8. **Rightly Dividing The OT** (a) A basic understanding of Bible overall is very important. How many books in the OT? ____ The NT? ____ Total? ____ (b) The 66 books are not always in chronological order. (c) The OT books are classified according to content: The 1st 5 = Books of Law, the next 12 = Historical, the next 6 = Poetical, the last 16 = Prophetic. Some categorize the poetical and prophetic books differently.
9. **The Divisions Of The NT** The NT is generally categorized thus: The 1st 4 = Gospels, Acts = Historical, the next 21 = Epistles (Letters), Revelation = Prophetic. I prefer to think of *the Gospels* as the four *biographies* of Jesus and the last and greater half of Acts as Luke's *biography* of Paul. Revelation is a book of "short-term" prophecies. To interpret it otherwise is to disregard its internal premise. It proclaims "victory in Jesus" rather than "apocalypse" for those who remain faithful. –Ed–
10. **Separating The Dispensations** Three in number, they are classified, Patriarchal, Jewish, and Christian. Obviously, we live in the final dispensation, the Christian Age. The manner in which God's people lived and worshipped in each age share many similarities, yet many differences.
11. **The Patriarchal Dispensation** True to its name, God directed through the head of the family or tribe. The eldest "father," who may have been a grandfather many times over, was the patriarch. It was a *family system* of religion. This system extended from Adam to Moses. Did Abraham live under this dispensation? _____ Moses? _____ Explain. _____ We know every family or tribe did not receive the exact same instructions. Example: Abraham was told to (Gen 22:2) _____. Noah was told (Gen 6:14ff) to _____
_____. These two patriarchs were given different instructions.
12. **Jethro** He was Moses' father-in-law. (Ex 3:1) Jethro was _____ of _____ yet he (18:12) was fellowshipped by Moses and _____ in offering _____ to God. We see his great wisdom and trust in God (18:14-23) in his sage advice to Moses which was _____
_____. The earth's population was the smallest it would ever be under Patriarchy which lasted about 2,500 years. Parts of the puzzle were being fitted into place but it would be many centuries before God's plan would be complete.

Read All The Choices And Circle The Best Answer

13. Wrote of "*the circle of the earth*?" **Josephus** **Job** **Copernicus** **Isaiah**
14. A secular historian? **Luke** **John** **Isaiah** **Josephus**
15. A patriarch? **Jethro** **none of these** **Abraham** **three of these** **Noah**
16. Love equals? **hugs & kisses** **sharing a tent** **keeping commandments** **working two jobs**
17. Advised son-in-law? **Jeremiah** **Jesus** **Josephus** **Jethro**
18. Was first? **Patriarchal** **Jewish** **Christian** **Apocalyptic**
19. Historical? **Job** **Acts** **Leviticus** **Revelation**
20. Biblical revisionism? **spontaneous** **spectacular** **scholarly** **sinful**
21. Wrote biography of Christ? **Isaiah** **the writer of Acts** **Paul** **Pliny**