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- **Prayer**

- **Chapter 3 Section 3 Notes**

- **Homework: pg 65 # 1-7**

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1. Why is the “Huang He” called “The River of Sorrows
2. What was the government like under the Shang?



Hail Mary,
Full of Grace...
Amen

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II. China under the Shang

A. Shang – 1650 BC gained control of N. China until 1027 B.C.

B. Government

- 1. Shang rulers had large palaces and rich tombs**
- 2. Kings led other warriors in battle**
- 3. Fu Hao – wife of King Wu Ding**
 - a.) artifacts showed that she owned land & helped lead a large army against invaders**
 - b.) Noble women had considerable status**
- 4. Clans – groups of families who claimed a common ancestor**
- 5. More closely resembled city-states of Sumer than Egyptian pharaohs**

C. Social Classes

1. Shang society mirrored that in other early civilizations

2. Alongside the royal family was a class of noble warriors

A.) Used leather, armor, bronze weapons, horse-drawn carriages

3. Supported a class of artisans & merchants

A.) artisans produced goods for nobles

B.) merchants exchanged food & crafts made by local artisans



D. Peasant Life

- 1. Most people were peasants**
- 2. Clustered together in farming villages**
- 3. All family members worked the fields**



III. Religious beliefs



A. Shang Di

1. Chief god & mother goddess who brought plants & animals to earth
2. King seen as link between people & Shang Di
3. Believed only the spirits of the greatest mortals could speak to the gods
4. Chinese believed in yin and yang
 - A.) Yin – linked to Earth, darkness, and female
 - B.) Yang – Heaven, light, and male forces
 - C.) These forces were not in opposition but maintained balance



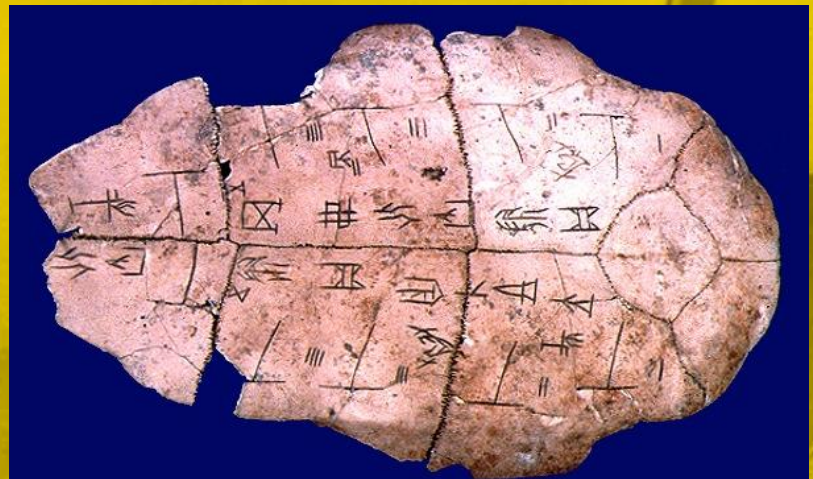
IV. System of Writing

A. Consulting the Ancestors

1. Oracle bones

A.) Shang priests wrote questions to the gods on animal bones or turtles shells

B.) They then heated it until it cracked and interpreted the pattern of cracks to obtain their answers



B. A Difficult Study

1. Written Chinese evolved to include tens of thousands of characters

A.) Each character represented a word or idea

2. Only the wealthy could afford the years of study

3. Chinese scholars turned calligraphy (fine handwriting)

into an art



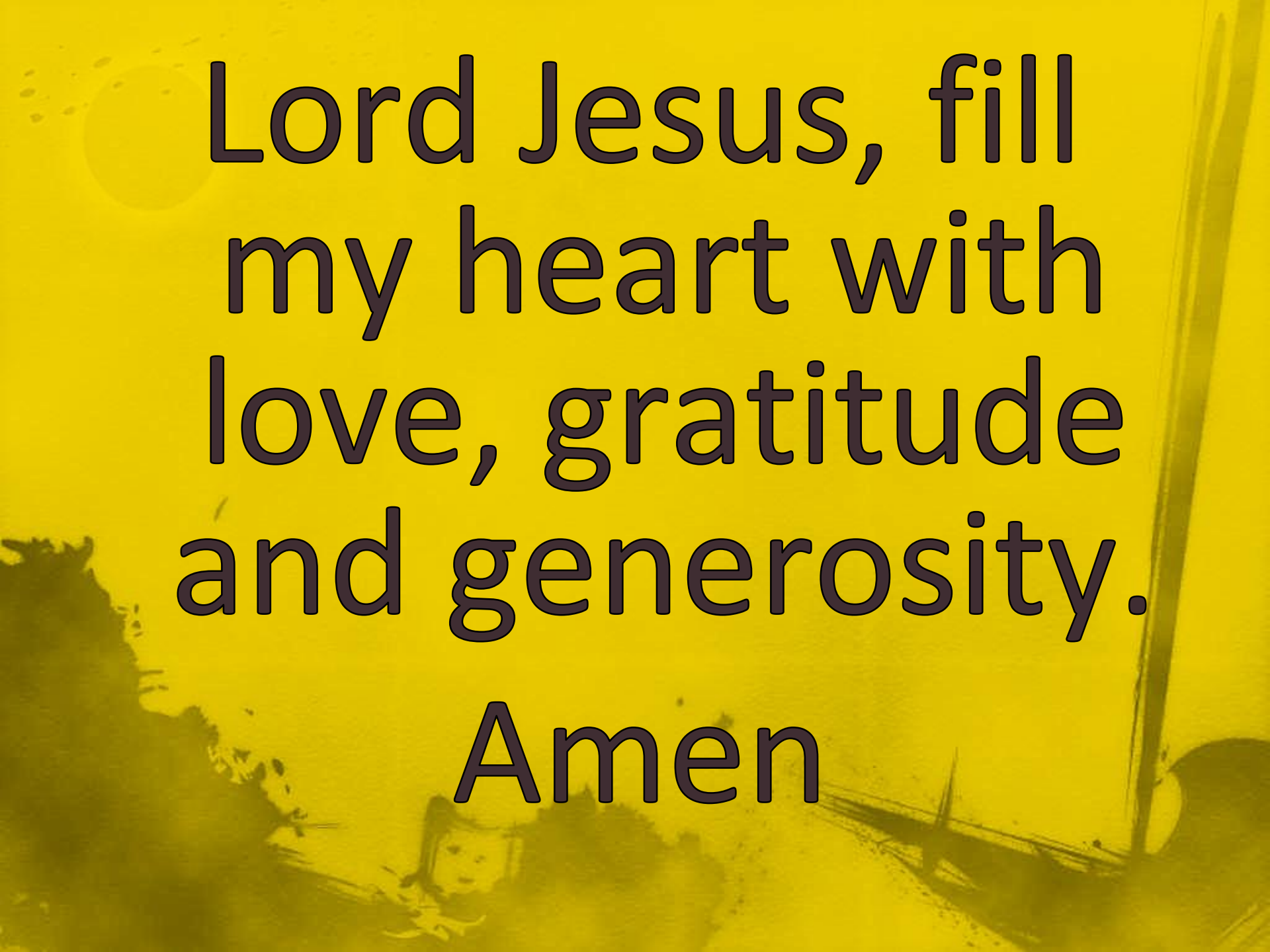
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- **China Movie**

- **Pay attention, I will be asking questions**



Lord Jesus, fill
my heart with
love, gratitude
and generosity.

Amen

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V. The Zhou (Joh) Dynasty – overthrew the Shangs in 1027 BC

A. Mandate of Heaven

- 1. Divine right to rule**
- 2. Zhou said the cruelty of the last Shang king had so outraged the gods that they had sent ruin on him**
- 3. Dynastic cycle – rise and fall of dynasties**

A.) As long as the dynasty provided good government, it enjoyed the Mandate of Heaven

B.) Floods, famine, etc. were signs that a dynasty had lost the favor of Heaven



B. A Feudal state

- 1. Feudalism – a system of government in which local lords governed their own lands but owed military service to the ruler**

C. Economic Growth

- 1. China's economy grew during the Zhou Dynasty**
- 2. Farmers produced more food with iron tools**
- 3. Peasants began to grow new crops such as soybeans**
- 4. Chinese began to use money for the first time**
- 5. Led to an increase in population**

VI. Chinese Achievements – developed a calendar with 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days

A. Silkmaking

- 1. By 1000 B.C., figured out how to make silk thread from the cocoons of silkworms**
- 2. Women tended the silkworms and processed the cocoons into thread**
- 3. Only royalty & nobles could afford robes made from silk**
- 4. Silk became China's most valuable export**
- 5. Process was kept a secret**



B. The First Books

1. Bound thin strips of wood or bamboo together and then carefully drew characters on the flat surface with a brush and ink

2. *Book of Songs* – one of greatest Zhou works

- A.) Many of its poems describe such events in the lives of farming people as planting and harvesting

- B.) Other praise kings or describe court ceremonies



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- **After Test Assignments
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**Review Chapter
3 Material for
5 minutes!**

Father, give me
faith to pray for
wisdom without
doubting.

Amen

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