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Tibetan Society

Tibetan society had about three different social groups at least prior to 1959. From top to bottom, there was the laypeople or in this case for simplicity's sake, the commoner, the nobility, and then monks. What makes the Tibetan empire stand out from the social hierarchies discussed in previous chapters was that there were high medium and low social divisions making the actual number of class divisions add up to about 9 in total. This is the most levels in a social hierarchy that I've seen in any of the civilizations that I've seen in this class. There also was no king or emperor to speak of in Tibetan society. The highest high-class position in this society was almost always empty. There is an exception in that it sometimes had the Dalai Lama in this position. One last thing to note for this society was that the lowest class, the peasants. Were not even able to own their own land and had to lease their land to have something to work from.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_class_in_Tibet