

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 17: The Clouds Burst

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

embassy _____

casket _____

yield _____

heirloom _____

league _____

literally _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

betrayed, redeemed, traitor, pondering, deceit, hauberk, mattocks, plaited, tarry, rekindled, assault, lure, multitude, vanguard, feint, ravening, scimitars, wielded, restrain, vile, smote

Bonus Vocabulary

reconciliation

Comprehension Questions Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1) How does Thorin Oakenshield react to Bard having the Arkenstone? _____

2) How does Thorin Oakenshield react to Gandalf's presence in the other camp? _____

3) What does Thorin Oakenshield do with Mr. Bilbo Baggins? _____

4) Who was coming to the aid of Thorin Oakenshield? _____

5) How does the Elvenking respond to the situation? _____

6) What faction started the battle? _____

7) Who stopped the battle and why? _____

8) Name the armies in the Battle of the Five Armies. _____

9) Who were the first to charge in the Battle of the Five Armies? _____

10) How do the wargs turn on their cohorts? _____

11) What was Mr. Bilbo Baggins most proud of in the Battle of the Five Armies? _____

12) Who came to the rescue? _____

Christian Worldview

1) Thorin Oakenshield, understandably, felt betrayed by Mr. Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf. Mr. Bilbo Baggins also was betrayed as he was willing to give his entire share of the treasure for peace and prosperity for all. Compare and contrast the two types of betrayal. Can you think of other examples of betrayal in the Bible?

2) What does it say about the Elvenking's character when he was still pursuing reconciliation and peace when the Lakemen and the elves could have easily burst in upon Thorin & Company?

3) Darkness is another literary technique to reveal something wicked or evil is underfoot. "*Amazement and confusion fell upon them all. Even as Gandalf had been speaking the darkness grew.*" Discuss.

4) "*Already many of the goblins were flying back down the river to escape from the trap; and many of their own wolves were turning upon them and rending the dead and the wounded.*" Wickedness promises much to its followers, but in the end it must destroy the very ones that used evil. Discuss this in light of the following scripture verse.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine,
lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you ... Matthew 7:6

5) "*He had taken his stand on Ravenhill among the elves—partly because there was more chance of escape from that point ...*" A good general will always leave a way of escape so that he can gather his troops to fight the good fight once more. It is a pagan or humanistic idea to throw one's life away. Discuss.

6) **Ponder:** When push came to shove — the elves, lakemen and dwarves "forgot" their differences, joined ranks and fought evil together.

Optional Activities

1) You recognize that this is the perfect opportunity to do a television/radio spot reporting about the news of the battle(s). Remember to keep your report short, quick, and to the point. Try to keep your report to two minutes or less. (use the family video camera and/or hand held tape recorder if you desire).

2) Shame on you! While you were playing with Fili and Kili's harps you broke it. To make amends you need to replace the harp before they return. Do so out of cardboard, construction paper, rubber bands (or string), etc.

3) To a tango melody write lyrics of Mr. Bilbo Baggins getting in trouble with Thorin Oakenshield.

- 4) Write lyrics about what betrayal means from Thorin Oakenshield's perspective (or Mr. Bilbo Baggins' perspective) to the tune of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.
- 5) Illustrate the elves, lakemen and dwarves forgetting their differences and joining forces to fight evil together.

What does Scripture say?

Betrayal --- breach of trust

A. Betrayal of Christ

Predicted ... Psalm 41:9

Frequently mentioned ... Matthew 17:22, John 13:21

Betrayer identified ... John 13:26

Sign of betrayal a kiss ... Matthew 26:48,49

Guilt of betrayal ... Matthew 27:3,4

B. Examples of Betrayal

Israelites by Gibeonites ... Joshua 9:22

Samson by Delilah ... Judges 16:18-20

The woman of Endor by Saul ... 1 Samuel 28:9-12

Jesus by Judas ... Matthew 26:14,15

Christians ... Matthew 10:21