

The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide
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Chapter 18: The Return Journey

Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

sure-footed _____

host _____

amend _____

mustering _____

fray _____

redoubled _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

fugitives, abode, Yule-tide

Bonus Vocabulary

hospitality

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

1) What happened to Mr. Bilbo Baggins? _____

2) Why couldn't Gandalf's messenger spot Mr. Bilbo Baggins? _____

3) What occurred between Thorin Oakenshield and Mr. Bilbo Baggins? _____

4) When did Beorn appear? _____

5) What was the role of the eagles in the battle? _____

6) Who did Dain swear friendship with forever? _____

7) What was the Arkenstone's final resting place? _____

8) How was Mr. Bilbo Baggins rewarded for his part in the adventure? _____

9) Who did not survive the Battle of the Five Armies? _____

10) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins give the elvenking and why? _____

11) What time of year did Mr. Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf take leave of Beorn? _____

Christian Worldview

1) How is Thorin's character revealed when he wanted to make amends with Bilbo and to ask for forgiveness?

2) J.R.R. Tolkien uses the phrase "*until the world is renewed*" in this chapter. What does this mean from a Christian worldview?

3) "*All that had happened after he was stunned, Bilbo learned later; but it gave him more sorrow than joy, and he was now weary of his adventure.*" In one sense, life is an adventure to live for Him. Christians are told to fight the good fight. Discuss in light of the following Scripture verses.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called,
and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses ... 1 Timothy 6:12

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ...
2 Timothy 4:7

4) In Scripture, water frequently signifies what? Discuss this in light of many of the evil goblins being drowned in water.

5) J.R.R. Tolkien does not leave you dangling but lets you know that dominion work still continues by informing you that Dain, son of Nain, became the king under the mountain. Dain reveals his character when he insists that Mr. Bilbo Baggins take treasure for himself saying he would reward him more richly than all. Is this a sign of honorable behavior? Discuss.

6) Mr. Bilbo Baggins seems to be much more aware of the world around him and of the evil that is in it, especially envy, as a result of his adventure. "*How on earth should I have got all that treasure home without war and murder all along the way, I don't know.*" Discuss.

7) Mr. Bilbo Baggins makes amends with the Elvenking by giving him a necklace of silver and pearls in exchange for the enforced hospitality the Elvenking had unknowingly given the hobbit while Thorin & Company were captive in his realm. What does this say about Mr. Bilbo Baggins' character?

8) **Ponder:** It is interesting that the wicked and evil are allowed to prosper when God's people go on retreat or allow themselves to be overly confident and content. Christians must be better watchmen and be sure that they do not become irrelevant to the culture and society around them.

Optional Activities

- 1) As a television reporter for the Shire News Team Channel 1, report on Beorn and the eagles assistance during the Battle of the Five Armies. (Note: You may want to use the family video recorder)
- 2) The River Running Community Theatre is planning to put on a variety show to celebrate the victorious outcome of the Battle of the Five Armies. The entertainment director has asked you to compose a song that have lyrics dealing with this victory to either a doo wop, swing, country, Latin, or march tune.
- 3) Complete this limerick ... (remember, a limerick is a light, funny 5 line poem) ...

Bard was an honest man from Dale,
- 4) Illustrate Mr. Bilbo Baggins being found by Gandalf's messenger.
- 5) Middle Earth Strider Shoe Society has contacted Gandalf, Mr. Bilbo Baggins, Beorn, and others on the return trip to sample various types of walking shoes. They want to know which shoe is best suited for long journeys. You have been selected to write up or verbally tell them what you think will be the most important features of this type of shoe. Should the shoe have (1) laces, snaps, or velcro? (2) be made of rubber, canvas, plastic, or vinyl? (3) have comfort curves or padding? etc.

What does Scripture say?

Pardon --- to forgive

A. Objects of pardon

Transgressions ... Exodus 23:21

Iniquities ... Exodus 34:9

Backslidings ... Jeremiah 5:6,7

B. God's pardon described as

Not granted ... 2 Kings 24:4

Requested ... Numbers 14:19,20

Ever-ready ... Neh. 9:17

Abundant ... Isaiah 55:7

Covering all sins ... Jeremiah 33:8

Belonging to the faithful remnant ... Isaiah 40:2

C. Basis of pardon

Lord's name ... Psalm 25:11

Repentance ... Isaiah 55:7

Seeking the faith ... Jeremiah 5:1