

*The Hobbit Worksheet / Study Guide*  
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**Chapter 19: The Last Stage**

**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

brink \_\_\_\_\_

banished \_\_\_\_\_

jest \_\_\_\_\_

presumed \_\_\_\_\_

extravagant \_\_\_\_\_

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

1) Briefly describe the elves 1st song. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) How did Elrond receive Gandalf and Mr. Bilbo Baggins? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Where had Gandalf been and what was he doing when he left Thorin & Company? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4) *Comic Relief*. J.R.R. Tolkien again delights his reader with the literary device of *comic relief*. How does he do this in the interchange between Mr. Bilbo Baggins and the elves?  
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5) What did Mr. Bilbo Baggins want to do with the troll treasure? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6) How does Gandalf respond to Mr. Bilbo Baggins' proposition for the troll treasure? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7) What awaited Mr. Bilbo Baggins upon his return home? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8) How did Mr. Bilbo Baggins respond to the unexpected events at his home? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9) How did the Sackville-Bagginses respond to Mr. Bilbo Baggins' return? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10) How did the hobbits of the neighborhood respond to Mr. Bilbo Baggins? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

11) What was the title of Mr. Bilbo Baggins' book? \_\_\_\_\_

12) In later years, who visits Mr. Bilbo Baggins? \_\_\_\_\_

13) What happened to the Master of Lake-town? \_\_\_\_\_

14) What does Gandalf warn Mr. Bilbo Baggins about with respect to prophecies, adventure and luck? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Christian Worldview***

1) Gandalf and others work to drive the Necromancer from his hold in the south of Mirkwood. Unfortunately, the Necromancer is not banished from the world, not until it is renewed and judgment comes. Why do you think this is so?

2) *Comic relief.* Mr. Bilbo Baggins is gently teased by the elves, "*And your snores would waken a stone dragon.*" How important is it for Christians to have a sense of humor?

3) Mr. Bilbo Baggins was prepared to give Gandalf all the trolls' treasure that Thorin & Company had buried at the start of their adventure. Gandalf, however, warns Mr. Bilbo Baggins that he must prepare for the future. Discuss how preparing for the future and leaving an inheritance is altogether a Christian concept.

4) Poor Mr. Bilbo Baggins must face the sin of envy in his own hometown. Upon his return, he discovers that his own family is auctioning off his possessions! They have presumed that he was dead and he had to buy back his own things. "*Personally he suspected the Sackville-Bagginses. On their side they never admitted that the returned Baggins was genuine, and they were not on friendly terms with Bilbo ever after.*" How does this illustrate envy?

5) *Comic relief.* Courtesy and hospitality is heavily stressed in Scripture. Mr. Bilbo Baggins, desiring to be courteous and yet avoiding unpleasant callers, uses the magic ring. Discuss.

6) The old Master at Lake-town got his just desserts (poetical justice). He fell under dragon-sickness: envy, lust, greed. Discuss.

7) Gandalf warns Mr. Bilbo Baggins against self-aggrandisement by stating: "*Surely you don't disbelieve the prophecies, because you had a hand in bringing them about yourself? You don't really suppose, do you, that all your adventures and escapes were managed by mere luck, just for your sole benefit?*" Why do you think Gandalf gently admonished Mr. Bilbo Baggins?

6) **Ponder:** God is in sovereign control and will providentially bring about His good pleasure.

### ***Optional Activities***

- 1) To the tune of *The Yellow Rose of Texas* or *The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You* write lyrics reflecting what has impressed you most about this adventure.
- 2) Illustrate Mr. Bilbo Baggins, sitting on his horse, reciting his poem to Gandalf, seeing home for the first in over a year.
- 3) Make a tune for one or both of the elves' songs.
- 4) Hold an auction like the one Mr. Bilbo Baggins walked in on when he came home.
- 5) Illustrate Balin and Gandalf sipping tea with Mr. Bilbo Baggins.

### ***What does Scripture say?***

Home --- center of family life

Things associated with home

Eating ... 1 Corinthians 11:34

Care of sick ... Matthew 8:6

Keeping house ... Titus 2:5

Religious training ... 1 Timothy 5:4

Entertainment ... Luke 15:6

Counsel ... 1 Corinthians 14:35