

# Journeys and Adventures of the Mighty Men of Old

## *Study Guide*

### Chapter 1: The First Journey

1. How did the first man employ his time in the first part of his journey?
2. What is said in the poem about the springs of water? What is said about food?
3. Of what is the Garden of Eden a picture?
4. Why was one thing forbidden to Adam and Eve?
5. What does the serpent in the story represent?
6. Was it hard, or easy, for Eve and for Adam to resist the temptation?
7. How did Adam and Eve feel after they had yielded?
8. What were the consequences of disobedience, and why did it have to follow?
9. Was work, and is it now, a good or bad thing?
10. What were placed at the entrance to the garden, and of what did they tell?

### Chapter 2: The Journey of a Fugitive

1. In how many ways did Cain show his badness?
2. What good thing is said of his younger brother?
3. What did Cain do when he left home?
4. What kind of homes did men have in those days?
5. Who were Cain's great grandsons, and what work did each of them do?
6. With what instruments did those people first make music?
7. What does the poem say of "the man of might"?

### Chapter 3: A Voyage in Deep Waters

1. What were the people of this story doing when the story begins?
2. What was one man doing in contrast to the rest?
3. What did God tell him to do, and why?
4. What was said about Noah?
5. What happened when the ark was finished?
6. What happened when the rain ceased?
7. Where would the dove find an olive leaf?
8. What was one of the first things that Noah did when he came out of the ark?
9. Of what was the rainbow a sign?
10. What is a covenant?
11. What did the people of olden time believe about the rainbow?
12. What do you think God wants us to know from this story?

#### Chapter 4: The Adventures of the Men of Babel

1. What did a company of people do after they had been traveling together for some time?
2. What was the greatest thing they built?
3. Where were towers like that of Babel?
4. What was wonderful about this country?
5. What does this symbolic story show us?

#### Chapter 5: A Pilgrim from Mesopotamia

1. In what part of the world did Abram live?
2. In what way was Abram like the American Pilgrims?
3. How did people travel in those days?
4. To what places did Abram journey?
5. What promises were given to Abram?
6. When and how did he fail?
7. In what ways was Abram a hero?
8. What did Abram build at some of the places where he stopped?

#### Chapter 6: Later Journeys of the Pilgrim

1. How many journeys did Abraham make?
2. How did he rescue Lot?
3. Who came out to meet Abraham on his return?
4. What kind of sacrifices were common in that day?
5. How was Isaac saved?
6. In how many ways did Abraham show his courage?
7. What is written of Abraham in the New Testament?
8. What was the name by which Abraham was called, and by which is he known among Mohammedans to this day?

#### Chapter 7: A Young Man's Choice

1. In what place did Lot choose to settle?
2. What did he think of, and what did he forget in making the choice?
3. What was God's message to Abraham?
4. Who were the men who came to see Lot?
5. What is the Arab's way in receiving strangers?
6. How were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed?
7. What was the consequence of Lot's choice?
8. Was there any mercy shown in the story?

#### Chapter 8: The Adventures of an Egyptian Slave

1. To what place did Hagar flee?
2. What message came to her there?
3. What is the meaning of "angel" in this story?
4. What was told about Ishmael?

5. What did Ishmael do when Isaac was a year old?
6. To what place did the mother and boy go?
7. What happened there?
8. How was God's care shown for the poor slave woman?
9. What kind of life did Ishmael and his tribe live?
10. Where did Isaac and Ishmael meet?

#### **Chapter 9: A Maiden's Welcome at the Well of Haran**

1. Who was Abraham's trusted servant?
2. Where did he go?
3. What was his errand?
4. Whom did he meet at the well of Haran?
5. What story did he tell to Laban and his family?
6. After that, what did Rebekah do?
7. Who went out for an evening walk?
8. Where was the new home?
9. What kind of servant did Abraham have?

#### **Chapter 10: The Adventures of Two Brothers**

1. What work did Esau do?
2. How and to whom did he sell his birthright?
3. What did Esau's father ask of him?
4. What did the mother propose and to whom?
5. How did the scheme succeed?
6. What was the thought of these people in regard to a father's blessing?
7. Did Rebekah and Jacob suffer anything for their wrong-doing?

#### **Chapter 11: A Dream by the Wayside**

1. What happened when Jacob stopped to rest for the night?
2. What was the message to him?
3. What promise did Jacob make?
4. What name did he give to the place where he stopped?
5. Whom did Jacob meet at the well?
6. How did his uncle receive him?
7. For whom did Jacob serve seven years?
8. In how many ways did Laban treat Jacob unfairly?
9. What do you think of Jacob's life in Haran? Was it successful or unsuccessful? Was it good or bad?

#### **Chapter 12: The Return to the Old Home**

1. What did Laban do when he found Jacob had gone?
2. What did Jacob and Laban set up, and why?
3. What did Jacob fear in going home?
4. Where was Esau, and what was he at this time?

5. Where did Jacob spend the night?
6. What was his vision there?
7. What kind of a man had Jacob been before, and how was he changed?
8. Did the brothers meet as friends or enemies?

### **Chapter 13: A Young Dreamer**

1. What did Joseph do when he was a boy?
2. Why did his brothers hate him?
3. To what place did they and he go?
4. What happened there?
5. What did Joseph do first in Egypt?
6. What did he do when in prison?
7. What word will tell of Joseph best when he worked as a servant, and when he was a prisoner?
8. Where did the chief butler go and how did he act?

### **Chapter 14: A Prisoner Promoted**

1. What were Pharaoh's dreams?
2. How did Joseph help the king?
3. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph?
4. How did Joseph help the people?
5. What was said about famines in Egypt?
6. At what time did Joseph probably live?

### **Chapter 15: Ten Brothers in Egypt**

1. What did Jacob tell his sons to do and why?
2. What did Joseph say to his brothers when they came before him?
3. What did the brothers tell their father when they returned?
4. What did they find in their sacks?
5. What did Jacob do when they needed more food?
6. What did Joseph do when his brothers returned?
7. What is the Egyptian custom at meals?
8. How did the brothers feel when they left the governor?

### **Chapter 16: The Ruler and His Kinsmen**

1. What did Joseph's steward do?
2. What did the brothers find?
3. What did they do?
4. What did Joseph say to them?
5. What was Judah's answer?
6. How did Joseph feel?
7. What did he do then?
8. What was his message to his father?
9. What did Pharaoh say?

10. What gift did Joseph make to his brothers?
11. What did Jacob say when he heard the news?

### **Chapter 17: The Last Days of the Shepherd Chief**

1. How did Jacob and his family travel from Canaan to Egypt?
2. Where did Jacob and Joseph meet?
3. Why was Goshen chosen for the new home?
4. What was the condition of the people of Egypt at this time?
5. What was Jacob's dying request?
6. What was his blessing to Joseph and his boys?
7. What did Jacob's sons do in Canaan?
8. What did they do on their return to Egypt?
9. What one word would tell best the kind of man Joseph was?

### **Chapter 18: The Country of the Pharaohs**

1. What was the country of the Pharaohs, and who were they?
2. Why did Abraham go there?
3. What was the chief occupation of the people?
4. What did Abraham see in Egypt?
5. What were the Egyptians able to do in that day?
6. How did Egyptian knowledge and civilization spread?
7. What kind of religion did these people have?
8. Did any of them do well and live righteously?

### **Chapter 19: A Journey on the Nile**

1. What was, and is, Egypt's greatest blessing?
2. What has man done with this good thing?
3. Why were famines periodical in Egypt?
4. How would Joseph have traveled on the Nile?
5. Where was Joseph's home probably, while he was ruler in Egypt?
6. What is the oldest building in the world, and how long ago was it probably built?
7. What have been gained from the ruins near a little village?
8. How do these and other discoveries help us to understand the Bible stories?

### **Chapter 20: Life in Egypt Before and After Bondage**

1. Who were settled in Goshen and what were they doing?
2. Did the Hebrew people become just like Egyptians?
3. In what ways did they keep distinct?
4. To what larger "family" did the Hebrews belong?
5. What did the Hebrews learn from the Egyptians?
6. Why did Rameses make them slaves?
7. What were the Israelites obliged to do?
8. How were they treated?

9. What cities were built by the Israelites?
10. What discoveries have been made telling about these people and places?

### **Chapter 21: The Adopted Prince**

1. What disturbed Pharaoh?
2. What did he decide to do?
3. What did one Hebrew mother do?
4. How was Moses saved?
5. What might be true of Moses' early life in Egypt?
6. What did Moses know of his own people?
7. What did he see one day? And what did he do?
8. Was this a right thing to do?
9. What happened after his violent deed?

### **Chapter 22: A Flight into the Wilderness**

1. To what place did Moses escape?
2. Whom did he meet at the well?
3. At whose home was Moses entertained?
4. After this, what did he decide to do?
5. What position did Reuel (or Jethro) hold?
6. What wonderful vision did Moses have?
7. What was the feeling of the ancient people in regard to mountains and trees?
8. What was God's message to Moses?
9. What did Moses say about it, and what did Jehovah answer?

### **Chapter 23: A Victory Won**

1. How many questions did Moses bring forward as to doing the work to which God called him?
2. Whom did he meet in the wilderness?
3. What was the first thing these men did in Egypt?
4. What was Pharaoh's answer to these messages of Jehovah?
5. What did Pharaoh do to the Israelites?
6. How did the people feel toward Moses and Aaron?
7. Why could they not leave without Pharaoh's permission?
8. What kind of victory did Moses gain?

### **Chapter 24: Ten Great and Terrible Wonders**

1. What was the natural condition of Egypt as shown by the story?
2. What was taught to the people by means of these plagues?
3. How many things can you find out about this king of Egypt from this story?
4. What was the origin of the Feast of the Passover?
5. What took the place of this feast in the Christian Church?

## Chapter 25: The Escape Through the Sea

1. How did the Israelites go out of Egypt?
2. By what sea did they encamp?
3. What caused their sudden fear?
4. What was Moses' word of encouragement?
5. How did help come?
6. What other stories are told showing the force of wind and water?
7. What quotation is given about God's control of the winds?
8. What is the refrain in the song the Israelites sang?
9. What poem has since been written about this victory?

## Chapter 26: The Wanderings in the Wilderness

1. What kind of a wilderness was it, in which the Israelites wandered?
2. What did the children do that was different from what their parents did when they were children?
3. Why did not the Israelites go direct to Canaan?
4. What happened at Marah?
5. How did God provide food for the Children of Israel?
6. What did Moses do at Rephidim, and what was found there?
7. How did the soldiers under Joshua succeed? What helped them?
8. What did Moses set up in memory of this victory?
9. Who came to see Moses and how was he honored?
10. How did he help Moses?

## Chapter 27: The Rules of the Game

1. What did St. Paul say about playing games, and about living each day?
2. What did Moses' people have to learn to do?
3. What did he give to help them in this?
4. About what did the first and second rules tell?
5. Of what were the Israelites careless?
6. What was to be done in six days? What on the seventh?
7. In how many ways could children honor their fathers and mothers?
8. Can you tell of five ways in which men and women, and boys and girls, are not to hurt their companions?

## Chapter 28: How the Rules Were Given

1. What did the people see as they looked up to Mount Sinai?
2. What were the Ten Commandments as they were written in the Bible?
3. What two commandments for the ten did Jesus Christ give?
4. What happened while Moses was on the mountain?
5. What did Moses do when he came down from the mountain?
6. What did the earliest people worship?
7. Did people, gradually, come to know God the Father? Through whom do we know Him best?

### Chapter 29: The Tent of Meeting and the Sacred Box

1. What did Moses set up in every encampment?
2. What does the story tell about the people's offerings?
3. What was the plan for the Tent of Meeting?
4. What was the Ark of the Covenant?
5. What was the mercy-seat?
6. How did all these objects help the people?
7. In what way was the Tabernacle used?
8. What did the trumpets' call say to the people?
9. By what were they guided?

### Chapter 30: Rebels in Camp

1. Who were the rebels in Moses' camp?
2. What work did the leaders of the rebellion have to do?
3. What did they want for themselves?
4. What did they say of Moses and Aaron?
5. What did all those who complained do?
6. How did Moses feel at first?
7. Then what did he say to these people?
8. What was planned for the next day?
9. What happened when the incense was set on fire?

### Chapter 31: Adventures in the Wilderness

1. What was the report the spies brought back?
2. Who was the bravest man of the group?
3. What was the result of the men's unbelief?
4. What route did the Israelites now take?
5. What happened when they encamped in the desert?
6. Of what was the brazen serpent a symbol?
7. What did Jesus Christ teach when he spoke of Moses' serpent, and then of himself?

### Chapter 32: The Call to Battle

1. What did Moses call his people to do?
2. Were these the people who came out of Egypt?
3. What was true of their children?
4. What did the people often sing as they broke up camp and went forward?
5. What message did Moses send to King Sihon?
6. What did the Israelites do after this?
7. What did they find in this new land?  
Who gained the victory when the king of Bashan came out to fight?
8. To whom does God show His lovingkindness?

### **Chapter 33: The Man Whose Eyes Were Opened**

1. For what did Balak, king of Moab, wish?
2. To whom did he send messengers?
3. What messages did the prophet send to Balak?
4. What happened on Balaam's journey?
5. What did the angel say to Balaam?
6. Did Balaam bless, or curse, the Children of Israel?
7. What did those people believe about a curse?
8. What was Balaam's last message?
9. Did it come true?

### **Chapter 34: A Man-Slayer and His Refuge**

1. How did the man feel who killed another by mistake?
2. Who was the "avenger of blood"?
3. Was there any way of escape for a "manslayer" in the earliest days?
4. Where could a man go to be safe in later days?
5. Was it fair, or unfair, to "avenge blood"?
6. What happened if a murderer got into the city of refuge?
7. What does one of the Ten Commandments say about killing?
8. What do you think the Hebrew singers meant when they said, "God is a refuge for us?"
9. Can we ever go where God is not?

### **Chapter 35: The Last Days of the Great Leader**

1. What did Moses want to do? Could he do it?
2. Who was to be his successor, and what did he do with him?
3. What directions did Moses leave with the people?
4. What did he do for them before he left them?
5. Why did Moses go up to the mountain alone?
6. What did he see from Mt. Pisgah?
7. Of how many times when Moses was alone can you tell?
8. What was said of Moses in after days?

### **Chapter 36: A Journey Through the Promised Land**

1. What did the Israelites find in Canaan that Abraham and Lot did not find?
2. Was this harder for the Israelites?
3. Who lived in the countries round about Canaan?
4. For what did they like Canaan?
5. What did the caravans carry, and from where did they bring these things?
6. In what kind of homes did people first live in the land of Canaan?
7. What did they do after a while?
8. From whom did the Israelites learn many things?
9. Who did the Israelites find in Canaan when they first arrived?
10. What did they do with these people?
11. What places did they find of which they had had stories?

12. What did the Israelites have to struggle against?

### Chapter 37: Across the Jordan

1. What was the call and the promise given to Joshua?
2. Whom did Joshua send to Jericho?
3. Who helped and hid them there when they were in danger?
4. What was Joshua's message to the people?
5. How did God help the people to cross the river?
6. What did Joshua set up in memory of this day?
7. Whom did Joshua meet one day? Who, did he feel, would be his helper in all he had to do?

### Chapter 38: The Siege of Jericho

1. What was the name of "the City of Palms," and how was it protected?
2. How did Joshua besiege it?
3. What did Joshua command his army to do because he thought it was right?
4. Did everyone obey? What did one man do?
5. How was Achan's sin found out?
6. What had he done, and how did he suffer for it?
7. What has been discovered near the modern village "Ericha"?
8. What does this discovery tell?

### Chapter 39: Ambassadors from a Far Country

1. What was the trick the Gibeonites played on Joshua and his men?
2. What did the men of Israel do?
3. What did they find out three days later?
4. What did Joshua do with the Gibeonites?
5. Who came up to fight?
6. What happened at the battle?
7. Whose wish and plan did Joshua carry out about this time?
8. What was it?
9. What did the people do on the mountains?
10. What would always follow obedience to the law?
11. What can you tell about those hills on which the law was read?

### Chapter 40: The Brave Captain's Farewell

1. Who went up first to gain a home in the new land?
2. What did brave old Caleb do?
3. What did Joshua do for the tribes?
4. Who were the three men who made Israel a great nation?
5. What did Joshua do before he died?
6. What did he say beginning with the word "Choose"?
7. What do you think was true of Joshua?

### Chapter 41: The Adventures of Two Heroes

1. What did the Israelites do with the Canaanites?
2. What did they learn from them?
3. Did the Israelites do well or badly?
4. What did Othniel do?
5. What happened after Othniel's death?
6. Who was the trusted messenger to King Eglon?
7. What did this man do in the king's house?
8. What did he do on the hill-top?
9. Was Ehud a hero?
10. Did he do what was right?

### Chapter 42: A Story of Stolen Goods

1. Who stole some money and from whom?
2. What did the mother do when she got back her money?
3. What commandment had she forgotten or not heard of?
4. Who came to Micah's house and why did he stay?
5. Whom did he meet there?
6. What did they do when they came that way again?
7. How did they bribe the Levite?
8. What did he do?
9. What did Micah do and was he successful?
10. Where did the Danites set up the stolen images?
11. Who was this Levite?
12. What commandments did he break?

### Chapter 43: The Victory of Two Women

1. How did Deborah first help her people?
2. What happened to the Israelites?
3. Who came forward to lead them to freedom?
4. Who did she ask to help her?
5. Who joined together to help fight?
6. Against whom did they fight?
7. Who went and told what the Israelites were planning to do?
8. What happened when the battle began?
9. What did Sisera do?
10. Who met him?
11. What did he ask of her?
12. What did she do when Sisera was asleep?
13. Who really won the victory?
14. Did Jael do right?

### Chapter 44: The Song of Victory

1. What did the people do after the great victory?

2. What was done in honor of this victory?
3. To whom did they give praise, first of all, in the song?
4. What did the song say about Deborah?
5. Who were the better, the men who came to help, or the men who stayed away?
6. Why was Jael praised?
7. Did Sisera deserve what he got?
8. What are the last lines of the song?
9. Was Deborah selfish, or unselfish?

#### **Chapter 45: Three Hundred Strong**

1. What was Gideon doing in the wine-press? Why was he doing it there?
2. What did the Midianites do to the Israelites?
3. Who came to Gideon?
4. What did he tell him to do?
5. What plans did Gideon make?
6. For what sign of success did he ask?
7. Did all the men stay with Gideon?
8. What did his soldiers do down by the brook?
9. What did he give to each of his three hundred men?
10. What was their war-cry?
11. What did Gideon and his brave men do afterwards?
12. Did Gideon seek the highest place for himself?

#### **Chapter 46: The Parable of the Trees and the Bramble**

1. What did the people hear one day from the rocky cliffs?
2. Who was speaking?
3. Can you tell the story he told?
4. Whom did he speak against? Why did he do this?
5. What had this man said to his mother's family?
6. What did he go and do?
7. What happened three years later?
8. Did Abimelech have a good and easy time?
9. How was he punished?
10. What came true both for the men of Shechem and for him?
11. What is true about good deeds and bad deeds?

#### **Chapter 47: A Brave Father and Daughter**

1. What vow did Jephthah make before he went to war?
2. Was he victorious?
3. Who came to meet him?
4. How did Jephthah feel? Could his vow be broken?
5. What did his daughter say?
6. Was it right for Jephthah to keep his vow? Was it right for him to make it?
7. What has God said about sacrifice?

8. What did Jephthah's daughter bravely do?

#### **Chapter 48: The Adventures of a Mighty Fighter**

1. What two things were true of Samson?
2. What was his father's and mother's great wish?
3. Who came to Manoah's wife?
4. What was his message to her?
5. What did Samson's mother do for him?
6. Where did Samson go when he was grown up?
7. What did Samson do on one of his journeys? What did he do the next time?
8. Did Samson's friends play fairly about the riddle? Did he?
9. Why did Samson have to hide?

#### **Chapter 49: Later Adventures of the Mighty Fighter**

1. What did the Philistines do?
2. What did the men of Judah do?
3. What did Samson do after they had bound him?
4. What bribe did the Philistines make to Delilah?
5. What happened to Samson after Delilah's mean act?
6. What did the Philistines do at the feast?
7. What did Samson do, and what happened?
8. Does revenge pay?

#### **Chapter 50: A Fair Maiden's Love**

1. To what place did Elimelech and his family go?
2. Who died there?
3. Who were Naomi's daughters-in-law?
4. What did the mother and the two young women do?
5. What did Orpah do later? Why did she do this?
6. What did Ruth say to Naomi?
7. Where did Naomi and Ruth go?
8. What kind of work did Ruth find to do?
9. What was the rule about gleaning?
10. To whose field did Ruth go?
11. What did Ruth have in return for her goodness to Naomi?

#### **Chapter 51: A True Nobleman**

1. In how many ways did Boaz show his kindness?
2. Why has he been spoken of as "the gentleman of the Bible"?
3. What law was there in that country about helping a family when the husband had died?
4. What happened at the harvest festival?
5. What did Boaz do at the gate of the city?
6. Who came to the home of Boaz and Ruth?

7. Whose grandfather did he become?
8. From whom were these people descended?
9. Who was one of the fore-fathers of Mary, the mother of Jesus?
10. Who was born in the place where Boaz lived? What was the name of this place?

#### Chapter 52: The Songs of the Conquerors

1. Of what did the songs of the Israelites tell?
2. What did the priest sometimes chant?
3. How did the people often sing their songs of praise?
4. How many people, of whom you know, are spoken of, in one of the Psalms which says, "Seek ye Jehovah"?
5. What was the refrain the people sang over and over again?
6. Can you say the hymn that tells of God's guiding his children through the journey of life day by day?
7. Can you tell the whole of the one that says, "All our days direct us/ In the ways we go."?