

Shepherd, Potter, Spy—And the Star Namer

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Part 1: *Eyes on the Horizon* Study Guide: Chapters 1-20

This Bible* Study is disguised as a novel.

On the surface the author weaves a fictional tale of the adventures of a young boy in Canaan in the Late Bronze Age. However plausible, much of the colorful story of Keshub and his family in Canaan in 1407 B.C. is the product of imagination.

At the same time and not so far away, a young boy experiences the events of the Hebrew's last of forty years in the wilderness. These non-fiction events play out from Numbers Chapter 20 through the Book of Joshua. The word of God is reliable, authentic, insightful, and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Like an archaeologist hearing the clink of his trowel uncovering pottery hidden for centuries, the reader must carefully zero in with a soft brush to uncover hidden artifacts—related Bible passages in God's Word plus results of other archeological and Biblical research.

Get ready for new insights into people, places, and events of the Bible as you look below the surface of Keshub's tale. You will begin to develop the life-skill of digging deeper into what you read and seeing God's word as "living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword."

(Hebrews 4:12)

*Any version of the Bible will apply. Author used the New International Version.

AUTHOR NOTE: Due to the fact that websites come and go, the student may find some links to internet sites below that are no longer active. If this is the case, with parental approval, please Google the question for another source. Though Wikipedia is not considered academically sound, it is a safe source for basic information.

Unit 1

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1. **Learn** more about the Gezer calendar mentioned in the Foreword at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gezer_calendar.

Where was it found, and when do archeologists believe it was inscribed? List the tasks/events mentioned. Why were these significant?

2. The bear encountered by a young shepherd in Canaan would be the Syrian Brown Bear. **Examine** this website: *Bears of the World* and answer the question, what is unique about the Syrian Brown Bear?

http://www.bearsoftheworld.net/syrian_brown_bear.asp

3. **Describe** how you have helped a cousin or close friend who needed your help. How did it make you feel?

4. The Late Bronze Age is a period of time over three thousand (3,000) years ago. **Compare** the lifestyle of that day with yours. How do you or your parents get news of what is happening around you? Why was it important for the men of the village of Gibeon to hear what the caravanner had to say?

5. **Locate** on the map on p. 2: Canaan (a region) where Keshub lives and Kadesh Barnea (a place) where the caravanner saw the glow of the Hebrew camp on the horizon.

6. How many toes does a camel have? Research at http://camelfarm.com/camels/camels_about.html

For further study:

Abraham's son

Genesis 21.

God's promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3.

Hebrews need nothing from outsiders

Exodus 16 and Joshua 5:12, also Deuteronomy 29:5.

Kadesh Barnea

Numbers 20:1.

Moses hit the rock, second time

Exodus 17 and Numbers 20:1-13.