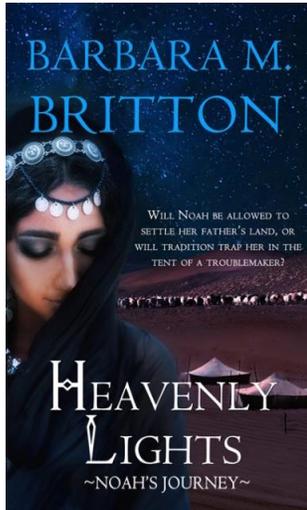


Discussion Questions



HEAVENLY LIGHTS: NOAH'S JOURNEY

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About the Book

Noah bat Zelophehad has tended her father's herds and flocks since she was a girl. With God's gift of land, she plans to make her sisters wealthy with livestock. But when a conniving clansman takes a liking to the bold shepherdess, his scheme may snatch her from the fields she loves.

Only one person understands Noah's gifts with the animals—Jeremiah, the mute shepherd who has been her field companion for years. After the walls of Jericho collapse, God stays silent in the battle of Ai, leaving Jeremiah wounded and Noah's marital status in jeopardy. But, Noah remains faithful to God and her animals and trusts that she will be able to forge a future with her sisters, even when enemies abound.

Will the daughters of Zelophehad be able to settle their land together, or will Noah get left behind, trapped in the tent of a troublemaker?

TITLE: Heavenly Lights: Noah's Journey

Discussion:

Question 1: The title of Noah's story comes from James 1:17. Have you ever seen anything in the sky that makes you say "God, that's awesome!"

Answer 1: I love a bright harvest moon. Rainbows also make me think of God and his promise to never flood the earth again. What beauty in God's Creation makes you say, "Wow!"

Question 2: Noah's herds flourish because she has a way with animals. What gifts has God given you?

Answer 2: See I Corinthians 12:27-31. God gives everyone a gift to use in His Kingdom. The daughters of Zelophehad are all different, but love God equally.

Question 3: Why do you think Jeremiah falls in love with Noah? Why not one of her sisters?

Answer 3: Jeremiah and Noah share a love of God and they also share a love of animals. They spend time together. Noah takes the time to motion her words to Noah.

Question 4: Why do you think Achan took the spoils of war God had forbidden? What problems arose from his disobedience?

Answer 4: God was angry at Israel for breaking the covenant about the spoils (Joshua 7:1). Several men died in the first battle for Ai. I always wonder why Achan buried a robe in his tent. Did he wrap it first? The punishment for Achan seems severe, but God did not want Achan's pride to spread throughout the people of Israel and hurt the relationship between God and His people.

Question 5: Noah prays for Jeremiah's healing after he is injured. Have you ever prayed about something that affected you deeply? Do you feel like sharing your struggle?

Answer 5: Answers will vary. Philippians 4:6-7 speaks about prayer. God gives us strength to get through difficult times. Philippians 4:13.

Question 6: Who is your favorite sister and why? Do you think birth order matters in one's personality?

Answer 6: I can't pick a favorite since I gave them all personalities.

Question 7: Keenan schemed to make Noah his wife. What did Keenan desire from a relationship with Noah? Are there any schemers in your world?

Answer 7: : Keenan liked Noah's outer beauty, but he didn't know about Noah's inner beauty. Keenan stood to gain Noah's affections and control of her land.

Question 8: In Joshua 8:34-35, Joshua reads the book of the Law and Moses's teachings to Israel. Why is it important that Joshua read the instructions to the people? How much Bible reading do you do in your daily life?

Answer 8: (see Joshua 1:8-9, 2 Timothy 3:16-17) Bible Study is important. We grow closer to God by reading His Word. God gives us strength and comfort through His Word.

Question 9: What was your favorite scene in the story? Why was it your favorite?

Answer 9 My favorite was when Noah talked with Rahab.

Question 10: Had you heard about the daughters of Zelophehad before reading my books? Most people don't know about these sisters. Why do you think we don't teach about these orphaned sisters more?

Answer 10: Some Christians focus more on the New Testament and do not know Old Testament stories, especially if the stories are in books of the Bible that are not read often. The daughters begin their journey in Scripture in the book of Numbers (26:33, 27:1-11, 36), but they are mentioned in the book of Joshua (17:3-6), too.

