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## The Bronze Bow

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## Reading Notes

<b>myrrh blossoms</b>	balm of Gilead; used in perfume and incense
<b>tetrarch</b>	governor of one-fourth of a country in Roman Empire
<b>bar</b>	Aramaic for “son”
<b>synagogue</b>	Jewish place of meeting for worship or religious study
<b>rabbi</b>	master; person trained in Jewish law, ritual, and tradition
<b>scribe</b>	copyist of manuscripts and documents
<b>Zealot</b>	member of a Jewish movement in the 1st century A.D. that fought against Roman rule
<b>legionaries</b>	members of Roman legion, which consisted of 3,000-6,000 infantry and 100-200 cavalry

## Vocabulary

Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. splashed with **burgeoning**\* thickets of oleander. \_\_\_\_\_
2. splashed with burgeoning thickets of **oleander**. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He looked down at his bare **calloused** feet \_\_\_\_\_
4. his back still raw from the last **flogging**. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Look up “burgeon” in the dictionary, and write out the complete definition, the alternate forms, and 2-3 synonyms. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Expressions for Discussion

1. *“No one is free. So long as the land is cursed by the Romans.”*
2. *“All the mighty ones. Joshua, Gideon, David, all of them fought on the soil of Galilee. No one could stand against them. It will be so again.”*

## Comprehension Questions

Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. Why is Daniel “puzzled and uneasy” about the two strangers climbing the mountain? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How does Daniel know that Joel is not a coward? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why would the men in the cave have “hooted” if they could see Daniel washing his hands before a meal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How does Joel’s view of the Romans differ from Malthace’s view? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How is Daniel able to show Joel and Malthace that he is not an ignorant savage or simply a runaway slave? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Discussion Questions / Enrichment

1. Where do you think the Jewish ritual of handwashing before a meal originated?
2. Was being a rabbi a full-time occupation?
3. Why do the Jewish people have such animosity towards the Romans?