Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

1. How old was Adoniram when he opened the Plymouth Independent Academy?

2. What did Adoniram choose to do about the school? Why did he do that?

3. Which job did Adoniram refuse to train for and why?

4. What was Adoniram's view of Jesus? How did his parents express their concern and care about their first-born son?

5. Instead of ministry, what interested him as his job?

6. Where did Adoniram travel when he was a little short of twenty years old?

7. Who did Adoniram meet at His uncle's house? What conversation did he have with him?

8. What event happened in the inn? What thought occurred to Adoniram after the agonizing crying and weeping from the room next to him ceased?

9. Who was this young man who died next to his room? What was his relation to Adoniram?

Chapter 2

1. What dark reality did Adoniram face about his helpless unbelief in a Sovereign God?

2. Contrary to his expectation, what kind of welcome did Adoniram receive from his parents after his return? Why did his parents welcome him that way?

3. How did Adoniram's job suit him in Boston? After returning home yet again, where did he decide to attend?

4. What realization occurred to Adoniram which led him to the knowledge of Salvation and God's saving grace?

5. In the student prayer meeting, what did Adoniram add to the list of requests to pray about?

6. What opportunity did Adoniram see in the book he was reading?

7. What changed in the new pros list that was different from the first original one? What does Adoniram acknowledge in the new list?

8. How was the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions founded?



Discussion Questions

9. What was Ann's response to Adoniram's proposal?

Chapter 3

1. What happened to Adoniram on the way to London?

2. Even while in a pirate ship as a prisoner, what was Adoniram's focus?

3. How did Adoniram get out of prison in France?

4. What was the response of the council after a heated discussion to provide funding for the mission?

5. On his way home from England, why did Adoniram visit the innkeepers?

- 6. What date and year were Adoniram and Ann married? What significant event happened the following day?
- 7. During which event on the voyage did the opportunity arise for the missionaries to unite and pray?
- 8. Who did the missionaries meet in India? What was his view about going to Burma?
- 9. At the end of the chapter, Where did Adoniram and Ann plan to serve?

Chapter 4

1. On the way out from India and to Mauritius, who stopped them in their journey?

2. In their desperate situation, what does Adoniram remind Ann and Luther? What do they do after the important reminder?

3. After working several months in Mauritius, what conclusion did the Judsons come to, and what plans did they make next?

4. What did they discover after arriving at Madras? What change of plan did the Judsons make? Where did they head out to?

5. While at the sea, what tragedy struck the Judsons?

6. When did the Judsons finally reach Burma?

Chapter 5

1. What was the first impression of Rangoon according to Adoniram?



Discussion Questions

- 2. In his mission report to the churches in America, what did Adoniram report of happenings in Burma?
- 3. According to Adoniram, whose company did he experience while he was ministering in Burma?
- 4. What made it difficult to learn the Burmese language according to Felix?
- 5. How was God's protection for His missionaries portrayed in January of 1814?
- 6. During the journey to the city of Ava, what trial did Felix go through?
- 7. Describe the progress the Judsons made after some months living on their own in Rangoon.
- 8. What news reached the Judsons in a letter from Luther Rice?
- 9. After the news, what joys and trials came upon the Judsons?

Chapter 6

- 1. What had Ann been doing since the death of her son?
- 2. In what ways was the printing press useful for the Judsons and the ministry?
- 3. How was Ann's trust in God's guidance displayed when Phoebe was in a state of hysteria and anxiety?
- 4. What does Ann remind herself of when fear enters her heart?
- 5. For how long was Adoniram gone before the Houghs planned to go to India?
- 6. During Adoniram's absence, what sign did Ann ask the Lord to show her to leave the boat? What was the result after being shown that sign?
- 7. What was Adoniram's new mission strategy?
- 8. Who was Adoniram's first convert?
- 9. What is interesting about the similarity between the Judsons' ministry and Christ's ministry according to Ann?

- 1. Where was Adoniram headed to at the beginning of this chapter?
- 2. What did Adoniram do when the pirates raided the boat to Ava? Were his prayers answered?



Discussion Questions

- 3. What concerns did Adoniram have for those who attended the service in the Judsons' Zayat?
- 4. What was Adoniram's goal to achieve from the Golden Presence?
- 5. What was Adoniram's gift to King Bayidaw? Did the king accept it?
- 6. What was the king's response to Adoniram's appeal for religious freedom?
- 7. How did Ann encourage Adoniram?
- 8. Who was Adoniram thankful to God for?
- 9. How did the three new converts grow in their faith? How were the Judsons encouraged by it?
- 10. What difference did Adoniram observe in Christianity versus the religion of this world?

Chapter 8

1. After their return to Rangoon, what good news and bad news awaited the Judsons?

- 2. How did the Burmese people engage and serve in the ministry?
- 3. Why did Ann leave Rangoon?
- 4. What was the urgent meeting with the teacher about?
- 5. Who were the new visitors who visited Adoniram several months after the teacher's departure?
- 6. How did Adoniram explain the work of Christ in his ministry even if the fruits seemed not to bear much fruit immediately?
- 7. What opportunity was Adoniram given in the presence of the king? What did Adoniram receive from him?
- 8. What news reached the Judsons on Sunday, 23rd of May, 1824?

Chapter 9

1. Who arrested Adoniram at his home?

- 2. How did Adoniram's diary reveal the method of torture inflicted upon the prisoners?
- 3. How did Ann cooperate in preventing the government from discovering and destroying Adoniram's work?



Discussion Questions

- 4. What encouraged Adoniram when he was near to total despair?
- 5. Although rough, bumpy, and uncomfortable, why did the pillow Adoniram received in prison comfort him?
- 6. What did Adoniram do in prison upon hearing about the birth of his daughter?
- 7. After demolishing the prison hut, what happened to Adoniram's pillow that contained the translation work?
- 8. Where were the prisoners taken to?

Chapter 10

- 1. As Ann and others arrived at Amarapura, where were the prisoners transferred to?
- 2. What was Mary diagnosed with?
- 3. What was brought to the prison Adoniram was in? How did Ann pray in this situation?
- 4. What was the rumor spreading around the prison?
- 5. Which item was recovered when Adoniram returned to the mission house?
- 6. When was Adoniram released from prison?
- 7. Where did the Judsons relocate their ministry?
- 8. After leaving Ann at Amherst, what emotional entry did Adoniram record in his diary?
- 9. What sadness upon sadness was brought upon Adoniram in 1827?
- 10. What was Adoniram's method of coping with this great burden of grief?

11. Describe Adoniram's spiritual state after the death of Ann, Maria, and His wife, daughter, and adopted daughter?

12. At the end of 1832, what great task did Adoniram accomplish?

- 1. Why aren't missionaries special people according to Sarah?
- 2. Why did Koo-chil want to talk with Adoniram?



Discussion Questions

- 3. As Adoniram reflected back in his memories, what did he recognize about the goodness of God?
- 4. Which milestone did Adoniram complete on the 24th of October 1840?
- 5. How were the Judsons' prayers answered on their journey to Culcutta?
- 6. What additional trial did Adoniram face in which he recorded again in his diary?

Chapter 12

- 1. Who was present upon the arrival and return of Adoniram, and his children to the United States?
- 2. Why were they there?
- 3. What sad news came from Burma while the Judsons were in the States?
- 4. Which book was introduced to Adoniram on the train?
- 5. What did Miss Chubbock agree on writing?
- 6. What were the three letters Adoniram sent about?
- 7. Why did the Judsons leave Burma for the very last time?

8. When and where did Adoniram Judson pass away into the arms of his Savior Whom he faithfully and diligently loved and served?



Answer Key

Chapter 1

- 1. 19 years old
- 2. Adoniram chose to give up the idea of running the school because he couldn't bear the thought of teaching for the rest of his life.
- 3. He refused to train to become a minister like his father. He told his father that he couldn't be a minister because, in his thinking, the Bible is not God's Word and no different from any other book.
- 4. Adoniram did not view Jesus as the Son of God. He only viewed Him as a good man. Adoniram's father fervently plead- 5. Adoniram went around to all the inns in which he preed to the Lord for his son's soul. His mother wept, prayed, and begged until he could take no more.
- 5. A writer for a theater company.
- 6. He traveled to New York.
- 7. He met a young preacher to keep him company. Adoniram found himself talking to him about disappointments, doubts, hopes, and fears. Ultimately, the conversation led to the preacher's mention of Jesus.
- 8. Right next to the room he was staying in was a man ill and dying. His agonizing weeping and crying led his thoughts to his 9. They thought they might fund an area of service in mortality and his eternal destination.
- 9. The man next door was Adoniram's atheist friend, Jacob Eames.

Chapter 2

- 1. Adoniram realized that even if he had known it was his friend who was dying, he could have done absolutely nothing to give him hope or to even comfort him.
- 2. He was welcomed with tenderness back to his home because his parents prayed every day many times a day that their son would come safely home and that he would come to faith in lesus.
- 3. It didn't suit him well. Since He couldn't settle anything in Boston, he decided to go to a Bible College
- 4. He was convinced of God's saving grace through the truth of God's Word, based on the realization that God doesn't tell lies.
- 5. Adoniram requested to pray that they all may be humble and that they would want to show people Jesus rather than themselves.
- 6. He read of Burma where only one missionary was present and that no part of the Bible was yet translated into the native language.
- 7. The main difference between his first and second list is that he acknowledged God's sovereignty in his life and gave the Lord full control of his future in the second list.
- 8. The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was founded by the mention of the principle: "we'd better not attempt to stop God," at the end of the meeting.
- 9. That Jesus is faithful, His promises are precious, and that she could not decline an offer which she believes to be God's Will.

Chapter 3

- 1. The ship Adoniram boarded was raided by pirates and he was taken prisoner.
- 2. His focus was on ministry. He took out his Hebrew Old Testament and notebook and continued to translate verses from Hebrew to Latin.
- 3. He was able to exit the prison by ducking under a tall American's cloak and walking out of the cell as one.
- 4. The Council decided that they would provide some funding work.
- viously stayed and left without paying the bill so that he can pay off the debt owed to them.
- 6. February 5th, 1812
- 7. The boat they were on sprung a leak and was in danger of sinking days away from land.
- 8. The missionaries met the experienced English missionary, William Carey, who informed them that the situation would not improve and new missionaries would not be welcomed there.
- either Mauritius or Madagascar. Adoniram and Ann's plans were made in the direction of Mauritius.

Chapter 4

- 1. The Officials from the East India Company.
- 2. Adoniram reminded them that however powerful the opposing forces are, God is powerful still. They prayed for guidance and wisdom for the next step they were supposed to take.
- 3. They made plans to move to Madras to see if they can find an opportunity there.
- 4. In Madras they found a boat about to leave for Rangoon, Burma.
- 5. Their first child died at birth and was buried at sea.
- 6. July 13th, 1813

- 1. It was loud, colorful, and the smell of tobacco was in the air.
- 2. Adoniram wrote of the country's rich beautiful appearance, but at the same time, he wrote of their habitual immorality through constant robberies and murders.
- 3. Adoniram has the assurance that God was their company since He called them there.
- 4. According to Felix, it was difficult to learn the language because it did not consist of sentences, paragraphs, or punctuations.
- 5. God cared for His servants when a violent robbery occurred right next to their mission house.
- 6. He lost his wife and his little son on that journey.
- 7. The Judsons worked on a dictionary, a Burmese grammar, and a translation of Matthew's Gospel.



- 8. The Baptist Missionary Society was established in nearly every state, and that George Hough, a printer, was making his way to Burma to print Burmese Bibles for the Judsons.
- 9. Little Roger was born to Adoniram and Ann, but soon after his 10. In this world, the rich are more important than the birth, he stopped breathing and passed away.

Chapter 6

- 1. She threw herself into the ministry work since her son's death by teaching twenty to thirty pupils and nearly finishing her book of questions and answers about Christianity.
- 2. They were able to print a seven-page leaflet outlining Christianity and explaining their work.
- 3. She reminded Phoebe that even if Adoniram wasn't there to help when he is needed, God is, and all the noise in the world won't scare the Lord away.
- 4. Although Ann has reasons to feel fearful, she assures herself that all she needs to know is that God is in this situation with her.
- 5. After leaving Rangoon, Adoniram was gone for a year.
- 6. She requested the Lord for a restless spirit if she were to leave the boat. After a sleepless night, the opportunity of leaving the 5. boat came when the weight of the cargo caused danger for the 6. journey. After returning to Rangoon, she was informed that Adoniram was alive. A few days later, they were reunited.
- 7. Adoniram suggested they build a zayat on pagoda street.
- 8. Maung Nau
- 9. According to Ann, their ministry was similar to Christ's because those who were receiving the gospel were the poor rather than the rich.

Chapter 7

- 1. Adoniram was headed to Ava, where the king's court was located.
- 2. He prayed as the pirates searched his luggage. His brown cloth which contained the translation work was still intact.
- 3. His concern was that their freedom to speak about God was being curtailed and that those who listened to them were persecuted and often taken into custody to be questioned.
- 4. Adoniram's goal was to ask for sufficient freedom of belief so that those who want to learn more about Christ would be able 4. He received a pillow from Ann to rest his head and be to learn without fear of the consequences.
- 5. A six-volume Bible covered in pure gold leaf. He wasn't in the least impressed with their gift.
- 6. He was even less impressed with their request.
- 7. She encouraged Adoniram by pointing out that there is now a Bible in the Golden Palace, and that God can use His Word to work in the people there.
- Adoniram was thankful for his wife because she supported 8. him in many ways, she did not complain about his long and frequent absences, and she always had a positive attitude even when circumstances discouraged him.
- 9. The three new converts were growing bolder day by day. They were always talking about Jesus despite the possibility of per-

secution. The Judsons were encouraged to see how God was at work in these new converts, and it gave them hope for the future works of God.

poor. But in the Christian faith, it is often the poor of the world who receive the truth, and earthly riches do not ultimately matter.

Chapter 8

- 1. The good news was that the believers in Rangoon grew to 10 total. The bad news was that the teacher was undergoing many trials and was being persecuted by the authorities.
- 2. They started a small school for both boys and girls and used tracts and gave it to people who seemed interested in finding out more about Jesus.
- 3. Ann became ill and left to go abroad for treatment.
- 4. The teacher came to bid farewell to Adoniram because he was moving away to avoid further persecutions from the authorities.
- Dr. Jonathan Price, his wife, and their baby daughter.
- Adoniram told the Dr. that in the Bible, it is stated that the heavens rejoice when one sinner comes to Jesus. The rejoicing of angels eighteen times in ten years is no small thing.
- 7. Adoniram was given the opportunity to preach before the king. He received a piece of land in Ava.
- 8. They received news that Britain and Burma were at war and the British had taken Rangoon.

Chapter 9

- 1. The Spotted Faces; the most feared of all the government's men.
- 2. They were chained by their ankles and were hoisted up by a pulley leaving their shoulders and the back of their head to touch the ground.
- 3. Ann hunted the house for anything in English and burned them. She buried the translation work wrapped up in thick material as far from the house she could.
- comfortable.
- 5. Inside the pillow was all his translation work, all that exists in the world of the Bible in Burmese.
- 6. He thanked the Lord for the news he received and all the experiences he went through, even for the time spent in prison.
- 7. It was taken from him and was thrown into the prison rubbish heap.
- 8. Amarapura

- 1. They were transferred to Oung-pen-la.
- 2. Mary developed a rash which was identified as smallpox.



Answer Key

- 3. A big cart with a lioness was brought into the prison. Ann prayed for the Lord to shut the mouth of the lion as He shut them for Daniel.
- 4. The rumor was that all prisoners were to be buried alive to please the gods and give Burma victory.
- 5. Adoniram discovered that his pillow, the precious translation stuffed pillow, had been recovered.
- 6. Adoniram was finally released on the last day of the year 1825, a year and a half after his arrest.
- 7. Amherst
- 8. Adoniram recorded the devastating news of the passing of his precious wife.
- 9. His adopted daughter, Abby, and his biological daughter Maria died.
- 10. His method of coping with grief was to throw himself into his mission work.
- 11. He became isolated from others and sat alone in the jungle in despair.
- 12. He finished the whole translation of the New Testament into the Burmese language.

Chapter 11

- 1. Missionaries aren't special people in regards to classes or position in society because they are simply messengers who carry the special message of the redemption of Christ and His work on the cross.
- 2. Koo-chil wanted to share with Adoniram his realization of his sin and Christ's atoning work and of God's forgiveness.
- 3. Especially in his time of deep depression, God was with him even though Adoniram couldn't physically feel his presence. He thanked and praised God for His steadfast care and for the refuge He provided for him.
- 4. Adoniram completed the complete translation of the Bible into Burmese.
- 5. The voyage to Culcutta was extremely rough. It was expected that the passengers would drown. But by God's providence, the tides came up and they were free to finish their journey.
- 6. He recorded his wife's death at sea on her way to see George, her son.

Chapter 12

- 1. Many news reporters, magazine reporters, church leaders, and other locals.
- 2. They thought of Adoniram as some kind of celebrity.
- 3. He received a letter from Burma telling him that his little son Charles had died.
- 4. He was handed a book Trippings in Author Land by Emily Chubbock.
- 5. She agreed to write a biography of Adoniram's wife, Sarah.
- 6. The first was to Emily to consider marriage, and the other two were for his family about his hopes and dreams.
- 7. They departed Rangoon, Burma for the very last time because of the growing persecutions in that country.



8. Friday, 12th of April, 1850. He died not far off the coast of Burma.