# Mystery Men of the Bible

Leader: Print 3 copies of this script, one each for:

1. Yourself, to monitor the presentation. You also do the part of *Prompter*.
2. 1st Man (Timothy) who needs the entire script.
3. The other six men (2nd – 7th men).Give each man his own page; his name shows at the top of it.

Participants

(*All seven Men: Your identity appears at the top of your page. Keep it secret*.)

1st Man (Timothy page 1)
2nd Man (Joseph page 2]
3rd Man (Aaron page 3]
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Prompter:We are visiting Mystery Men of the Bible.You are all members of the cast of this brief drama.
If you received no script, then you’re an *Echo*; simply repeat what I say after we start.

All of you, please guess out loud at any time which Mystery Man is speaking.
You will find out if you are correct.

 If you guess one of the men, then let others guess the rest, unless nobody can.
This lets more people solve the mysteries. Now we are starting.

**1st** Man: Hello, folks. I‘m the first Bible Man that you will meet.

**Prompter & Echoes**: (*Loudly*)Our first Mystery Man!
(*If participants fail to echo this, then say,* “Let’s hear it!” *Repeat it if necessary*.)

**1st** Man: I am also your Holy Land tour guide.
We will travel back in time now and meet several other Bible Men.
Do you know who I am?

**Prompter & Echoes**: Please tell us!

**1st** Man: My mother was a Jewess and my father was a Greek.
I shared many adventures and travels with the Apostle Paul while serving Jesus.
Paul praised my grandmother Lois and my mom Eunice for their sincere faith.

**Prompter & Echoes**: They were a blessing to all!

**1st** Man: I served Paul and passed on to others what he committed to me; they passed it on to still others, sparking a huge chain reaction of new leaders and churches. Paul also sent me two letters.

**Prompter & Echoes**: You are Timothy!

**1st** Man: Yes, Now come with me. This road leads to past ages. Are you ready?

**Prompter & Echoes**: Fasten your seat belts!

Page 2‒ Second Mystery Man (*Joseph, son of Jacob*)

*[2nd Man: begin speaking when 1st Man says* “Here is our 2nd Mystery Man.”

**1st** Man: Here is our 2nd Mystery Man.

**2nd** Man: Look! Here come visitors! What ridiculous clothing they wear!
Welcome, friends!

**1st** Man: Oh! Look at those gigantic tombs!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Enormous!

**1st** Man: Pardon us, sir, can you tell us what you are known for?

**2nd** Man: Well, I’m a son of the patriarch Jacob, whom God later named *Israel*.
My brothers hated me because my father favored me.
I also told my brothers that I dreamt that someday they’d bow down to me!

**Prompter & Echoes**: A romantic dreamer!

**1st** Man: Then what happened, sir?

**2nd** Man: They spied me coming when they were out tending the flocks,
and plotted to murder me. Then they saw a caravan traveling toward Egypt,
and sold me to those merchants instead, for 20 pieces of silver.

**Prompter & Echoes**: A poor, miserable slave!

**2nd** Man: God brought about remarkable events, and I rose to be King Pharaoh’s administrator.
Later I rescued my brothers from famine,
and provided choice land for them in Egypt.

**Prompter & Echoes**:You returned good for evil!

**2nd** Man: Well, centuries later, the children of Israel became painfully enslaved in Egypt.

**Prompter & Echoes**:Ruthlessly treated!

**1st** Man: But they multiplied into a sizeable nation, which frightened Pharaoh.

**Prompter & Echoes**: He feared they’d join his enemies!

**2nd** Man: So Pharaoh ordered the midwives to drown all Hebrew boy babies in the Nile River.

**Prompter & Echoes**:How heartless!

**2nd** Man: But God intervened; baby Moses was spared,
and Pharaoh’s own daughter adopted him.
Years later Moses led his people of Israel through the sea,
free from Egypt’s slavery.
God based his covenant with Israel on that huge miracle.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Freedom!

**1st** Man: Come now, folks, to a later time.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Thank you, Joseph!

Page 3 - Third Mystery Man (*Aaron*)

*[3rd Man: begin speaking when 1st Man says “Now let’s see who our 3nd Mystery Man is*.”

**1st** Man: Now let’s see who our 3rd Mystery Man is.

**3rd** Man: Why hello, strangers!
What in the world are you doing out here in this dusty, desolate wilderness?

**1st** Man: Look! There are little white flakes all over on the ground!

**3rd** Man: It’s manna, and it’s good to eat. Try it!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Yum-yum!

**1st** Man:Your people seem to be in a hurry. What’s the big rush?

**3rd** Man: We are fleeing from Egypt’s evil king, Pharaoh. My brother is leading us.

**Prompter & Echoes**: A grand exodus!

**3rd** Man: Pharaoh enslaved us pitilessly; he compelled us to build his cities.
Other pharaohs also had thousands of slaves erect their massive tombs.

**Prompter & Echoes**: The great pyramids!

**1st** Man: I have read about your captivity in the Book of Exodus.

**3rd** Man: A book? It must be the log that my brother Moses kept to record God’s great works.
Well, with God’s miraculous help, my brother
led us out of Egypt’s land of death to freedom.

**1st** Man: Didn’t you have some awesome adventures while wandering in the wilderness?

**3rd** Man: Oh my yes! We were starving, and God gave us Manna.
We thirsted, and the Lord made water flow from a rock.
We complained that we had no meat, and he gave us quail.
We kept grumbling, and he let serpents bite us!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Ouch!

**3rd** Man: Their painful, scalding venom was unbearable!
But God had Moses make a fiery serpent of bronze and raise it on a pole;
God healed the excruciating venom of those fatal fangs for all who gazed upon it.

**1st** Man: If I recall correctly, your two sons suffered a flaming death.

**3rd** Man: That was horrible! God had us build a tabernacle with an inner Holy Place.
As High Priest, I was the only one that God allowed to enter his Presence in it,
and only once a year with the atoning blood.
However, my sons, Nadab and Abihu [*pronounced* ***A-bye-hoo***] dared enter it
without the atoning blood of the sacred sacrifice. Fire consumed them!

**Prompter & Echoes**: How tragic!

**1**st Man: We must go now. Thank you, sir. Come, folks, to a later century.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Goodbye, Aaron.

Page 4 - Fourth Mystery Man (*Gideon*)

*[4thMan: begin speaking when 1st Man says “Now we encounter our 4th Mystery Man*.”

**1st** Man: Now we encounter our 4th mystery Man.

**4th** Man: Hello, travelers! You’ve come to our land at a precarious time.
A lamentable cycle keeps repeating itself. We turn from the Lord to idols
and God sends a pagan nation to invade and punish us;
then we repent and God drives out the invaders.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Over and over again!

**1**st Man: That’s a shame! Which of the hostile pagans are threatening you now?

**4th** Man: Those cruelly brutal Midianites.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Vicious and ruthless!

**4th** Man: The Angel of the Lord appeared to me and told me to drive them out.
He gave me signs to show me that he would be with me.
One sign was to make a sheep’s fleece wet on a dry morning,
and dry on a wet morning.

**Prompter & Echoes**: How powerful is our God!

**4th** Man: I raised a large army, but the Lord told me to pare it down to only 300 men.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Amazing!

**4th** Man: I gave each man a trumpet and a clay jar with a burning torch hidden inside of it.

**Prompter & Echoes**: How mysterious!

**4th** Man: We encircled the massive Midianite force at night on hillsides.
All my soldiers shouted at once, broke their jars and the torches suddenly appeared.
The enemy thought we were an enormous multitude. They panicked and fled.

**Prompter & Echoes**: A stunning victory!

**4th** Man: The Israelites came to make me King,
but I told them firmly that only the Lord is our ruler.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Christ is King of Kings!!

**1st** Man: We must go now**.** Come folks, to a later century.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Farewell, Gideon!

Page 5 – Fifth Mystery Man (*Ahab*)

[*5th Man: begin speaking when 1st Man says* “Now we will join our 5th Mystery Man.”

**1st** Man:Now we will join our 5th Mystery Man.

**5th** Man: Oh! What’s that cloud of dust coming this way?
And what’s that we hear?

**Prompter & Echoes**: The rumble of chariots!

**1st** Man:Look!The leading chariot has hundreds of men running in front of it.
Hey! They intend to run right over us!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Watch out!

**5th** Man: Whoa, horses! Who are you foreigners who dare trample our royal highway
without my imperial permission?

**1st** Man: We are visitors from afar, sir. May we ask who you are?

**5th** Man: We are the all-powerful and majestic King of Israel!
Bow down before me, I say, or my swordsmen will run you through!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Quick! Bow down!

**5th** Man: Sir, what are all these obscene statues that line your royal road?

**Prompter & Echoes**: They are idols!

**1st** Man: And who are these gaudily painted men who run in front of your chariot?

**5th** Man: They are our prophets of Baal, of course. They feed at my wife Jezebel’s table.

**1st** Man: But you are king of Israel, whose God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the creator of all mankind!

**5th** Man: Watch your insolent tongue! Now get out of my way, you miserable vermin!

**1st** Man: Look out!

**Prompter & Echoes**: He’ll run over us!

**5th** Man: I certainly will! We are rushing to Mount Carmel where our 450 prophets of Baal
and 400 prophets of Asherah will engage in a contest against the prophet Elijah.
That fool dares to defy me!

**Prompter & Echoes**: 850 against one!

**5th** Man: Guards, unsheathe your swords! Bathe your blades in these alien’s blood!

**1st** Man: Let’s get out of here!!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Hurry!

**1st** Man: Run friends; we’ll enter a later, and safer, time.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Farewell, King Ahab!

Page 6 - Sixth Mystery Man (*Luke*)

*[6th Man: begin speaking when 1st Man says “We will now hear from our 6th Mystery Man*.”

**1st** Man: We will now hear from our 6th Mystery Man.

**6th** Man: Hello friends! Come join me as we hike along with Paul on his journey.

**Prompter & Echoes**: He is a disciple of Paul!

**6th** Man: I first met Paul in Troas, near the ancient, warlike city of Troy.

**1st** Man: What adventures have you had while traveling with Paul?

**6th** Man: In Philippi a demonized slave girl followed us screaming.
Her greedy masters profited from her fortune telling.
Paul drove the demon out in the name of Christ, and those men were furious.
They put Paul and Silas in jail, but I evaded them.
A result was that the jailer received Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Prompter & Echoes**: He and his whole family!

**6th** Man: I sailed with Paul to Rome when a violent storm shipwrecked us.
I also authored two books of the New Testament.
I was both a historian and a physician.

**Prompter & Echoes**: An educated Man!

**6th** Man: Please excuse me. A patient needs me.

**1st** Man: We thank you. Let’s move into another time, folks!

**Prompter & Echoes**: Goodbye, Dr. Luke!

Page 7 - Seventh Mystery Man (*Barnabas*)

*[7th Man: begin speaking when 1st Man says “Now we interview our 7th and last Mystery Man*.”

**1st** Man: Now we interview our 7th and last Mystery Man.

**7th** Man:Hail, travelers, what brings you to Rome?

**1st** Man: To meet you, I guess. Please tell us who you are.

**7th** Man:I’m a follower of Jesus of Nazareth; that’s who I am.
I was a member of the very first church.

**Prompter & Echoes**: The Jerusalem congregation!

**7th** Man:I helped care for the poor, on several occasions.

**1st** Man: What else are you known for, sir?

**7th** Man:I helped Saul to be accepted by skeptical believers.
They feared him because he previously had jailed Christ’s followers.
He’s fervently following the Lord Jesus Christ now, and goes by his Roman name.

**Prompter & Echoes**: The Apostle Paul!

**7th** Man:The church sent me to Antioch to evangelize Gentiles. So many came to Christ that I traveled to Tarsus to find Paul and ask him to come help us.
We soon recognized him as an apostle.

**1st** Man: You must have had some exciting adventures with him.

**7th** Man:Indeed! The Antioch brothers sent us to evangelize non-Jewish nations.
We took my young cousin Mark along to help, but he soon turned back.

**Prompter & Echoes**:A deserter!

**1st** Man:But later Paul found Mark useful and asked for him.

**7th** Man: In Lystra the people thought Paul was the god Hermes because he spoke powerfully. And they thought I was Zeus, or Jupiter in Latin, but we refused their gifts.

**1st** Man: Didn’t you join a momentous council of leaders from many churches in Jerusalem?

 **7th** Man: Yes. We agreed to receive Gentiles without their having to adopt Jewish customs.

**Prompter & Echoes**: That made a lasting difference!

**7th** Man:Absolutely. Soon non-Jews outnumbered Jews in the churches.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Praise God for salvation!

**7th** Man:On another journey I wanted to take Mark again, but Paul refused.
We argued sharply and went our own ways, forming two missionary teams,
doubling our outreach.

**1st** Man: We will return home now, folks. This ends our tour.

**Prompter & Echoes**: Goodbye, Barnabas.