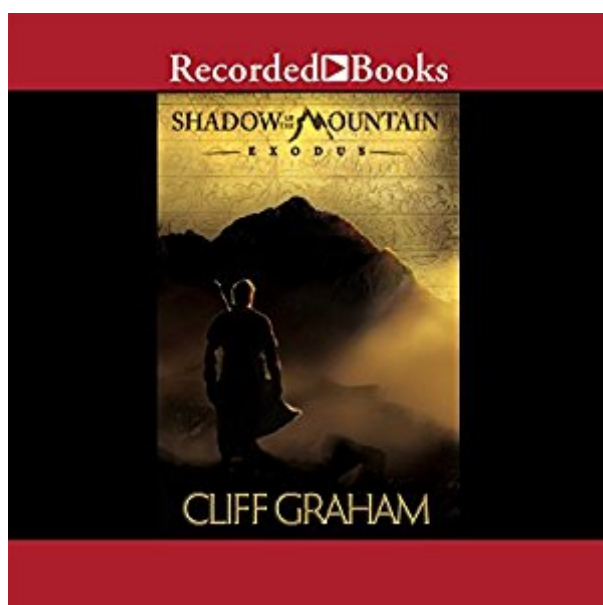


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# Shadow Of The Mountain: Exodus



## Synopsis

Caleb and Joshua Roar to Life in this High-Impact Old Testament Saga Two men were brave enough to tell the truth about what awaited the Hebrews in Canaan. This is their story. From the slave pits of Egypt to the efforts of an 85-year-old Caleb as he drives out the last of the giants, *Shadow of the Mountain: Exodus* is a vivid portrait of two of God's chosen champions and a meditation on masculine mentorship and the challenges and blessings of growing older. For the sake of his new god and his loyalty to his friend, Joshua, Caleb will not spend his twilight years resting but taking the battle to the enemies of God's people until his dying breath. From his early days as a mercenary for Pharaoh in Egypt, watching the Hebrews suffer under the yoke of slavery, all the way through a desperate fight with giants in the dark forests of the hill country, this is a story filled with epic battles, gritty intensity, and supernatural events that made Graham's *Lion of War* series a hit. *Shadow of the Mountain* is sure to ignite a love for the Old Testament in popular culture.

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## Customer Reviews

I've always liked the Biblical character Caleb. He was amazing to me because he didn't go with the crowd and he trusted God enough to have faith in His promise that the Children of Israel would take the land. After reading *Shadow of the Mountain: Exodus* by Cliff Graham, I ended up liking Caleb even more. Don't get me wrong - I read the author's note that he had taken extreme liberties with the tale of Caleb. Usually this irritates me, but given the lack of facts concerning Caleb in the Bible, I didn't mind this time. Plus the fact that he used artistic license in creating this character meant that we got an Egyptian view of the 10 Plagues, something that I have

honestly never considered. He painted Caleb as a young artist who found himself enrolled in Pharaoh's army, working his way through many grueling tasks to become one of Pharaoh's elite. The author was a soldier. That is very evident in the graphic battle scenes throughout this book. If you don't want a little violence, don't read this. I was a little startled by some of it, but let's be honest - I'm a baby when it comes to that. None of it spoiled the book for me, though, and I didn't think he included gratuitous violence. It all had a purpose. Something I loved about this book was that it was told mostly in flashback, but also gave insight to the mature adult Caleb. The author pointed out that he and Joshua were the only "old men" that any of the children entering into the promised land knew, since the rest died before they were allowed to go in. I liked that he considered these facts when he wrote the book and crafted the characters around this knowledge. Plus he included battles with the Nephillim. Who isn't interested in that? Go get this book. It's another quick read, but it's insightful enough that you'll be 100% glad you did.

Over the past week I have had the pleasure of reading Cliff Graham's newest release, Shadow of the Mountain - Exodus. I have been waiting for a new book from Cliff ever since finishing his second book on David. I know the other 3 are available online, but I just never got around to getting them as then I would have to read them on my reader. No fun. :-)

Anyway, this time Cliff takes us to the time of Caleb and when Israel is on the cusp of taking over the promised land. Caleb and Joshua have the battle all planned and they and their armies are ready to execute but the weather has other plans. While the armies wait for the weather to clear one of the junior officers asks Caleb to tell his story. What we get is a wonderful story about what life was like in Egypt before the Israelites are set free. Caleb rose through the ranks of Pharaoh's army until he becomes a palace guard, just in time for Moses and Aaron to show up in court and the power of Yahweh to be revealed. Now I have to mention that this book is written for guys, not me, but I thoroughly enjoyed it and am looking forward to the next book in the series. It is a battle, killing and warrior filled book that if you are not ready for might be a bit of a surprise to you. It is one of those books that while sitting on the shelf can intimidate the books next to it just because it is full of testosterone. Cliff writes it that way and makes no apology for it either. He wants to write books for guys to enjoy and remember what it is like to be a guy. I recommend his early books over and over to men readers and I have yet to have any one of them come back and complain about the violence or battles in the books. I have a strange feeling that this book will have the same results. So get your battle swords out and join the warriors around the fire and learn what it was like to fight in a war in early Biblical times.

Shadow of the Mountain, by Cliff Graham, is Book I of his newly released Exodus Series. Kudos to Bethany House for publishing such an intensely captivating Biblical fiction novel depicting such an interesting back story of Caleb of the Old Testament. If you enjoy Biblical historical fiction portraying realities of ancient warfare, you will love this book. The book starts when Caleb is preparing to attack the fortified city he has claimed for his inheritance. Much of the book, is Caleb retelling his past to his nephew, Othniel, who wants to record Caleb's story to have in addition to Moses's writings. Caleb's past includes the excitement of being a young foreigner in the land of Egypt. As previously stated, the story is intensely captivating. I enjoy both military fiction and Biblical fiction, therefore, this book is the ideal combination. I highly recommend this novel and will be anxiously awaiting the next book. I received a copy of this book from the publisher, through The Book Club Network (bookfun.org) in exchange for my honest review.

Wow! What a STRONG addition to the growing library of Grahams testosterone infused portrayals of Old Testament men and legends. And I mean strong almost literally, I feel like this book could've been bench pressing me while I was reading it! I continue to be sucked in to the lives of The Mighty Men and other Old Testament characters in Grahams stories in a way that has me digging into scripture afterwards. No need for giving disclaimers to the brutality in the stories, as the author does enough of that on his own. What's important is the accuracy and truth in presenting the tactics and methods in ancient battle, and Cliff Graham does an amazing job of that in every tale he pens. I look forward to what comes next both in this new series as well as the Lion of Wat series.

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