

child of morning, rosy fingered Dawn, appeared . . .” This elegance of expression appears throughout the work.

## **Book 9**

Books 9-12 are a flashback to the adventures of Odysseus from the end of the Trojan War until he came to Calypso’s Island, where we first found him in Book 5. The hero doesn’t resume his arduous journey back to Ithaca until Book 13.

1. Who were the first people that Odysseus and his men encountered after they set forth from their homeland?

Answer: They came on the Cicones, allies of the Trojans. Odysseus and his army sacked their cities. His crew wanted to remain and gorge on the fat cattle of the Cicones.

2. What is the importance of the Lotus-eaters and their fate?

Answer: This is a form of utopian culture. Men have always dreamed of the elimination of violence and war. They wish to have this liberty without the sovereign claims of Jesus Christ Who is the Prince of Peace. The Lotus-eaters had a completely bland existence. They were much like the Phaeacians.

3: Who were the Cyclopes?

Answer: The Cyclopes were brutal, one-eyed barbarians who cultivated no crops and had no law structure. Because of their lawlessness they had no civil assemblies.

4. What did Odysseus and his men do in order to subdue Polyphemus, the angry Cyclopes?

Answer: After the Cyclopes had eaten several of the men, when he had returned to his cave, they gave the brute the strong wine that had been brought. When Odysseus had lured him into a deep sleep, they pierced the Cyclope’s single eye with a sharp stick. Thus, they were able to escape and sail away to new adventures.