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**SCORE/GRADE:**

SETTING: *The Bronze Bow*

In a single paragraph, evaluate the thematic significance of this story's SOCIAL SETTING – that is, explain how the author uses this structural element to emphasize the story's main themes. As always, refer to the events of the story in your answer. For page-length answers, attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Whereas Daniel comes from zealot stock and believes that the only right way to resist the Roman occupation is through violence and open rebellion, Joel bar Hezron's father is more moderate. A learned man, he sides with the conservative majority and hopes to work within the framework which the Romans have provided to establish a peaceable kingdom. He believes the violence that the zealots foment damages the Jewish people, and he refuses to let the vitriolic poison infect his own household. This division between the careful high-brow Jews and the desperate common men paves the way for Jesus' message of counter-cultural revolution. While his message differs from what either of these Jewish sects anticipate, it is the only catalyst for unity and peace in Judea.