

# BIBLE GEOGRAPHY

# AT-A-GLANCE

**WORKSHEET 8 FOR STUDENTS:**

**DOUBLE PUZZLE: SCRIPTURES REL TO THE INVASIONS OF ISRAEL**

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Birth of Jesus      2000's AD

**BIBLE STORIES INVOLVED**

**SCRIPTURES INVOLVED**

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *Bible Geography At-a-Glance*, which will make the Bible stories extra real and extra visual to students. These sheets put Bible stories in order visually so students will immediately know where most all these factual events took place. Have you ever tried to explain to students what affected their faith via an event in Florida, or Alaska, or Pennsylvania if you don't live there? Seeing it as "just some far-off place" takes away from understanding and appreciation. This set of geography lessons in our Bible At-a-Glance series will certainly help out there!

Each sheet makes comprehension of places and times easy. Here is how:

With dates, we have rounded them off until a pattern becomes noticeable: God often moved in a big way every 500 years throughout history. For example, between the adventures of Abraham and Moses are 500 years. Between Moses and King David are another 500 years, etc. By rounding the dates, children will remember them more easily. For example, saying Abraham moved around 2000 BC, rather than the exact (yet still approximated) date of 2166, will help young minds see patterns.

With information, we are providing maps, often using the same map repeatedly with different time periods and their events mapped out. Hence, children will be able to see that Israel is what Abraham was moving toward in 2000 BC, what Moses moved toward in 1500 BC, what David conquered in 1000 BC (Jerusalem: City of David), what the kingdoms lost around 500 BC (Temple destroyed and rebuilt). After another 500 years, what happened in Jerusalem/Israel? Jesus Christ appeared.

Watch information make sense as the steps of Bible heroes cross and repeat throughout history.

Each page contains easy-to-follow headings, such as the years the map covers or what famous Bible verses were first stated during this time period. Headings will differ between one section and another but serve to provide easy-to-follow cheat sheets.

This set of cheat sheets contains worksheets for students to go with each lesson. The worksheets provide activities which will make the information stick. Drawing paths, creating headings, and following cities are just some of the activities laid out on each worksheet. The numbers of the worksheets correspond with the cheat sheet. For example, Sheet 1 in the Maps at a Glance section corresponds with Worksheets for Students 1 in the Worksheets Section.

You can always know what worksheet to include with each cheat sheet introduced, as those numbers are the same.

## What this package contains:

**Section 1:** Maps at a Glance: The first section contains 4 “Maps at a Glance” that will help students see the land of the Bible (herein dubbed Bible Land) by understanding its relationship to the US, the Middle East, and how the land will appear on a modern-day map of the area. This is a wonderful eye-opener to some students, who are under the impression that Bible stories are like myths that didn’t really occur.

**Section 2:** Famous Bible Journeys: We introduce students to an idea they generally don’t know: Almost all Bible history occurred in a piece of land between Iraq and Israel, Syria and Egypt, about 500 miles wide and equally deep. The journeys of Abraham, Moses, the people in the Great Exiles, and Jesus will get kids thinking about how this land has been trampled, taken over, taken back and traveled intensely by Bible heroes. Some maps are enlarged; however the first map seriously introduces children to this land, identifiable by the bodies of water that surround it. One goal is for them to be able to determine where Bible Land is, regardless of what maps they are looking at, throughout life.

**Section 3:** Worksheets for Students: Because mapping can be intricate and often not interesting to children, we have fortified the cheat sheets with worksheets. There is one worksheet to go with each cheat sheet. Finishing one will take around 20 minutes, and the word searches can be sent home if students don’t complete them in class.

## Ways to Use this Package

Cheat Sheets have a number of uses, and their flexibility is part of their charm. If you are going to be studying a certain Bible story with your students, find the cheat sheet that covers that period in Bible Land. Some are not covered—for example, the Era of the Judges. But most are covered and are identifiable by the

subheading, Period Covered, if not the Sheet's heading. Telling students your Bible lessons occur in the indicated place and having students learn the facts will help them believe your story more completely.

You can also use the cheat sheets as an **entire lesson series**, covering one a week with the worksheet. In that way, you may forever eliminate challenges students have in understanding that the Bible is true, and it unfolded in real places. The worksheets offer plenty of help, and with the addition of one game or other activity, class time is full.

You can also offer the cheat sheets for use between your own curricula series or as an easy selection for when a substitute teacher is needed. The sheets can be read, stopping to point out places mentioned, which makes teaching with them breezy!

Offering prizes and lots of congratulations will help students color, follow, cut, paste and label with greater zeal! The enthusiasm in your voice will also be an added plus: "Look! That's where David killed Goliath! It sure is close to where Jesus will walk in another thousand years!"

Regardless of your use, children are sure to gain faith and understanding based on the maps, facts, Bible knowledge and faith builders included with *Bible Geography Cheat Sheets*.



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## SECTION 1: MAPS AT A GLANCE

Important Maps with Basic or General Information

# UNITED STATES & BIBLE LAND

## AT-A-GLANCE



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**Birth of Jesus**

**2000's AD**

### BIBLE STORIES INVOLVED:

All the Bible stories, save some of the Acts of the Apostles, took place in the red square, Bible Land.

### SCRIPTURES INVOLVED:

All Bible scriptures, save some in the Book of Acts, were written about, from, or indirectly referencing the places in the red square.



### IMPORTANT FACTS:

- The Bible events took place across the Atlantic Ocean.
- They took place about 5,000 miles away from us.
- They took place between 6,000 and 2,000 years ago.
- Yet even today, this red square is considered by millions to be the most important piece of land in the world.

# MODERN TIMES BIBLE LAND

## AT-A-GLANCE



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### WHO OWNS IT NOW:

Israel, Lebanon, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan.

### WHO OWNED IT THEN:

Bible Land history is almost all about getting the land of In the 4,000 years of Bible history, the important fact to remember is that all the nations were pagan (worshipped other gods) and were threats to God's people and his plans.

Familiar pagan kingdoms are the Amalekites, Amorites, Hittites, Egyptians, Edomites, Canaanites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Philistines, Midianites, Moabites and others mentioned in the Bible.

**Nations that have not been renamed** since the time of Christ include only Egypt and Israel. Syria is now where Assyria was, but Assyria was a different shape. Iran is to the right of Iraq. Most of it was the Persia of Bible Land.



### IMPORTANT FACTS:

- There are 89 wars and battles mentioned in the Bible. They include battles against Israel, battles Israel started, and civil wars within Israel. They occurred during the 2,000 years between Father Abraham (Genesis 14) and the end of the New Testament. The Bible makes no mention of what wars and battles may have led to the Great Flood (up to Genesis 11).

# BIBLE LAND & THE MIDDLE EAST

## AT-A-GLANCE

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BIBLE LAND?

Students probably hear the words “Middle East” every day, either in school or merely floating out of the TV during news broadcasts. They hear lots of names that match up with Bible names: Jerusalem, Israel, Damascus, Bethlehem, Egypt.

That's because the Middle East is full of conflict. There are 15 countries in the Middle East. All except two have been part of a war, conflict, or civil unrest in the past 30 years.



## THIS MAP

Above is a map of the **Middle East** in the outer red square. **Bible Land** is in the smaller red square.



### Bible Land and the Middle East are not Synonymous

Bible Land is in the Middle East. But it does not take up the whole Middle East. Below is a list of the 15 countries in the Middle East. Those in red are either completely or partly in Bible Land:

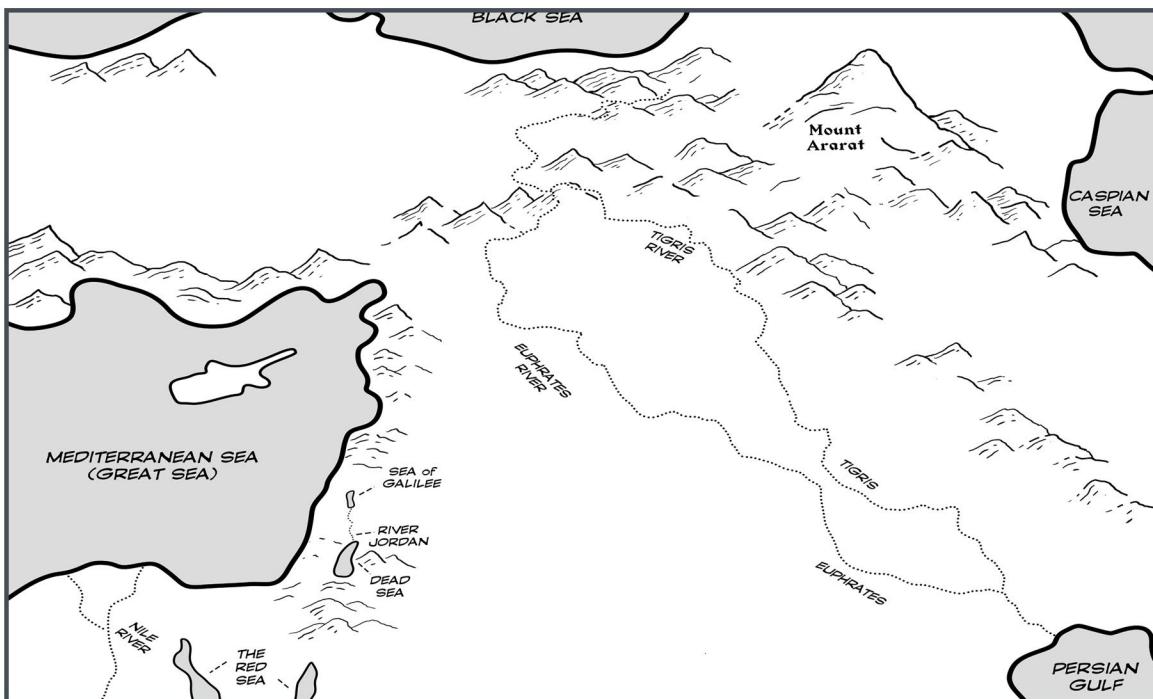
**Cyprus**  
**Egypt**  
**Iran**  
**Iraq**  
**Israel**

**Jordan**  
**Kuwait**  
**Lebanon**  
**Oman**  
**Qatar**

**Saudi Arabia**  
**Syria**  
**Turkey**  
**United Arab Emirates**

# ANCIENT BIBLE LAND BASICS

## AT-A-GLANCE



Before Adam and Eve were even created, this is what Bible Land looked like. There were no kingdoms, cities, or towns because there were no people!

Hundreds of kingdoms have risen and fallen since God created mankind, around 6,000 years ago. But God's work doesn't change that much.

Get to know the bodies of water in or surrounding Bible Land. That way, when you hear them on the news or in history class, or you see them on a map, you can know, "Hey, that's in Bible Land!"

## BODIES OF WATER:

**Persian Gulf** was not big in Bible history, but the two rivers that empty into it were huge. It is in the lower right corner.

**The Euphrates and Tigris Rivers**—dump into the Persian Gulf. The Garden of Eden would lie somewhere in between them. Babylon would be built on the lower Euphrates. So would Ur, the first home of Father Abraham. Nineveh, where Jonah prophesied, would be built on the Tigris.

**The Caspian Sea** is near Mount Ararat, where Noah's Ark is thought to have landed. It is in the upper right corner.

**The Black Sea** is the northern border of Bible Land. Huge and above it is Russia, which some scholars feel will be involved in the big End Times war called Armageddon.

**The Great Sea** was the first name of the Mediterranean Sea. Jerusalem would be built near it.



## SECTION 2: FAMOUS BIBLE JOURNEYS

Covering the Crucial Journeys & the Reshaping  
Kingdom of Israel

# ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY, 2000 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

Abraham, Sarah, Lot

### SCRIPTURES COVERING

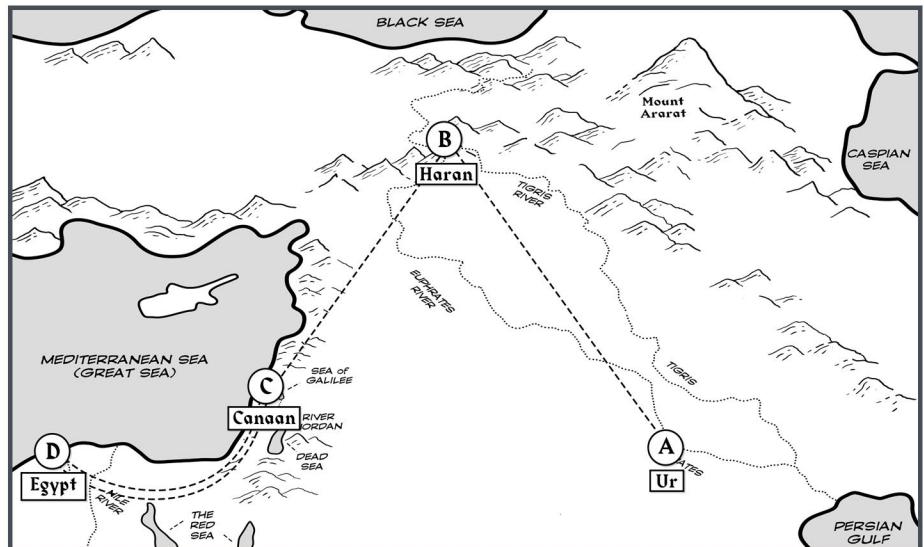
Genesis 11-Genesis 25

### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED

Visitation by three angels who announced Sarah's pregnancy

2065 BC

The birth of their son Isaac when Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100, 2066 BC



### IMPORTANT FACTS

At first, all Bible history was happening to the right of the map. See letter A. Father Abraham's journey is what shifted the entire history of the Bible over to the west. God promised to make him the father of a great nation (Israel) if he would go.

Creation

Years Covered: 2166 BC - 1991 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

### FAMOUS VERSES:

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."  
*Genesis 12:1*

No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. *Genesis 17:5*

### FAMOUS BIBLE STORIES:

- **Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah, Genesis 19**
- **Birth of Isaac, Genesis 21**



### WHAT HAPPENED:

- Abraham was born in Ur (point A on the map). His father, brother, and he moved their families up to Harran (sometimes spelled Haran, and point B on the map).
- They had been trying to get to Canaan but ended up settling in Harran.
- God spoke to Abraham and said if he would go to Canaan (point C on the map), God would give all the land to his descendants. Abraham went with Sarah and his nephew Lot.
- A famine in Canaan drove the three to Egypt for a while (point D on the map). Then they returned to Canaan and settled where they had been, near Bethel.

# THE EXODUS, 1500 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

Moses, his older brother Aaron, his older sister Miriam, Pharaoh, the Israelites

### SCRIPTURES COVERING

Book of Exodus thru Joshua 1

### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED & OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS

#### The Burning Bush

(Exodus 3)

#### Ten Plagues of Egypt

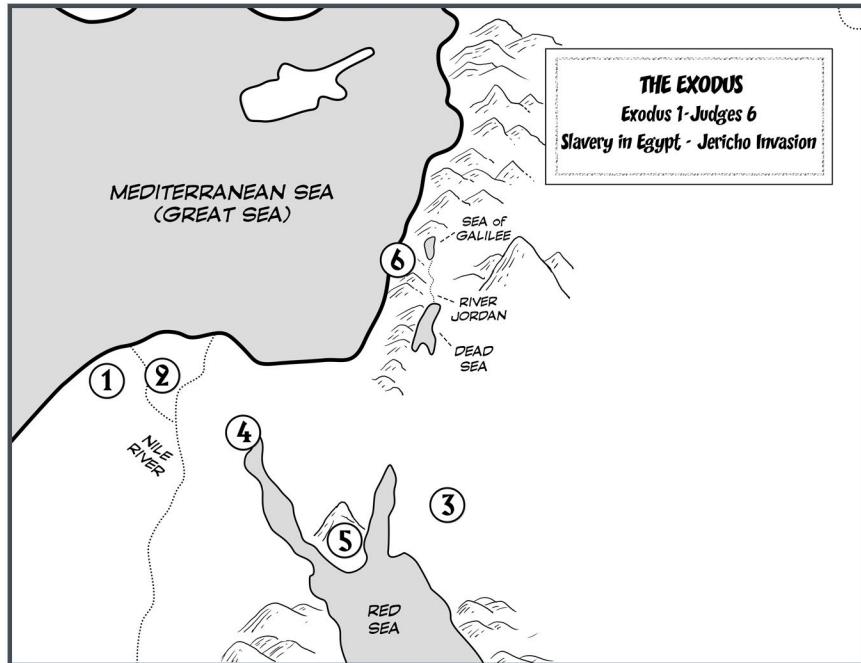
(Exodus 7-11)

#### Parting of the Red Sea

(Exodus 14)

#### Receiving the Ten Commandments

(Exodus 19-20)



Creation

Years Covered: 1500-1400 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

## FAMOUS VERSE:

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Exodus 3:14**

## WHAT HAPPENED:

- Abraham's great-grandson Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt by his 10 older brothers (They were at point #6. Joseph wound up at point #2). Genesis ends with him forgiving them and welcoming them during a famine. They stayed, had more generations there, and that is how the Hebrews wound up in Egypt instead of Israel at the beginning of Exodus. The Egyptians had been jealous of their blessings and enslaved them a hundred years after Joseph died.
- Moses was born by the Nile River in Egypt and was raised by one of Pharaoh's daughters (see point #1). He fled to the Midian farm country after killing an Egyptian (see point #3).
- Moses heard the voice of God at the burning bush in Midian, where he had fled.
- He returned to Egypt to tell Pharaoh to let the people go as God had ordered him. When Pharaoh refused, God sent the Ten Plagues (we're not back at point #1).
- Moses led the people out through the Red Sea, which God parted overnight (see point #4).
- Three months later, Moses got the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai (see point #5).
- The people wound up living 40 years in the desert instead of just a few, because they were complaining and showing no faith.
- Moses died 40 years after the start of the Exodus. Joshua led the invasion of Jericho as Israel's first conquest (Moses had brought them to point #6, but on the eastern side of the Jordan).

# THE CONQUEST OF ISRAEL, 1500-1000 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

**Joshua, the Israelite Army**

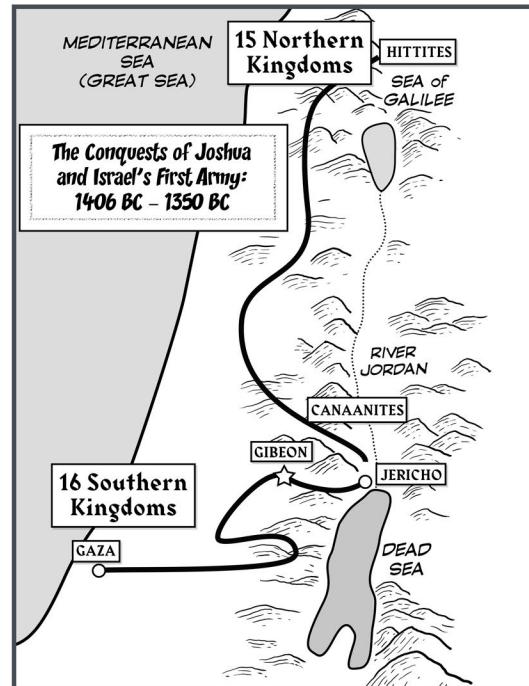
### SCRIPTURES COVERING

**Book of Joshua**

### IMPORTANT FACTS

To acquire the land that would be Israel, Joshua would defeat 16 kings to the south and 15 kings to the north. Many ganged together, but could not defeat the Israelite army.

**MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED**  
**Walls of Jericho tumbled down to start the battles**  
*(Joshua 6)*  
**Sun stood still in the sky over Gibeon**  
*(Joshua 10)*



Creation

Years Covered: 1406-1350 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

## FAMOUS VERSES:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." **Joshua 1:9**

All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom (west of the larger Jordan and emptying into the Dead Sea) to fight against Israel. The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel..." **Joshua 11:5-6**

## WHAT HAPPENED:

- In the Exodus & Numbers, Moses got the people to the Jordan River before he died. It became Joshua's job to lead the army. They had to conquer all the land the Lord had promised.
- Joshua fought the battle of Jericho where the walls tumbled down in Chapter 4. Then he defeated the city of Ai nearby. All the other battles of Joshua's army are in Joshua 10 and 11.
- In Joshua 10, Joshua and the army defeated 15 kings in the south. Nobody knows exactly where many of these cities and kingdoms were.
- Joshua 11 covers his conquests to the north after the army finished in the south. Mapping is extremely difficult, not only because many exact locations aren't known, but because Joshua 10 lists primarily by cities and regions, and Joshua 11 lists by kingdoms.
- However Joshua 12 provides a smooth list of all 31 kings/kingdoms Joshua conquered.
- The rest of Joshua covers how they split the land among the 12 tribes and how Joshua died and was buried at age of 110.

# THE INVASIONS & EXILES, 700 - 500 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

Kings of Israel, the Assyrians & Babylonians, Major & Minor Prophets

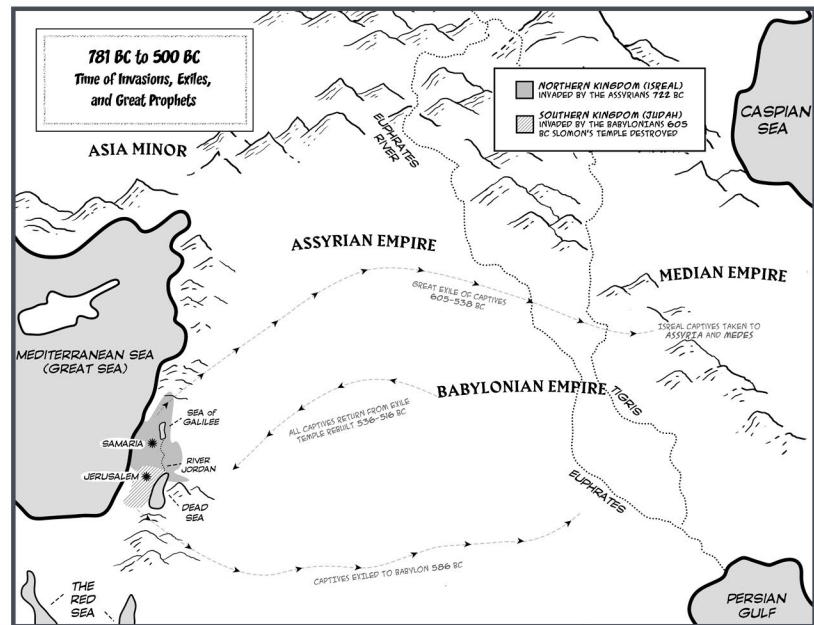
### SCRIPTURES COVERING

2 Kings 17-25, excerpts from all four Major Prophets and seven of the 12 Minor Prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi), plus Ezra and Nehemiah.

### IMPORTANT FACTS

Due to gross idolatry, God allowed both the Assyrians and the Babylonians to invade Israel and take the people away. The people taken during the Assyrian exile never returned!

The people from the Babylonian invasion came back. They were from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. They rebuilt Solomon's Temple 70 years after the Babylonians destroyed it.



Creation

Years Covered: 722-536 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

### FAMOUS VERSES:

Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?

**Ezekiel 33:11**

### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED:

This was not a big miracle period in Israel. However it is loaded with prophecy! Most Major and Minor Prophets were either prophesying about the invasions or exiles that were coming or they were prophesying during them.

### WHAT HAPPENED:

- After Solomon, the third king of Israel, the kings got corrupt. They split the kingdom into two kingdoms because they couldn't get along. Israel became the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The people worshipped other gods. They kept making God mad and hurt. There was rarely a good king in either Judah or Israel.
- So God let evil nations invade and take people away, or "be exiled." It gave people a chance to stop behaving badly, (even though they didn't).
- Assyria invaded the Northern Kingdom of Israel first in 722 BC. But they didn't start taking the people away until 605 BC. They are represented by the top line on the map. As stated above, all the people exiled from the Kingdom of Israel never came back. They are now called the "lost tribes of Israel." The loss involved 10 of the 12 Tribes. There was recent debate over whether the American Indians are the lost tribe of Dan. DNA may soon tell!!
- The Babylonians invaded the Southern Kingdom of Judah in 586 BC. This was quite devastating, because it involved Jerusalem and the Temple. King Nebuchadnezzar not only leveled the Temple but took everyone in the kingdom to exile in Babylon. The exile lasted 70 years! The exile is represented by the bottom line on the map. The return after 70 years is the middle line.

# THE MINISTRY OF JESUS 0 BC/AD

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### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED Jesus & his disciples

### SCRIPTURES COVERING All Four Gospels

### IMPORTANT FACTS

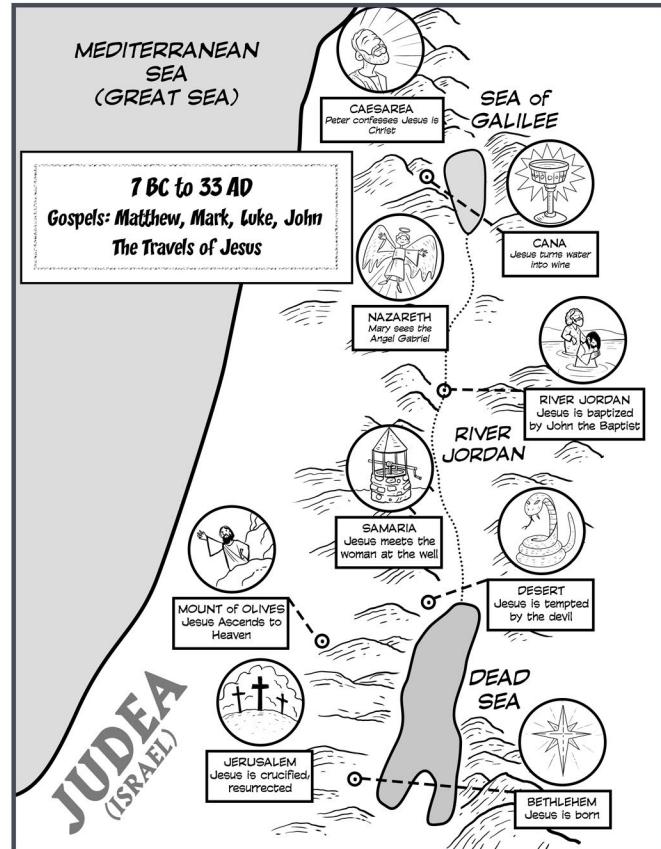
Most of Jesus' ministry took place west of the Jordan River and east of the Great Sea.

### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED

Forty-four of Jesus' miracles are recorded in the gospels. However John the Apostle says in John 20 that there were hundreds.

### FAMOUS VERSES

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.  
**Matthew 23:37**



## WHAT HAPPENED:

Jesus was quite a walker. He visited Jerusalem five times in the gospels—always on foot. Several times he left from his home in Galilee. The trip is 240 miles, which means that trips between Galilee and Jerusalem totaled 1,200 miles. Of course, there were many stops along the way. It is thought by some that he may have walked as much as 3,500 miles just during his ministry!

Jesus visited so many towns and regions in those three years that nobody has been successfully able to map it. Here are the cities in the Bible that mention him stopping there to teach, heal, or perform other miracles:

- Bethany**
- Bethlehem**
- Bethphage**
- Bethsaida**
- Caesarea Philippi**
- Cana**
- Capernaum**
- Dalmanutha**

- Decapolis**
- Emmaus**
- Ephraim**
- Gennesaret**
- Golgotha**
- Gethsemane**
- Jericho**
- Jerusalem**

- Jordan River**
- Magadan**
- Mount of Olives**
- Nain**
- Nazareth**
- Sea of Galilee**
- Sychar**

There are also many events in the Bible where the location isn't given. Part of that is God's choice. Think how many people would be climbing the mountain to worship if they knew on which the Transfiguration occurred? (God wants us to be confident he hears no matter where we are.)

**The map above shows some of the places Jesus was when major events took place.**

# THE JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLES, 33-95 AD

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED The Apostles

### SCRIPTURES COVERING

*Acts of the Apostles*

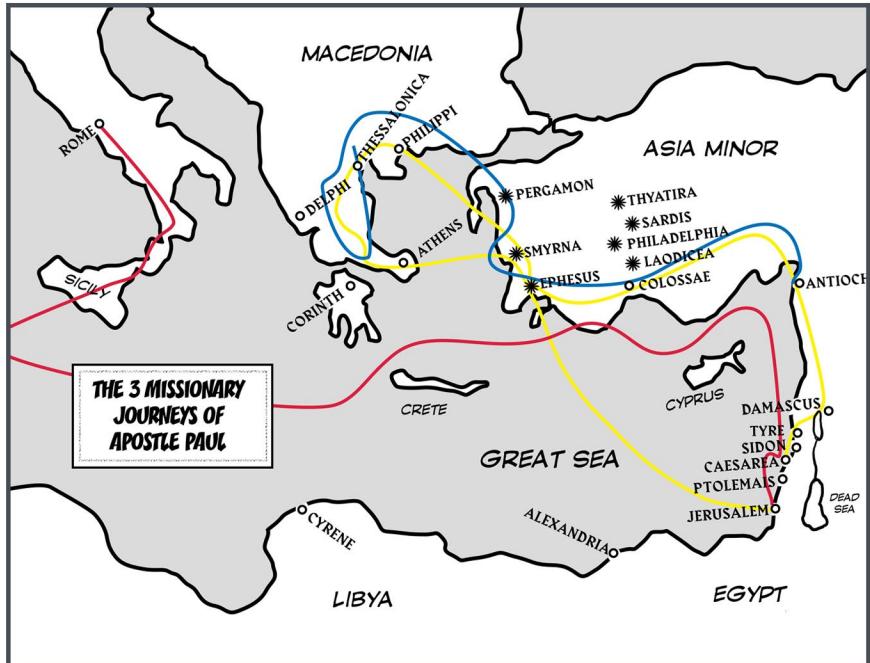
Travels of the Apostles not listed in Acts are from early church documents.

### IMPORTANT FACTS

Jesus gave the Apostles the Great Commission after his resurrection: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel.*

The Apostles went far and wide. The map shows the three missionary journeys of Apostle Paul, of which accurate records were kept.

The travels of the others will be mentioned below.



Creation

Birth of Jesus

Years Covered: 26 AD-95 AD

2000's AD

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### FAMOUS VERSE:

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

*Acts 3:6*

### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED:

- Peter heals a lame man
- Paul hears Jesus on the Road to Damascus
- Many healings
- Peter is delivered out of prison by an angel

### WHAT HAPPENED:

The disciples became the Apostles upon receiving the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. They then traveled so far to carry the gospel, they may not have even known there were kingdoms so far away.

The map covers the three missionary journeys of Paul. He made three major missionary journeys. His first is marked with the red line. The piece of the red line out of bounds on the left is the Island of Malta in Spain. His second is marked with the gold line. His third is marked with the blue line.

Per other Apostles, these countries are their farthest travels or most well-known place, most not mapped:

Peter: Rome  
Andrew: Russia  
James: Spain  
John: Greece  
Philip: Unknown  
Bartholomew/Nathaniel: Rome

Thomas: India  
Matthew: Ethiopia  
James the Less: First Bishop of Jerusalem  
Thaddeus: Armenia (above Turkey)  
Simon the Zealot: Armenia  
Matthias: Colchis (above the Black Sea)

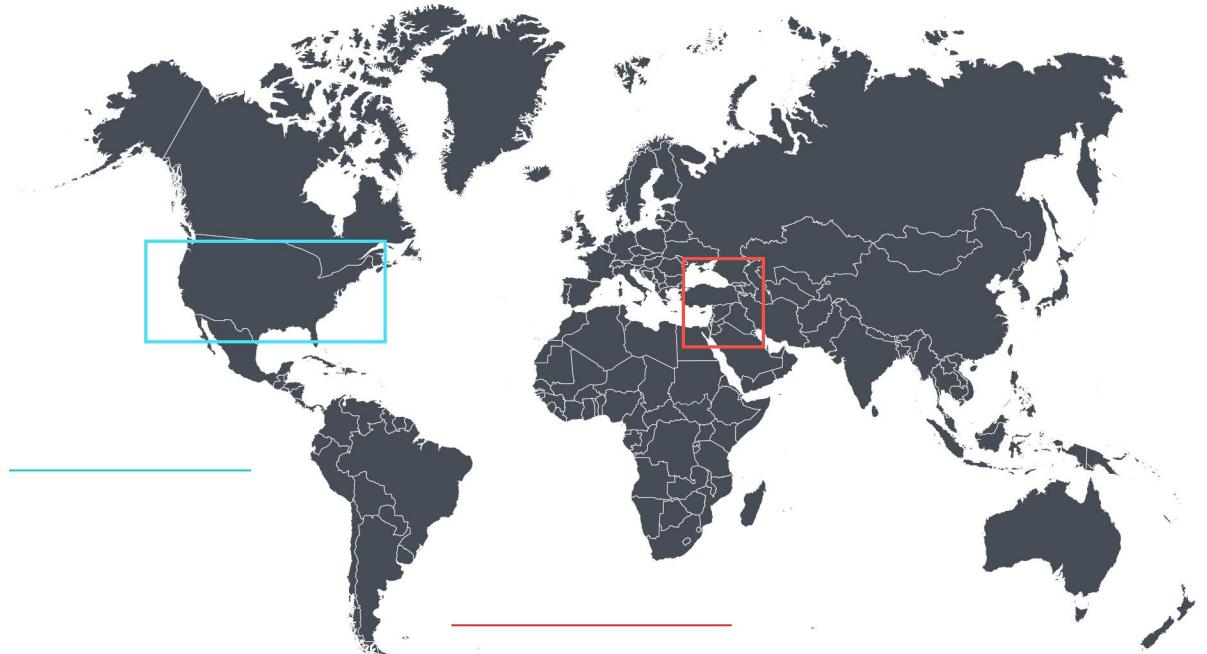


## SECTION 3:

### Worksheets for Students

# WORKSHEET 1 FOR STUDENTS: UNITED STATES & BIBLE LAND

## AT-A-GLANCE



We are in the **BLUE** square.  
We are in the United States of America.  
We are in the Western Hemisphere.

All the events in the Bible took place in the **RED** square.  
The land now belongs to eight modern countries.

 Circle the names of any countries you have heard of: **Israel, Lebanon, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan.**

Those countries are in the Eastern Hemisphere.

 Write the word **USA** on the blue line and draw an arrow to the blue box.

 Write the words **BIBLE LAND** on the red line and draw an arrow at the red box..

The only Bible events that took place outside of the red square are in the **Acts of the Apostles**. That is the New Testament book that tells how far the Apostles went speaking the gospel of Jesus. They went outside the **red square** on all four sides.

The Bible events took place across the Atlantic Ocean. They took place about 5,000 miles away from us. They took place between 6,000 and 2,000 years ago.

Yet they are still incredibly important to millions worldwide!

 Draw a line between the two boxes. Write 5,000 miles apart on it.

# WORKSHEET 2 FOR STUDENTS: MODERN TIMES BIBLE LAND

## AT-A-GLANCE

See the little globe to the left and center of the map? That is the Eastern Hemisphere. The little **red square** in it shows the Bible Territory.

The big map is that territory! This map shows modern times. (*Bible times are between 6,000 and 2,000 years ago.*)

Here you can see the Bible territory today and the countries surrounding it.

On maps, the **bigger** the land mass, the **bigger** the lettering. Therefore big countries often have the biggest lettering.



You can clearly see at the bottom three countries: **Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.**

Smaller countries have smaller lettering, same typeface. See if you can find the smaller countries of Israel and Lebanon. They are to the right of the small globe in the Med. Sea (short for Mediterranean Sea).



**On your map, circle Israel. Then circle the countries that surround Israel. We will go around clockwise, starting with Israel. The neighbors to circle are**

**Lebanon**

**Syria**

**Saudi Arabia**

**Jordan**

**Turkey**

**Iraq**

**Egypt**

What's the big deal about Israel and these seven countries? Almost all of Bible history took place inside of them!

**Israel is the most important country in the Bible.** Some say it is the most important country on planet earth! **Why?**

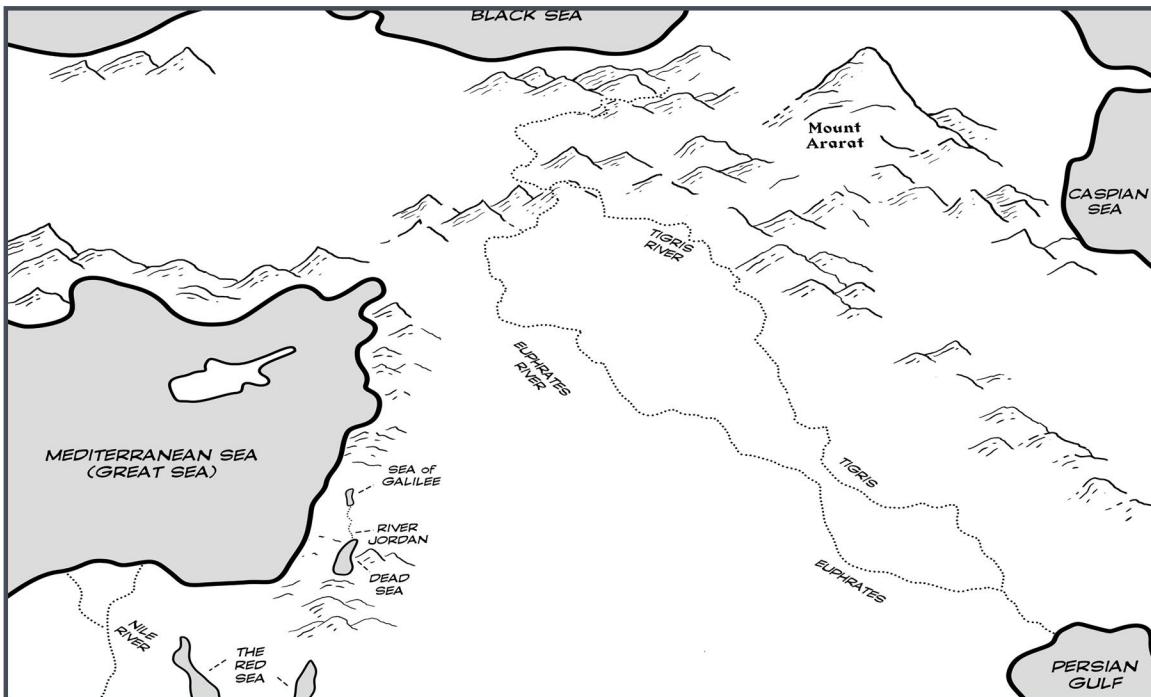
- ★ **God chose the people of Israel** as the ones he would help the most.
- ★ **He stated that** only 11 chapters into the Bible (in the Book of Genesis).
- ★ God helped the people until they became the **Nation of Israel**. That took 1,000 years.
- ★ Israel did bad things, fell apart, and came back together. **God helped them** each time they listened to him. That happened over another 1,000 years.
- ★ Then **Jesus was born in Israel**. He came for the people of Israel first.
- ★ **Jesus taught and performed miracles** for the people of Israel.
- ★ **Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended** into heaven from Israel.
- ★ Now another 2,000 years have passed. **Jesus said he will come back in Israel.**



**Put a big star where Israel is!**

# WORKSHEET 3 FOR STUDENTS: BIBLE TERRITORY: ANCIENT TIMES MAP

## AT-A-GLANCE



The map is the same land mass as in the small square that your teacher showed you on Sheet 3. Why does it look so different here? For one, this map is of ancient times! The modern countries are missing. So are the ancient ones. Let's get used to looking at it stripped down to bodies of water and some mountains.

**Because the kingdoms changed often!**



**Underline the bodies of water above as you find them.**

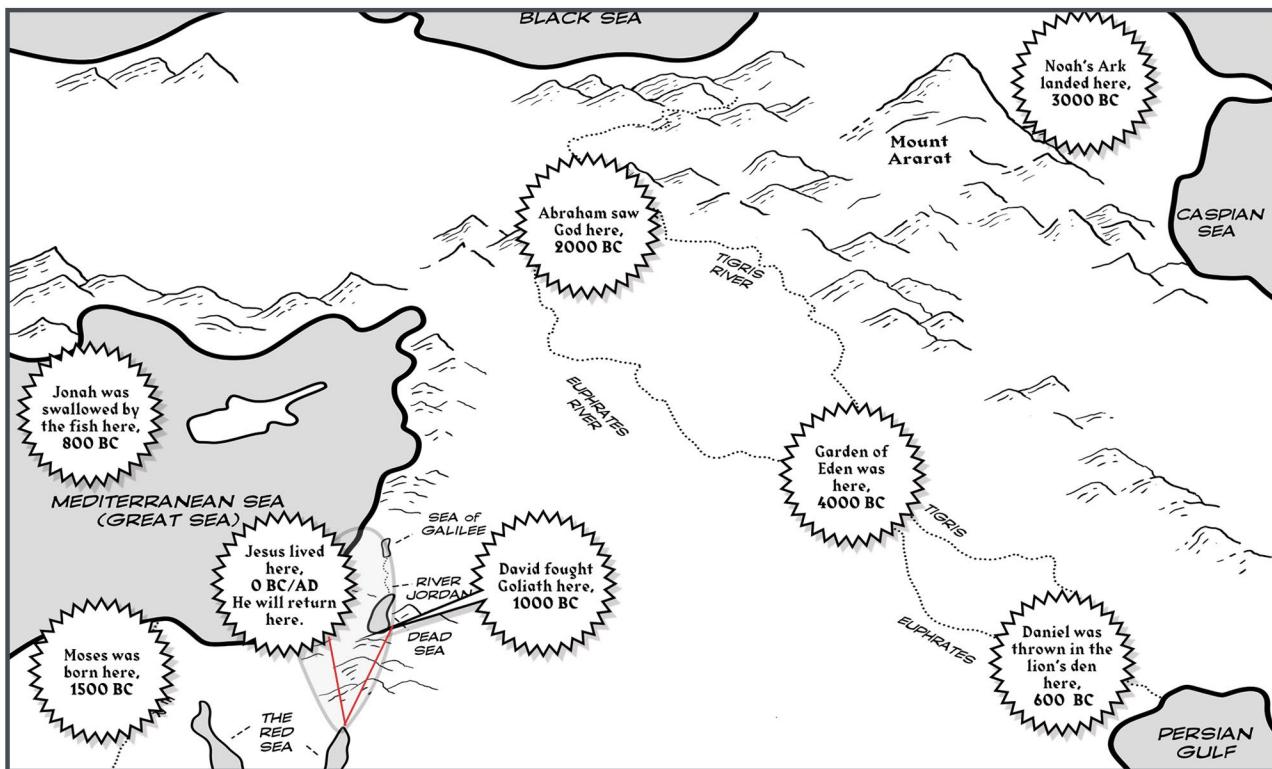
1. **Mediterranean Sea** is on the left, and Israel eventually would be on its right bank.
2. **The Black Sea** is all three bulges at the top of the page.
3. **The Caspian Sea** is in the upper right beside all the mountain peaks.
4. **The Persian Gulf** is down in the lower left.
5. Both the **Euphrates River** and **Tigris River** end at the Persian Gulf.
6. **The Red Sea** is the two fingers sticking up from the bottom.
7. **The Nile River**, very close to the Red Sea and empties into the Great Sea.
8. **The Dead Sea**, the small body of water above the Red Sea, separates Israel from Jordan today.
9. **The River Jordan** connects the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus spent much time.

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This map is **Bible land!** Almost everything in the Bible happened here! God let many kingdoms rise and fall. But he stays the same! So do his land masses.

# WORKSHEET 4 FOR STUDENTS: FAMOUS BIBLE PLACES

## AT-A-GLANCE



**This map will show you where some of the most famous Bible events happened.**

All Bible history took place between 4,000 BC and just a few years after the year 0. Those marked are very famous.

 **Number** these events in the order they occurred, from earliest to latest. Don't forget: The numbers in BC go backwards! (In other words, Garden of Eden happened first because it has the biggest number.) Put #1 - #7 in or above each event box.

How big is Bible Land? The area between Jesus' box and the Garden of Eden's box is about 550 miles wide. That distance could fit across the United States five times.

 **Draw a line** from Jesus' box to the Garden of Eden's box. Write 550 miles on it.

And Israel is only a small part of this map!

 **Find** the **red lines** near where Jesus' box is. **Trace** around the red lines starting and ending at the Great Sea. **That is Israel!**

The modern-day country of Israel is about the same size as the state of New Jersey. New Jersey is the 4th smallest state in America.

 **Color** in the circles in light colors.

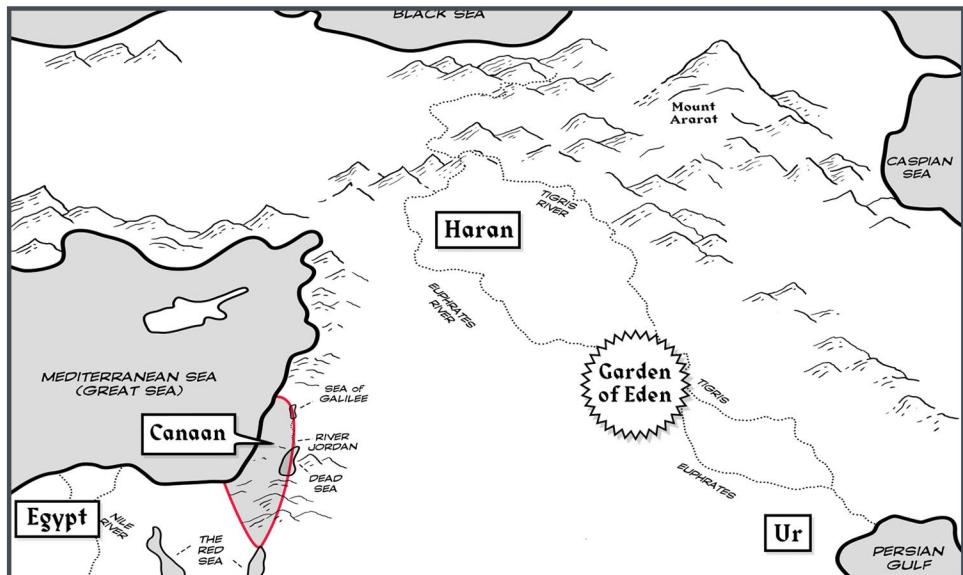
# WORKSHEET 5 FOR STUDENTS: ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY, 2000 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

**The Garden of Eden** is pretty far to the east (or right) on the Map of Bible Places. Yet most Bible events ended up happening in Israel, far to the west (or left).

The future **Israel** is **outlined**.

How did the Bible people start at Eden and end up all the way to the land that would become Israel? (They didn't have cars then.) It's over 500 miles away!



 **Father Abraham started the whole thing with God, way back in Genesis. Follow these instructions to understand his journey:**

1. First, put an **X** over the Garden of Eden. It was long gone by the time Father Abraham was born 2,000 years later. Interesting Fact: Father Abraham is a direct descendent of both Adam and Noah. He was 19 generations after Adam. He was 10 generations after Noah.
2. Gently **scribble** out the line around Israel. It wasn't a kingdom yet. It wouldn't be a kingdom for another 1,000 years.
3. Around 2,000 BC, Abraham was born in Ur. **Find** Ur. Mark it with the letter **A**.
4. Abraham and his dad, Terah, tried to move to Canaan. But it wasn't God's time. They settled in Haran. **Find** Haran. Mark it with the letter **B**. We don't know how old Abraham was.
5. When Abraham was 75, God told him to move to Canaan. God said he would give Abraham all the land he could see in all directions. (Wow! How would YOU feel?) Canaan would become Israel. The people who lived there would be Abraham's descendants. **Find** Canaan. Mark it with the letter **C**.
6. Now **draw** a dotted line from A to B to C. That is how most of Bible history shifted from the east to the west of Bible Land! Because God called Abraham, who believed and went!
7. Abraham and his wife Sarah went to Egypt for a while because there was a famine. Find Egypt and **circle** it. Mark it with the letter **D**. But they went back after a while. **Draw** a line back to C.

# WORKSHEET 6 FOR STUDENTS: THE EXODUS, 1500 BC

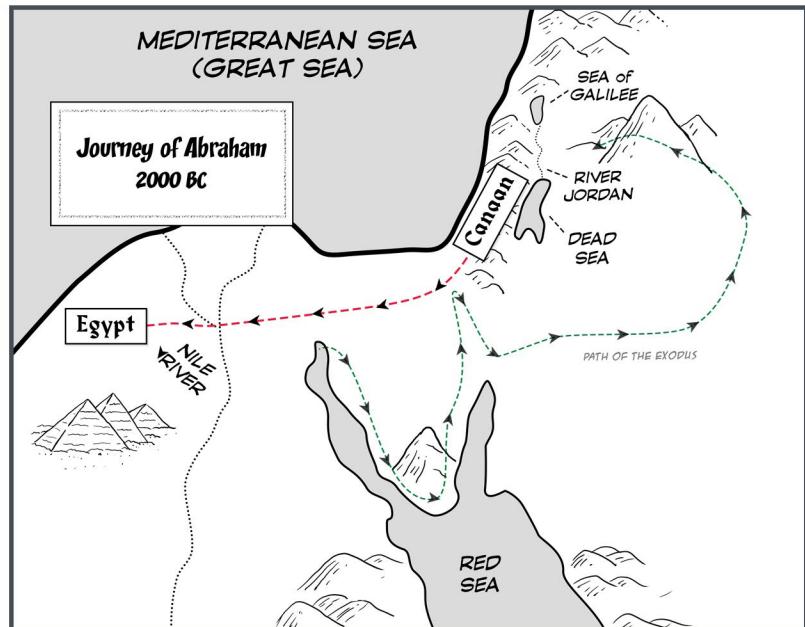
## AT-A-GLANCE

Father Abraham had moved his family to Canaan, which would become Israel. His sons and grandsons were doing well!

### What happened?

How did Father Abraham's descendants end up slaves in Egypt in the Book of Exodus? How did they even get there? It started in the end of Genesis.

Abraham's great-grandson Joseph had 10 older brothers. They all lived in Canaan. They were jealous. Their father Jacob loved Joseph most. Joseph's brothers sold Joseph to merchants on their way to Egypt.



 Trace the **red line**, following Joseph's kidnapping journey from Canaan to Egypt around 1900 BC. Write Joseph's journey 1900 BC on it.

Joseph didn't remain a slave. After time, he became something like prime minister! His brothers and father joined him because there was another famine in Canaan. Joseph forgave them. All was good.

Until Joseph died. Then the Egyptians forgot about him. There were new Pharaohs and prime-minister types. They didn't know Joseph. All the ancestors of Jacob got enslaved because the Egyptians were jealous and afraid.

That's why Moses led the Exodus—to get back to Canaan and get out of slavery!

 Trace the **green line** back to Canaan. Write The Exodus back home 1500 BC on it. The Exodus took 40 years.

Moses parted the Red Sea at the start of the green line. Write Red Sea Parts on top of it at the beginning. Three months later, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments at the dip-down lowest point of the green line.

 Write Mount Sinai on that mountain and make a little picture of the Ten Commandment Scrolls.

WORKSHEET 7 FOR STUDENTS:  
**FIND ALL THE KINGDOMS JOSHUA  
DEFEATED AFTER MOSES**

**AT-A-GLANCE**

After Moses died, Joshua and his brand-new army had to conquer the land God had given them in 1406 BC. They didn't just get to move in! The Book of Joshua is full of miracles and God's help. Below is a list of all the kingdoms that Joshua overcame with his men from the list in Joshua 12. Find them in the word search.



Jericho  
Ai  
Jerusalem  
Hebron  
Jarmuth  
Lachish  
Eglon  
Gezer

Debir  
Geder  
Hormah  
Arad  
Libnah  
Adullam  
Makkedah  
Bethel

Tappuah  
Hepher  
Aphek  
Lasharon  
Madon  
Hazor  
Shimron Meron  
Akshaph

Taanach  
Megiddo  
Kedesh  
Jokneam  
Dor  
Goyim  
Tirzah

# WORKSHEET 7 FOR STUDENTS: PUZZLE SOLUTION

## AT-A-GLANCE

### (Over,Down,Direction)

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APHEK(5,12,NW)  
ARAD(8,4,SE)  
BETHEL(11,6,NW)  
DEBIR(5,1,SW)  
DOR(15,1,S)  
EGLON(4,5,SE)  
GEDER(14,12,W)  
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GOYIM(16,12,E)  
HAZOR(4,12,NE)  
HEBRON(20,1,S)  
HEPHER(9,12,N)  
HORMAH(6,2,SW)  
JARMUTH(14,1,S)  
JERICHO(4,7,SE)  
JERUSALEM(16,9,N)  
JOKNEAM(2,7,SE)  
KEDESH(8,12,NE)  
LACHISH(7,7,SW)  
LASHARON(6,1,E)  
LIBNAH(20,11,W)  
MADON(13,6,N)  
MAKKEDAH(2,8,NE)  
MEGIDDO(7,15,E)  
SHIMRON MERON(15,12,NW)  
TAANACH(4,8,NE)  
TAPPUAH(8,7,NW)  
TIRZAH(2,13,E)

# WORKSHEET 8 FOR STUDENTS: DOUBLE PUZZLE: SCRIPTURES RELATED TO THE INVASIONS OF ISRAEL

## AT-A-GLANCE

Below is a famous line that God yelled down to the people of Judah through the prophet Ezekiel. It is in Ezekiel 33:11, taken from the New American Standard Bible (NASB). See if you can figure out what it says by unscrambling the words. Then, put the letters with the correct numbers in the puzzle to get God's final words on the subject. If you can't figure it out, borrow your teacher's smartphone or go on a laptop and look up the verse in NASB:

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# WORKSHEET 9 FOR STUDENTS: PUT THE STICKERS ON JESUS' FAMOUS VISITS

## AT-A-GLANCE

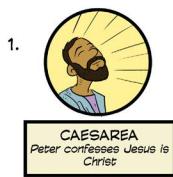
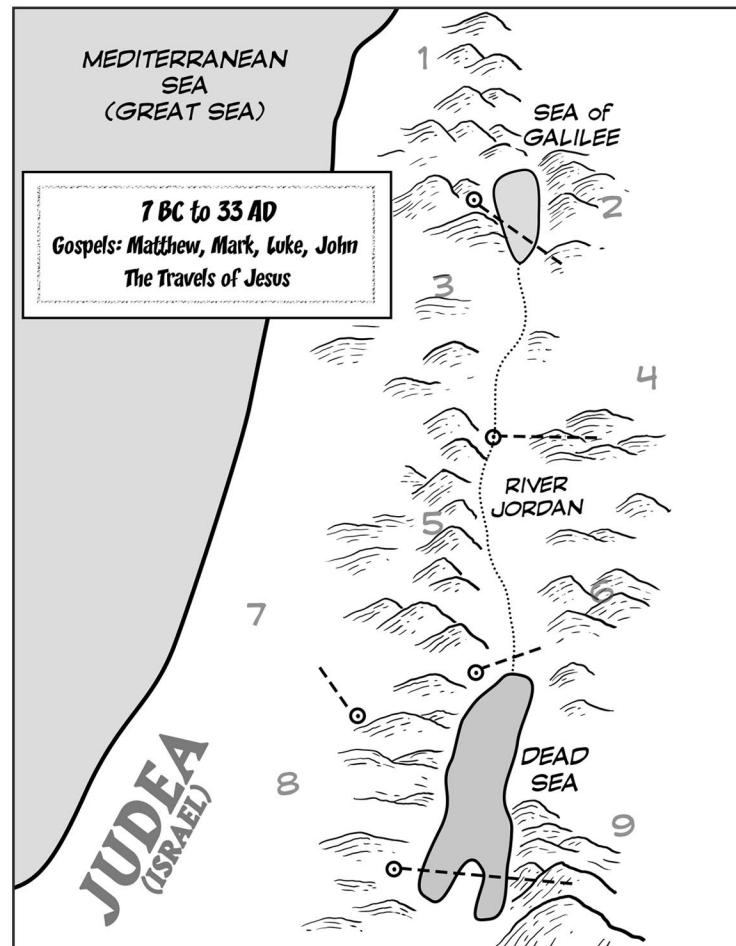
### Scissors and stick glue needed!

Jesus never traveled far from his home in Galilee. However, he never stopped moving and rarely spent more than a few nights in the same town or city!

Some say he traveled on foot over 3,500 miles during the three years of his ministry!

Use the numbers on the map to the side and cut out the labels below and paste them onto the map.

These are some of the most famous stops Jesus made.



1. CAESAREA  
Peter confesses Jesus is Christ



2. CANA  
Jesus turns water into wine



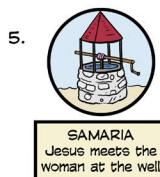
3. NAZARETH  
Mary sees the Angel Gabriel



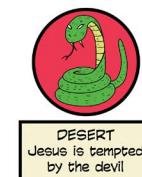
4. RIVER JORDAN  
Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist



9. BETHLEHEM  
Jesus is born



5. SAMARIA  
Jesus meets the woman at the well



6. DESERT  
Jesus is tempted by the devil



7. MOUNT OF OLIVES  
Jesus Ascends to Heaven

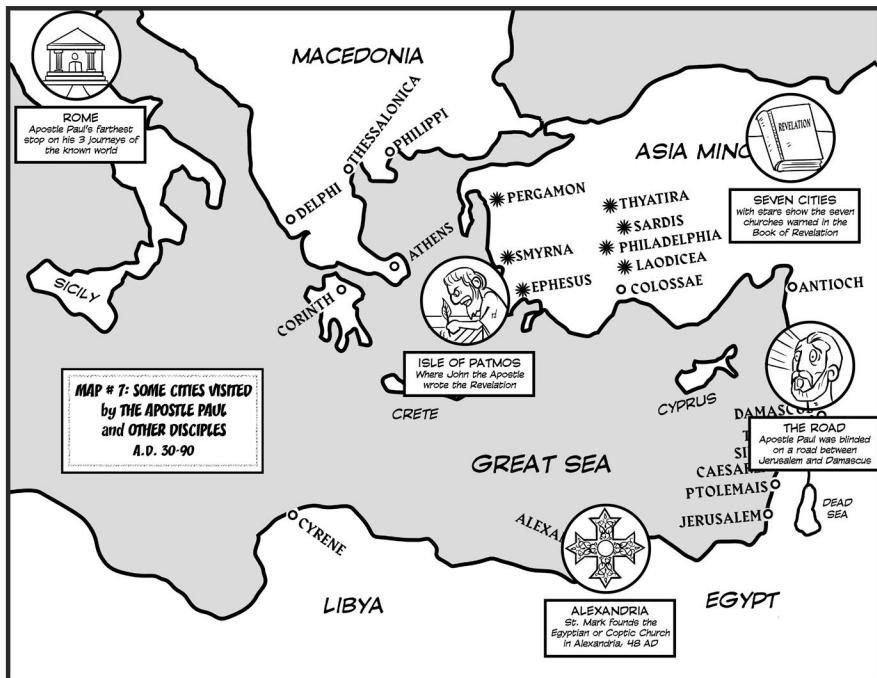


8. JERUSALEM  
Jesus is crucified, resurrected

# WORKSHEET 10 FOR STUDENTS: FIND THE PLACE BIBLE LOOKUP

## AT-A-GLANCE

When the early churches were first being born, it was an exciting time! Find the places where various disciples traveled or wrote about in the word search. Then, put a star on any you can see on the map! Those places are in red below:



**Antioch**  
**Armenia**  
**Athens**  
**Cesarea**  
**Colchis**  
**Corinth**  
**Crete**  
**Damascus**  
**Delphi**  
**Egypt**  
**Ethiopia**  
**Greece**  
**India**  
**Laodicea**  
**Libya**  
**Philippi**  
**Ptolemy**  
**Rome**  
**Russia**  
**Sidon**  
**Smyrna**  
**Spain**  
**Tyre**



# WORKSHEET 10 FOR STUDENTS: PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

## AT-A-GLANCE

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### (Over,Down,Direction)

ANTIOCH(20,7,N)

ARMENIA(8,1,S)

ATHENS(6,8,W)

CESAREA(18,8,NW)

COLCHIS(18,1,SW)

CORINTH(13,8,NE)

CRETE(3,1,SE)

DAMASCUS(12,8,NE)

DELPHI(18,5,SW)

EGYPT(12,5,NE)

ETHIOPIA(11,8,N)

GREECE(5,1,SE)

INDIA(10,5,N)

LAODICEA(1,9,E)

LIBYA(19,10,W)

PHILIPPI(1,1,SE)

PTOLEMY(7,4,W)

ROME(16,8,NW)

RUSSIA(1,7,E)

SIDON(15,9,E)

SMYRNA(19,3,S)

SPAIN(10,9,NW)

TYRE(6,4,N)

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