

Bible Study Tools – Bible Maps

Bible Study Tools activities are designed to give students practice in basic Bible study skills: the use of Bible maps, cross-reference systems, concordances and lexicons.

Bible Maps

Most Bibles come with a set of maps, but how often are they used? They are tucked away, usually at the back of the Bible where they are easily missed. Yet Bible maps are full of things waiting to be discovered. This activity is designed to help students discover how maps can enrich their understanding of the Bible.

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Paul's Shipwreck

"But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive. And running under a certain island which is called Clauda (Cauda), we had much work to come by the boat: Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven." – **Acts 27:14-17 (AV)**

- 1 – Read Acts 27:14 in the RSV, NIV, or ESV. What is another name for Euroclydon? Which way does the wind blow in this kind of storm? (Hint. Winds are named for the direction they come from.)
- 2 – Find the island of Crete on a Bible map. Also locate Fair Havens (Acts 27:8); Phoenix (Acts 27:12), and Cauda (Acts 27:16). Label these places on the map below.



3 – Label North, South, East, and West on the map.

4 – Read Acts 27:17 in a modern version. Find Syrtis and label it on the map. In what direction would Paul's ship be driven if the wind drove it from Cauda to Syrtis? How is this consistent with the fact that the storm was a "northeaster"?