

A word-search puzzle from the Bible Pages.

Theme: Rivers and seas that are mentioned in the Bible.

35 words are hidden in this puzzle. They are printed across, or up or down, or diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line, with no letters skipped. Each letter may form a part of more than one word. All letters do not belong to words, and there is no “hidden message”.



List of words (rivers and seas mentioned in the Bible):

ABANA, AHAVA, AMANA, ARNON, BESOR, BROOKOFEGYPT,
BROOKOFESCHOL, CEDRON, CHEBAR, CHERITH, CHINNERETH,
EUPHRATES, GIHON, GOZAN, GREATSEA, HAVOR, HIDDEKEL, JABBOK,
JORDAN, KANAHA, KIDRON, KISHON, NILE, PHARPAR, PISON, REDSEA,
SALTSEA, SEA OF GALILEE, SEA OF GENNESARETH, SEA OF TIBERIAS,
SIHOR, SHIHOR LIBNATH, TIGRIS, ULAI, ZERED

(On page 2, there are some notes on the selection of words in this puzzle.)

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Some notes on the selection of words in this puzzle

The purpose of this puzzle is not to provide any “complete list” of rivers and seas that are mentioned in the Bible. That would be a rather complicated task, because all waters that appear in the Scriptures, are not given a proper name. Some are referred to by generic names only, such as “the rivers of Babylon”, “the rivers of Damascus”, “the rivers of Egypt”, “the rivers of Ethiopia” (properly, “the rivers of Cush”, as some translations have it), “the rivers of Judah”, and so on. Such generic “names” are not included in this puzzle.

More: It is not always easy to know with certainty, what a given name or phrase refers to – that is, whether it refers to a river or to a town, or to something else. Also, bible-translators have in this regard interpreted things in different ways – further, different translations use different spellings. This puzzle includes names which the author thought to refer to rivers or seas at least in some passage (such as “Kanaah” in Joshua 19:28), and it leaves out some other names which seem to refer to “valleys” or other things rather than “rivers”, even though it in some bible-versions may seem the other way.

Most of the words in the word-maze on page 1, are written with a spelling that is similar to that of the King James version.

A note: The word “Nile” is not found in the Bible, but that river is nevertheless mentioned a number of times in the Bible. For the sake of simplicity, it is in this puzzle called “Nile”. (There has been some confusion regarding the Nile and “the Brook of Egypt”; some people have been caused to think that those would be the same thing, but they are not. However, that is not the point here; this is a word-search puzzle and not a lesson of geography or theology. Those who want to study the matter of “the Brook of Egypt” versus the Nile river, can read the article www.biblepages.net/roa061.htm which even clarifies which part of the Red Sea the Israelites actually crossed over.)

Another note: In the Bible, the Mediterranean sea is called “the Great Sea” (even other names appear), and the Dead Sea is called “the Salt Sea” or “the Sea of the Plain”.

More: Some might notice that this puzzle contains some synonyms; for instance Kidron appears also under the name Cedron – those are different spellings of the same river-name, in the 1769 edition of king James’ bible.

Here are other puzzles that mention some river or sea:

www.biblepages.net/rpa010.htm#36 (Theme: The crossing of Jordan and the taking of Jericho.)

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