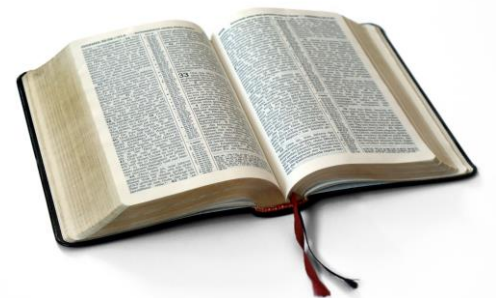




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A Tale of Two Seas

Which One Are You?

----- Political Borders
circa 6-44 AD



Mediterranean
Sea
(Great Sea)



0 10 20 miles

Scale & measurements are approximate







Receiving and Giving

- Found in Deuteronomy 15:10; 16:17
- Found in Proverbs 11:24-25
- Found in Acts 20:35
- Found in John 17:8, 12, 14, 22, 26

Be A Channel of Blessing

- Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; 18:18-19)
- Israel (Zech. 8:18-23)
- Christians (2 Cor. 1:20; 2:14; 9:11; 2 Tim. 2:21)

Be A Channel of Blessing

- In our mind/body (Gen. 1:26)
- In our physical possessions (Lk. 6:38)
- In our marriage (Acts 18:2)
- In our family (Psa. 127 - 128)
- In our local church (1 Thess. 1:8)

The Sea That Receives Only

- It is dead, not blessed
- It loses what it has (Mt. 13:12; 25:29)

The Sea That Receives and Gives

- We are to receive God's word, then give God's word (Acts 8:4; Heb. 5:12)
- We are to receive God's love, then give love (Jn. 13:34; Eph. 5:2; 1 Jn. 4:9, 11-12, 16)
- We are to receive God's mercy, then give mercy (Lk. 6:36-38)

The Sea That Receives and Gives

- We are to receive God's forgiveness, then give forgiveness (Eph. 4:32)
- We are to receive God's blessings, then give money (2 Cor. 9:6-8)
- We are to receive God's talents, then give (use) talents (Mt. 25:29)

The Sea That Receives and Gives

- We are to receive God's comfort, then give comfort (2 Cor. 1:4)
- We are to receive God's example (light, holiness, etc.), then give that same example (Eph. 5:1)

Which Sea Are You?

- Be a channel, not a reservoir
- Be the Sea of Galilee, not the Dead Sea