



GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

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KEY STATISTICS AND FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

Languages and translations

- The Bible has been translated into over 3,500 languages (complete or portions).
- The full Bible is available in over 700 languages.

Books and structure

- The Protestant Bible contains 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- The Catholic Bible includes additional books, bringing the total to 73.

Authors and time span

- Written by approximately 40 different authors from different countries, and nations over a period of about 1,500 years.

Popularity and distribution

- The Bible is the best-selling book of all time, with billions of copies sold.
- Each year, around 100 million Bibles are sold or given away.

Length and content

- The King James Version (KJV) of the Bible has around 783,137 words.
- The longest book is Psalms, and the shortest book is 3 John.

Digital access

- The YouVersion Bible app has been installed on over 400 million devices.
- The Bible is accessible online in numerous translations and versions.

Impact and influence

- The Bible has significantly influenced literature, culture, and law. Many phrases and idioms in the English language originate from the Bible.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS

- Longest book: Psalms (150 chapters)
- Shortest book: 3 John (1 chapter, 14 verses)

- Longest chapter: Psalm 119 (176 verses)
- Shortest chapter: Psalm 117 (2 verses)
- Longest verse: Esther 8:9
- Shortest verse: John 11:35 ("Jesus wept.")
- Total Number of chapters: 1,189 (Protestant Bible)
- Total Number of verses: Approximately 31,102 (Protestant Bible)
- Total Number of words: Approximately 783,137 (King James Version)
- First English translation: John Wycliffe in the 1380s
- Most translated book: The New Testament, available in over 1,500 languages
- First printed book: The Gutenberg Bible, printed in the 1450s
- Best-selling book: Over 5 billion copies sold and distributed
- Oldest known manuscripts: Dead Sea Scrolls (dated around 3rd century BCE to 1st century CE)
- Number of manuscripts: Over 5,800 complete or fragmented Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, plus 10,000 Latin manuscripts and 9,300 manuscripts in various other ancient languages (like Syriac, Slavic, Gothic, Ethiopic, Coptic, and Armenian).
- Septuagint: Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, dated around 3rd century BCE.
- Vulgate: Latin translation by St. Jerome, completed around 405 CE.
- King James Version (KJV): First published in 1611, it has had a profound influence on the English language.
- Most quoted verse: John 3:16
- Most read book: The Book of Psalms
- Most studied book: The Book of Revelation

These statistics highlight the Bible's extensive reach and profound impact across different cultures and societies.

There is a traditional belief that Psalm 118:8, which reads, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans," is the middle verse of the Bible. However, this is not correct. There are 31,102 verses in the KJV Bible. Since the count is an even number, there is no single middle verse of the Bible. Psalm 103:1–2 are the two middle verses of the Bible, with 15,550 verses before them and 15,550 verses after them. The middle verses of the Bible say

this: “Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (Psalm 103:1–2).