

"Did You Know...?"

Interesting And Unusual Facts About The Bible

- **History**
- **English Bible**
- **Books Of The Bible**
- **Chapters Of The Bible**
- **Verses**
- **Words**
- **Letters**
- **Unusual Things In The Bible**

History

- **It has been reported for about 50 years that the Bible has been the largest seller of all books published.**
- **The Bible was written by about 40 men who engaged in writing it during a period of about 1600 years dating from 1500 B.C. to about 100 years after Christ.**
 - **These men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21).**
 - **They wrote not in words of human wisdom but in words taught by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13).**

English Bible

- **The first translation of the English Bible was initiated by John Wycliffe and completed by John Purvey in A.D. 1388.**
- **The first American edition of the Bible was perhaps published some time before A.D. 1752.**
- **The Bible has been translated in part or in whole as of 1964 in over 1,200 different languages or dialects.**
- **The Bible was divided into chapters by Stephen Langton about A.D. 1228.**
- **The Old Testament was divided into verses by R. Nathan in A.D. 1448 and the New Testament by Robert Stephanus in A.D. 1551.**
- **The entire Bible divided into chapters and verses first appeared in the Geneva Bible of A.D. 1560.**

Books Of The Bible

- **Books of Bible 66**
- **The Old Testament 39**
- **The New Testament 27**
- **Middle book of Old Testament is: Proverbs.**
- **Middle book of New Testament is: 2-Thessalonians.**

Chapters Of The Bible

A. Facts and figures:

- Entire Bible 1189 chapters
- Old Testament 929 chapters
- New Testament 260 chapters
- Middle chapter of Old Testament... Job 29
- Middle chapter of New Testament... Rom. 13
- Middle and shortest chapter of the Bible... Ps. 117
- Longest chapter in the Bible... Ps. 119

B. Great Golden Chapters:

Ascension	Acts 1
Backsliders	Hos. 14
Beatitudes	Matt. 5
Bread of Life	John 6
Brotherhood	Rom. 14
Builders	Neh. 4
Burden-bearers	Gal. 6
Call, Universal	Is. 55
Call, Workers	Is. 6
Chastening	2 Cor. 4
Confession	Ps. 51
Consecration	Phil. 3
Constancy	Ruth 1
Contrast	Deut. 28
Converts	Ps. 32
Deliverance	Acts 12
Divinity	John 1
Duty	Rom. 12
Faith	Heb. 11
Flood	Gen. 7
Friendship	1 Sam. 20
Fruit	John 15
Gifts	1 Cor. 12
Gideon's Band	Judg. 7
Good Shepherd	John 10
Heaven	John 14; Rev. 7-22

Love	1 Cor. 13
Messianic	Is. 53
Minister's	1 Cor. 4
Missions	Ps. 72; Rom. 10
New Covenant	Heb. 8
Old Age	Eccl. 12
Omniscience	Ps. 139
Overcomers	Rev.2-3
Passover	Ex. 12
Praise	Ps. 103
Prayer	Dan. 6; Luke 11-18
Prosperity	Ps. 73
Providence	Ps. 121
Refuge	Num. 35
Regeneration	John 3
Rest	Heb. 4
Resurrection	1 Cor. 15
Revival	2 Chr. 30; Luke 3
Safety	Ps. 91
Service	Luke 10
Shepherd	John 10
Soldier's	Eph. 6
Teacher's	1 Cor. 2
Temperance	Prov. 23
Tither's	Mal. 3
Tongue	James 3

Holy Spirit	John 14-15
Humility	John 13
Instruction	Prov. 1
Intercession	John 17
Joy	Is. 12
Jubilee	Lev. 25
Judgment	Matt. 25
Law	Ex. 20
Life, Frailty of	Ps. 90

Transfiguration	Matt. 17
Unity	Eph.4
Vanity	Eccl. 2
Watchman's	Ezek. 33
Water of Life	John 4
Wisdom	Prov. 3
Woman's	Prov. 31
Word of God	Deut. 6
Worship	Ps. 84

Verses

- **Old Testament: 23,214 verses**
- **New Testament: 7,959 verses**
- **Middle verse of the Bible: Ps. 118:8**
- **Middle verse of the Old Testament: 2-Chr. 20:17**
- **Middle verse of the New Testament: Acts 17:17**
- **Shortest verse of the Old Testament: 1-Chr. 1:25**
- **Shortest verse of the New Testament: John 11:35**
- **Longest verse in the Bible: Esth. 8:9**
- **Verse containing all letters of the alphabet except J: Ezra 7:21**
- **Verse containing all letters of the alphabet except Q: Dan. 4:37**
- **Verses alike: Ps. 107, verses 8, 15, 21, 31**

Words

- **In the Old Testament c. 622,771 words**
- **In the New Testament c. 184,590 words**
- **Special Words in the Bible**
 - **Longest word in the Bible is: Maher-shalal-hash-baz (18 letters) Is. 8:3**
 - **"And" occurs 34,044 times in the Old Testament, 9,935 times in the New Testament**
 - **God occurs c. 4,379 times**
 - **Lord occurs c.7,738 times**

Letters

- **In the Old Testament c. 2,728,100**
- **In the New Testament c. 838,380**

Unusual Things In The Bible

- Man who lived to be 969 years old: Gen. 5:27
- Sons of God married the daughters of men: Gen.6:2
- Man used a stone for a pillow: Gen. 28:11
- Baby had a scarlet thread tied around its hand before it was born: Gen. 38:28,29
- Battle won because man stretched out his hand: Ex.17:11
- Man was spoken to by a donkey: Num. 22:28-30
- One who had a bed 13 1/2 feet long and 6 feet wide: Deut. 3:11
- The women who had to shave their heads before they could marry: Deut. 21:11-13
- Women forbidden to wear men's clothing: Deut. 22:5
- Sun stood still for a whole day: Josh. 10:13
- A woman killed a man by driving a tent peg through his head: Judg. 4:17-21
- Men lapped water like dogs: Judg. 7:5
- An army with seven hundred left handed men: Judg. 20:16
- Man whose hair weighed about 6 2/3 lb.. when it was cut annually: 2 Sam. 14:26
- Where a ferry boat was used: 2 Sam. 19:18
- Man who had twelve fingers and twelve toes: 2 Sam. 21:20
- The ax that floated in the water: 2 Kin. 6:1.6
- Woman boiled and ate her son: 2 Kin. 6:29
- Man had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines: 1 Kin. 11:3
- Father who had eighty-eight children: 2 Chr. 11:21
- No taste in the white of an egg: Job 6:6
- The sun traveled backward: Is. 38:8
- Man walked naked for three years: Is. 20:2,3
- Army of 185,000 destroyed in one night: Is. 37:36
- A man whose life was increased by 15 years because he prayed: Is. 38:1-5
- The Scroll that was cut with a pen knife: Jer. 36:20-23
- Graveyard full of dead bones resurrected: Ezek. 37
- A harlot an ancestor of Christ: Matt. 1:5
- Man ate locusts for food: Matt. 3:4

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