

Facts About the Bible

The Bible is in reality a library of 66 books written over a period of 16 centuries by some forty authors yet comprising one book.

The writers lived in different localities and under different circumstances for some were kings, some farmers, some fishermen, some statesmen, some shepherds, some publicans, some lawgivers, etc.

The Bible library contains 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament.

It was not until 1250 A.D. that the Bible was divided into chapters. At that time Cardinal Hugo incorporated chapter divisions into the Latin Bible.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew with some scattered sections in Aramaic.

The New Testament was written in the common language of Greek speaking people referred to as Koine Greek.

To date, no original manuscript of the Old or New Testament has been found and are believed to have been destroyed by the ravages of time.

The most important New Testament Manuscripts are the Codex Sinaiticus, Codex Alexandrinus and the Vatican Codex.

The Bible contains 3, 566, 489 letters, 774, 746 words, 31, 173 verses, 1, 189 chapters and 66 books.

Robert Stevens divided the New Testament into verses in 1551 while traveling from Paris to Lyons in France on horseback.

The division of the Bible into chapters and verses was done for location purposes only and not intended as thought or doctrine divisions.

The Old Testament contains 929 chapters in 39 books. It is approximately 3 ½ times larger than the New Testament.

The Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek about 280 B.C. in Alexandria, Egypt and is referred to as the Septuagint.

The New Testament contains 260 chapters in 27 books.

The largest book is Psalms with 150 chapters, 1364 verses and 43, 743 words.

The longest chapter in the Bible is the 119th Psalm and the shortest chapter is the 117th Psalm.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 and the shortest verse is John 11:35 (Jesus Wept.)

The longest book in the New Testament is Acts of Apostles.

The shortest book in the Bible is 3rd John with 1 chapter, 14 verses and 299 words.

The middle verse in the Bible is Psalm 118.8. The middle verse of the Old Testament is 2 Chronicles 20:3. The middle verse of the New Testament is Acts 17:17.

The length of the average word in the Bible is fewer than five (5) letters.

Psalm 10:1 is the Old Testament verse most frequently cited in the New Testament. Being cited 18 times in the New Testament

The most frequently used word in the Bible is "and" which occurs 46, 277 times.

The first Bible to be divided into chapters and verses was the Geneva Bible published in 1560 A.D.

David is the most mentioned man in the Bible besides Christ, being mentioned 1, 118 times.

The printing press was invented in 1455 by Johannes Gutenberg. The Bible was the first book printed. It required five years work.

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